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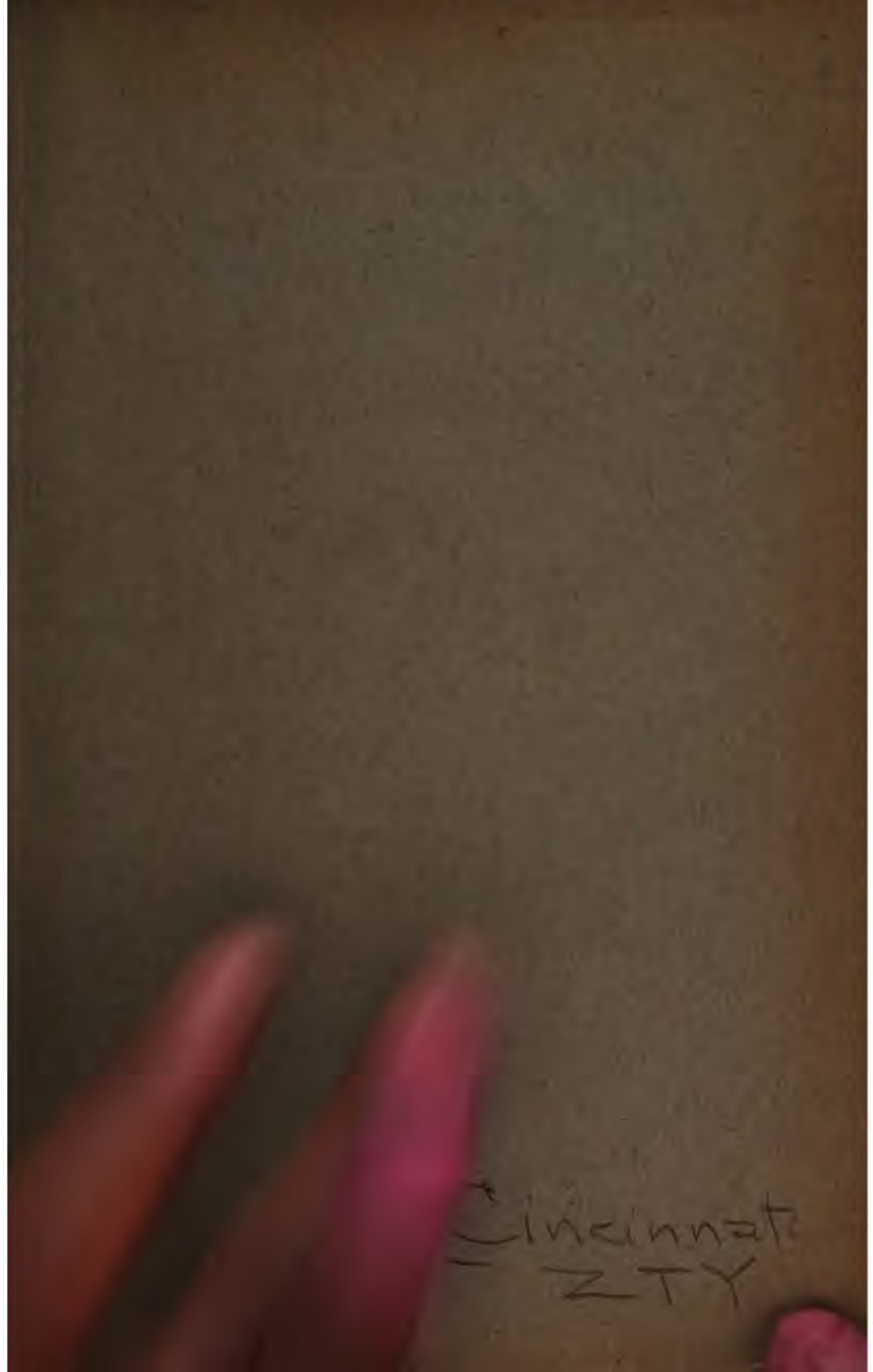
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TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.—*Class* 1, W. H. Wehrly, J. W. Magruder, M. B. Fuller; *Class* 2, H. W. Bailey, John Easton, W. M. Coffman; *Class* 3, M. LeSourd, A. D. Maddox, O. M. Sellers.

TRACT CAUSE.—*Class* 1, J. E. Abrams, J. W. Peters, A. L. Brokaw; *Class* 2, H. G. Curless, T. Cundy, O. L. Utter; *Class* 3, W. E. Spurrier, L. A. Washburn, G. H. Smith.

J. F. LAIRD, *Secretary.* F. G. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES, 1901.

Correspondence with Bishop Thoburn.—W. A. ROBINSON, R. S. RUST, WM. RUNYAN.

Correspondence.—J. G. VAUGHAN, E. T. WELLS, A. N. SPAHR.

Church Insurance.—JOHN PEARSON, J. G. VAUGHAN, H. W. BAILEY, F. G. MITCHELL, C. M. VAN PELT.

Conference Entertainment.—W. A ROBINSON, C. W. GULLETTE, M. LESOURD, A. C. TURRELL, J. A. STORY.

Sabbath and the State Fair.—WM. RUNYAN, J. W. PETERS, C. W. GULLETTE.

Semi-Centennial Reunion.—W. H. SUTHERLAND, D. J. STARR, F. G. MITCHELL, J. T. BAIL, M. P. ZINK.

Status of Deaconess Work in Home for Aged.—G. W. DUBOIS, F. G. MITCHELL, J. A. STORY, M. E. KETCHAM, WM. RUNYAN.

To Visit Mrs. Electra Thomas.—W. H. SUTHERLAND, J. P. PORTER, D. W. CLARK.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual opening religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

2. No motion shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

3. All motions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

4. Every member desiring to speak on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the floor.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

7. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

8. When any question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and this as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

9. If the question before the Conference be capable of division, upon the call of any member such question shall be divided.

10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with open doors, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be reconsidered on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

12. If any member shall call for the previous question, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference the main question shall then be put.

13. Each Committee of the Conference shall choose its own chairman, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence.**

15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

21. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

22. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

23. The presiding elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

24. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1901.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

	MEMBERS.			MEMBERS	
1833	Adam Miller,*	.....	1870	J. Raper Hunter,	.....
1841	Thos. H. Pearne,*	.....	"	Richard H. Rust,	P.
1844	Richard S. Rust,	P.	"	Jesse B. Young,	.....
1845	Wm. H. Sutherland,	P.	1871	Seren N. Marsh,	.....
1848	Samuel B. Smith,	P.	"	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.
1850	Jas. T. Bail,	P.	"	Chas. W. Blodgett,	P.
1851	John F. Loyd,	.....	1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.
"	Milton P. Zink,	P.	"	John Wilson,	P.
1852	John F. Marlay,*	.....	1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.
"	Thomas Collett,*	.....	"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.
1856	John Vance,	.....	"	Charles J. Wells,	P.
1857	George M. Edgar,	.....	"	Lafayette Young,	.....
"	William N. Maxey,	.....	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	Wm. M. West,	.....
"	Evan P. James,	P.	"	James E. Gilbert,	P.
"	George H. Dart,	P.	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.
1858	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	Lyman E. Prentiss,	P.
"	John W. Mason,	.....	1876	Wm. J. Baker,	P.
"	John G. Black,	.....	"	John H. Davis,	.....
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	"	John A. Easton,	P.
"	John H. Middleton,*	.....	"	John W. Gaddis,	P.
"	William K. Brown,	P.	"	James F. McColm,	P.
"	John L. Gregg,	P.	"	Geo. M. Hammell,	.....
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	P.
1860	John M. Walden,†	.....	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	John H. Lease,	P.	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
"	George W. Fee,	.....	"	Joseph I. Taggart,	.....
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	P.	"	James S. Ruggles,	P.
"	Isaac W. Joyce,†	.....	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
1862	Thomas J. Harris,	.....	"	Davis W. Clark	P.
"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	"	James W. Bashford,	P.
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	"	Charles W. Rishell,	.....
1865	Reuben K. Deem,	P.	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.
"	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.
"	Wm. Runyan,	P.	"	John A. White,	P.
"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	"	John A. Story,	P.
"	Wm. T. McMullen,	.....	"	Eugene P. Edmonds,	P.
1866	John F. Hull,	.....	1880	David A. McColm,	P.
"	James P. Porter,	P.	"	Charles L. Conger,	P.
"	Madison A. Richards,	P.	"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	.....
1867	Wm. P. Jackson,	.....	"	Charles W. Gullette,	P.
"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.	1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.
"	John Pearson,	P.	"	Benj. D. Hypes,	P.
"	Adam Bowers,	.....	"	Edward T. Lane,	P.
1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	P.
"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.	"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.
"	John W. Peters,	P.	1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.
"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.	"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	.....
1869	Edward T. Wells,	P.	"	Charles H. Haines.	P.
"	Carey T. Crum,	P.	1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.
"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.	"	Marion LeSourd,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members. 1901

	MEMBERS.	
1883	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
"	Geo. S. Easton,	P.
1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
"	James L. Glascock,	.....
"	John J. McCabe,	P.
"	Creighton Wones,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.
"	Wm. B. Brown,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.
"	Charles Hartley,	.....
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.
"	Ira Edgar Price,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.
"	John H. McNary,	P.
1891	James W. Magruder,	P.
"	James E. Abrams,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.
"	John P. Ninde,	P.
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.
"	James R. Hill,	P.
"	Wm. E. Spurrier,	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.
"	Philip Trout,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.
"	William H. Spybey,	P.
"	Charles F. Enyart,	P.

	MEMBERS.	
1892	William E. Putt,	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.
"	William M. Coffman,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.
"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	George V. Morris,	P.
"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
"	John E. Beery,	P.
"	Albert K. Stabler,	P.
1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	James D. Darling,	P.
"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.
"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
"	William M. Patton,	P.
"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	Wm. C. Mitchell	P.
1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,	P.
"	George H. Smith,	P.
1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	Wm. D. English,	P.
"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
1898	James A. Geissinger,	P.
"	Archie W. Hook,	P.
"	George B. Shanor,	P.
1899	Howard L. Torbet,	P.
"	Henry C. Hutchinson,	P.
"	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	P.
"	Samuel A. Keen	P.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO.

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

DAYTON, OHIO, September 5, 1901.

AT nine o'clock this morning the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Grace Church of this city for its fiftieth session. Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D. D., called the Conference to order, and announced the hymn beginning

"High on his everlasting throne."

He called upon R. S. Rust, the senior member of the Conference, to lead in prayer.

With the assistance of the Presiding Elders, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a large number of communicants.

The Secretary of the last Conference then called the roll, the members standing during the call of the names of those who had died during the year, as follows: Adam Miller, Thomas H. Pearne, J. F. Marlay, Thomas Collett, and John H. Middleton. One hundred and thirty-four members then responded to their names.

The transfer of William C. Mitchell from the Puget Sound Conference was announced.

Officers.—Stanley O. Royal was re-elected Secretary, and named as his assistants, D. L. Aultman, Merrick E. Ketcham, and J. R. Colley.

C. F. Enyart was elected Statistical Secretary, and announced as his assistants, W. A. Wiant, C. C. Peale, W. M. Patton, A. K. Stabler, C. P. Pumphrey, and A. L. Brokaw.

C. W. Horn was elected Treasurer, and announced as his assistants, W. H. Spybey, G. S. Easton, and O. P. Huffman.

The list of Standing Committees as nominated at the close of last year's session was read, and, with a few changes, was adopted.

The following Special Committees were appointed: *To Correspond with Bishop Thoburn*—W. A. Robinson, R. S. Rust, and William Runyan. *On Church Insurance*—John Pearson, J. G. Vaughan, H. W. Bailey, F. G. Mitchell, and C. M. Van Pelt. *Conference Entertainment*—W. A. Robinson, C. W. Gullette, M. Le Sourd, A. C. Turrell, and J. A. Story.

The Committee on Memoirs was constituted as follows: For Adam Miller, J. T. Bail; for J. F. Marlay, J. P. Porter; for Thomas Collett, D. Lee Aultman; for John H. Middleton, A. D. Maddox; for T. H. Pearne, R. S. Rust; for Mrs. Ellsworth, J. A. Story; and for Mrs. G. W. Fee, W. J. Baker.

The usual preliminary business was completed by the fixing of the Bar of the Conference, the adoption of the Rules of Order as printed in the Minutes, and fixing the hour of meeting at 8.30 A. M., and of closing at 11.45 A. M.

Greetings to Ecumencial.—On motion of D. J. Starr, a Committee of three was appointed to prepare, prepay, and send by cablegram the greetings of this Conference to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference now in session in London, England. The following were appointed: D. J. Starr, C. W. Barnes, and Davis W. Clark. They presented for record the following dispatch:

> Cincinnati Conference—55,000 members—sends greeting to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference for Christ's kingdom and our Methodist brotherhood. Signed by the President and Secretary.

The Bishop announced the following dividends for the benefit of Conference Claimants: From the Chartered Fund, $22, and from the Book Concern, $612. The drafts were ordered paid to the Board of Stewards.

Visitors.—Bishop FitzGerald then introduced P. J. Maveety, of the Michigan Conference, who was appointed to represent the Board of Church Extension. His remarks concerning the work of this Board were heard with deep interest.

Rev. F. L. Hart, of the West Wisconsin Conference, was also introduced, as the representative of the Board of Insurance of our Church. His remarks received close attention.

Samuel H. Pye, an Agent of the Western Book Concern, was introduced, and represented with much force the interests of our work of publication.

After the extension of time, John Pearson presented the

report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest. On account of the death of T. H. Pearne, a former Trustee, W. A. Robinson was elected to fill the vacancy. The report was ordered printed. (See page 273.)

Change of Rule.—On motion of F. G. Mitchell, Rule of Order No. 22 was changed to read as follows:

The first meeting of each Standing Committee shall be held at the close of the afternoon session on the first day of the Conference in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

S. B. Smith was appointed to preside this afternoon. The session closed with the benediction by Bishop FitzGerald.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

AT half-past one o'clock the Conference was called to order by S. B. Smith. After devotional exercises conducted by Homer Middleton, the list of charges was read and reports of statistics and Conference collections were handed in. After the benediction, the afternoon session adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, September 6, 1901.

THE session opened with devotional exercises at half-past eight o'clock. During the first half-hour an address was delivered by J. E. Gilbert, on "The Spirit of Truth."

At nine o'clock, Bishop FitzGerald opened the session for the business of the Conference.

On account of disquieting rumors regarding the character of one of the preachers on his district, V. F. Brown asked that a Committee of Inquiry be appointed. The request was granted, and William Runyan, J. P. Porter, J. L. Shiveley, E. T. Wells, and A. N. Spahr were appointed the Committee.

W. A. Robinson presented the report of the Committee on the Bible Institutes conducted by Dr. J. E. Gilbert, and the report was recommitted.

The Tenth Question was called: "*What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*" Howard L. Torbet and

Henry C. Hutchinson were called. They were reported in their studies by the Examiners and represented by the Presiding Elders, and Howard L. Torbet was elected to elder's orders and passed in the Course of Study. Henry C. Hutchinson was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Fifth Question—"*Who have been continued on Trial?*"—was taken up. William W. Reeves and Edward W. Lutterman were called. They were both continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year, Edward W. Lutterman to be left without appointment to attend school.

The Thirteenth Question.—"*Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?*"—was taken up. Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, read his report. The names of the effective elders in his district were called, and the character of each passed.

George H. Dart, the retiring Presiding Elder of the Georgetown District, read his final report. On behalf of the preachers of the district, George S. Easton, with appropriate remarks, presented Brother Dart an easy-chair and writing-desk in token of their lasting regard. During the singing of

"Blest be the tie that binds,"

Brother Dart was surrounded by the brethren of his district and of the Conference, expressing their personal regards.

The names of the effective elders of the Georgetown District were called, and the character of each passed.

At his own request, C. H. Kalbfus was granted a superannuated relation, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to consider his needs.

The Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, V. F. Brown, presented his report, and the effective elders of his district were called and the character of each passed.

C. W. Barnes, Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, presented his report. All the effective elders of his district were named, and the character of each passed.

W. P. Thirkield, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was then introduced, and made a very effective appeal in behalf of the cause he represents.

Dr. Levi Gilbert, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*,

was then introduced, and addressed the Conference. His plea for a wider circulation of the Church paper commanded the closest attention of the audience.

W. A. Robinson offered the following paper:

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each district be appointed to report upon the subject of public morals, and to consider the question of the holding of the Ohio State Fair open upon the Sabbath-day with charges for admission.

(Signed,) S. B. SMITH,
WM. RUNYAN,
W. A. ROBINSON.

The resolution was adopted, and the following Committee was appointed: William Runyan, J. W. Peters, C. W. Gullette.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. G. H. Hill and Dr. F. M. Kemper, of the North Indiana Conference; and J. H. Redman and G. W. Drum, of the Ohio Conference.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the Presiding Elder of the Dayton District and the pastors of Dayton were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

On motion of D. L. Aultman, the hour of ten o'clock, Saturday, was fixed for the vote on the proposed Constitution.

The list of Committees was called, announcements were made, papers in the hands of the Secretary for the various Standing Committees were referred, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by D. L. Aultman.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, September 7, 1901.

AT half-past eight this morning devotional exercises were conducted by James E. Gilbert, who spoke upon the subject, "The Power of Truth."

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

W. A. Robinson moved that the following dispatch be sent to the suffering President of the United States:

TO THE HON. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, *President of the United States:*
You have the profound sympathy and prayers of the Cincinnati Conference, now in session. Read Psalm vi.

The paper was adopted.

Semi-Centennial.—D. J. Starr offered the following paper:

WHEREAS, At the next session of the Conference fifty years will have passed since its separation from the old Ohio Conference and its organization as a Conference; and

WHEREAS, The most cordial relations have always existed and do now exist between the Ohio and the Cincinnati Conferences; and

WHEREAS, In each of these Conferences some venerable ministers remain who were members before the division; therefore,

Resolved, That it would be very gratifying if a union meeting of the two bodies, either in mass or by delegates, might be held in 1902, and that a Committee of Three be appointed to consider and report a plan for suggestion looking toward such a meeting, to be acted upon by this Conference before its close.

The paper was adopted. (For Committee, see page 172.)

William Runyan, Chairman of the Committee on a special case, reported as follows:

Your Committee in the case of George H. Smith, having considered all the documents referred to them, and heard all the testimony available, beg to report that we find nothing to warrant the arrest of the brother's character or occasion to censure him.

J. L. SHIVELEY, *Secretary.* WILLIAM RUNYAN, *Chairman.*

D. J. Starr reported that the cablegram to the Ecumenical Conference had been sent, and presented a bill of $5.27 to pay for the same. A collection was ordered, which amounted to $7.57. The balance was ordered placed in the hands of the Secretary for Conference expenses.

On motion of J. S. Pumphrey, a Committee was appointed to convey by letter to J. G. Black, W. T. McMullen, and John Mason the sympathies and regards of the Conference. Committee, J. G. Vaughan, E. T. Wells, A. N. Spahr.

Gervaise Roughton, S. W. Campbell, and J. A. Easton were excused from the session of the Conference on account of funerals.

The preliminary report of the Board of Stewards was read by J. R. Hill, Secretary. The Stewards were granted discretionary power to pay Conference Claimants in some cases in monthly or quarterly installments.

The following changes of relation were made: C. J. Wells, from supernumerary to superannuated, with his necessities referred to the Board of Stewards. C. L. Chapman and G. M. Hammell were granted each a supernumerary relation.

The Twenty-second Question—*"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"*—was taken up. Charles Hartley and T. P. Walter were made effective. D. S. Ewry and W. G. Warner were continued in the supernumerary relation.

The Twenty-third Question—*"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"*—was called. The list was called, the character of each passed, and their relation continued. (For list, see page 179.) During the consideration of the question, the veteran members, W. H. Sutherland and J. T. Bail, made brief addresses.

E. S. Gaddis was excused as a Committee to canvass for subscriptions for the *Review* and *Gospel in all Lands*, and J. D. Darling was substituted.

Constitution.—The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the Order of the Day was taken up. Bishop FitzGerald presented the proposition of the General Conference for the adoption of a new Constitution for the Methodist Episcopal Church. The vote was immediately taken, and the result was: For, 120; against, 11.

On motion of W. P. Thirkield, it was agreed that a Conference Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society be organized, and that the Committee on Nominations name the officers. (For officers, see page 153.)

The Seventh Question—*"Who have been admitted into Full Membership?"*—was taken up. The names of Charles P. Pumphrey, S. A. Stephan, and S. A. Keen were called. A telegram from James Mudge, Secretary of the New England Conference, was read, certifying that Samuel A. Stephan, in April, 1899, was transferred as a probationer to that Conference, was admitted into full membership, elected and ordained deacon, and retransferred to the Cincinnati Conference. C. P. Pumphrey gave his report, was represented in his studies by the Examiners, and was admitted into full membership and elected to deacon's orders. S. A. Keen made his report, was reported by the Board of Examiners as having completed the Studies of the Fourth Year, was admitted to Full Membership and elected to elder's orders. Before admission to membership, the class was addressed with most appropriate words by Bishop FitzGerald.

During the consideration of this question, Bishop Thoburn entered, was greeted with hearty applause, and was introduced to the Conference by Bishop FitzGerald.

The Twelfth Question—*"What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?"*—was taken up. William W. Reeves was called. He was reported as having passed his examination, and as a local deacon was elected to elder's orders.

The Fourth Question—*"Who have been Received on Trial?"* —was taken up. The recommendations of John F. Chenoweth and Wilbur E. Hammaker were presented. They were introduced to the Conference, were favorably represented by the Board of Examiners, the Presiding Elders and the Committee on Qualifications for Admission on Trial. They were admitted on trial, and were elected to deacons' orders as local preachers.

Dr. William V. Kelley, the Editor of the *Methodist Review*, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference.

Announcements were made, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Kelley.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 9, 1901.

DEVOTIONAL exercises were conducted by James E. Gilbert, who spoke upon "The Seekers of Truth."

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

C. W. Blodgett read the following paper, which was adopted:

Having learned, with the deepest regret and unfeigned sorrow, of the attempt at and possible assassination of Hon. William McKinley, the President of the United States, and our Christian brother, and the brother of all men, and one who, as a statesman and citizen, has endeared himself to all true Americans, we hereby tender our sincerest sympathy, and do pray the good Father that his life may be spared to complete the term of office to which he was chosen by the suffrage of the citizens of this Republic.

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That our most profound sympathy is extended to his noble and afflicted wife.

That we condemn and denounce that spirit of lawlessness and anarchism which seems to abound among some of the people of this fair land, a spirit that would rupture society and destroy all law and organization by seeking the destruction of the lives of our rulers.

That we denounce that license assumed by a portion of the press of this country, which holds up to ridicule, by cartoon and caricature, leaders and rulers in State and Church, thereby influencing the passions and hatred of the lawless classes. That we shall hail with delight any movement in the halls of Congress or Legislature that will result in stimulating sentiment for the enforcement of all law and respect for the same.

(Signed,)

C. W. BLODGETT,
W. P. THIRKIELD,
C. W. BARNES,
H. C. WEAKLEY,
W. A. ROBINSON,
E. P. EDMONDS,
M. A. RICHARDS.

The report of the Publishing Committee was read and adopted.

J. P. Porter presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to J. E. Gilbert, D. D., for services rendered, last November, in conducting Institutes of Religious Education within the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That, in view of the numerous connectional measures which we are required to promote, we do not deem it expedient to arrange any Conference plan for further work in this interest during the coming year, involving new machinery and incurring expense, but that the whole matter be referred to the Presiding Elders and pastors to take such action as they deem advisable.

J. W. Patton and W. P. Thirkield were excused from further attendance.

On motion of J. F. McColm, a Committee was appointed to bear greetings to Mrs. Electra Thomas, the aged and only surviving daughter of that honored pioneer of Methodism in Ohio, the Rev. John Collins. The Committee consisted of W. H. Sutherland, J. P. Porter, and D. W. Clark.

The Fourth Question—"*Who are Received on Trial?*"—was taken up. Asa J. Kestle, recommended by the Mount Washington Quarterly Conference, and Charles J. Moore, by the

Highland Quarterly Conference, were favorably represented, and were admitted on trial.

The report of the Committee on Tract Society was read by Homer G. Curless, and was adopted. (See page 266.)

The following resolution, offered by G. W. Dubois, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully and earnestly request the Board of Bishops to fix upon Wednesday as the opening day of our Annual Conference session.

The report on Church Extension was read by F. M. Clemans, and adopted. (See page 249.)

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. D. W. Clark, the Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, read his report. The names of the effective elders of the district were called, and the character of each passed.

C. W. Blodgett, transferred last year from the Detroit Conference, was introduced.

On motion of D. W. Clark, the Bishop was requested to make the following appointments: W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital; D. J. Starr, Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary; H. C. Weakley, President of the Home of the Aged; and M. M. Kugler, Instructor in the Deaconess Home.

The Secretary read the report of the Cincinnati Missionary Society. By vote, it was accepted and ordered printed. (See page 271.)

C. W. Horn, Conference Treasurer, read his report, which was accepted and ordered printed. (See page 226.) He reported the sum of $4.48, resulting from fractions, which was ordered paid to the Publishing Committee.

On motion of Heber D. Ketcham, the Bishop was requested to appoint D. Lee Aultman Field Agent for the Western Book Concern. He also presented the following paper, which was adopted:

We hereby recognize and approve the Dayton Methodist League and the Springfield Methodist Union as local Church Extension Societies in their respective cities, subject to the rights and privileges in paragraphs 377 and 378 of the Discipline.

The Bishop presented the following Certificate of Ordination for record:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies, *That on September 8, 1901, in the city of Dayton, Ohio, I ordained Charles P. Pumphrey, John F. Chenoweth, Wilbur F. Hammaker,* DEACONS; *and on the same day, and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Howard L. Torbet, Samuel A. Stephan, Samuel A. Keen, and William W. Reeves,* ELDERS; *according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Dayton, Ohio, September 9, 1901.

James N Fitzgerald

Bishop.

Memorial Services. The hour appointed for memorial service having arrived, J. P. Porter, the Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, conducted devotional services. Hymn No. 1037 was sung, and W. A. Robinson led in prayer. The memoirs were presented as follows: That of J. H. Middleton was read by A. D. Maddox; that of J. F. Marlay, by J. P. Porter; of Thomas H. Pearne, by R. S. Rust; of Thomas Collett, by D. Lee Aultman; of Adam Miller, by J. T. Bail.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Conference adjourned to meet at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon to continue the memorial service.

The session adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Fitz-Gerald.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past two o'clock the memorial service was continued. Prayer was offered by C. M. Van Pelt. Memoirs of the following wives of ministers were read: Those of Mrs. Bishop Morris and Mrs. William I. Ellsworth were read by J. A. Story; that of Mrs. George W. Fee, by W. J. Baker.

The memorial sermon was then delivered by John A. Story from Psalm xc, 17, "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us," etc.

On motion, the memoirs were adopted, and the Publishing Committee given authority to edit the same for the Minutes.

Conference Cane.—On motion, Bishop FitzGerald was requested to make formal presentation of the Conference cane to R. S. Rust, who, since the death of Adam Miller, is next in the succession of seniority.

The hour for the anniversary of the Bible Society having been exhausted by the memorial service, the Committee on Public Worship was requested to arrange with Dr. John Pearson for the anniversary of the Bible Society.

The afternoon session adjourned with the benediction by J. Verity.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 10, 1901.

At half-past eight o'clock the devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Gilbert. His address was upon the topic, "The Ministers of Truth."

Jonathan Verity presented the following, which was adopted:

Having listened with much interest and profit to the very instructive and helpful Bible lessons given by J. E. Gilbert, we desire to record our high appreciation of, and do hereby tender to him our sincere gratitude for the same.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Semi-centennial Reunion.—The following were appointed a Committee on the Semi-centennial Reunion between the Cincinnati and Ohio Annual Conferences: W. H. Sutherland, D. J. Starr, F. G. Mitchell, J. T. Bail, and M. P. Zink.

William Runyan presented the report of the Committee appointed to prepare a minute relating to Bishop Thoburn, and it was adopted. (For Report, see page 270.)

D. L. Aultman presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship who shall provide a program for the next session of this Conference, shall assign the Conference Missionary Sermon to the evening preceding the day upon which the Conference shall convene.

D. Lee Aultman,
G. W. Dubois.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by W. J. Baker, and was adopted. (See page 248.)

Bishop FitzGerald made the following nominations: *Triers of Appeals*—R. H. Rust, E. P. Edmonds, G. S. Easton, G. P. Austin, R. K. Deem, E. H. Cherington, and A. T. Cowgill. *To Preach Missionary Sermon*—A. B. Austin; *alternate*, R. J. Wyckoff. The nominations were confirmed.

The Presiding Elders presented the following nominations for Conference Trustees to serve three years: J. A. Story, E. T. Wells.

C. L. Conger presented the part of the report of the Committee on Education referring to Hillsboro College, and it was adopted. (See page 252.) Also the nominations for officers of the Educational Society and for visitors to our educational institutions, and they were all confirmed. (See page 153.)

The Special Committee in regard to the State Fair presented their report, which was read and adopted. (See page 275.)

The nominations for the Conference Historical Society were read by M. E. Ketcham, and were approved. (See page 202.)

The following reports were read and adopted: On Sunday-schools, by W. E. Spurrier (see page 264); of the Board of Stewards, by J. R. Hill (see page 224); on the State of the Church, by G. B. Shanor (see page 263); on the Epworth League, by O. M. Sellers (see page 254).

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, W. W. Reeves was placed in the class of probationers in the Second Year's Studies, with conditions on "Christian Purity," on the books to be read, and on written sermon.

The officers for the Conference Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society were nominated by F. G. Mitchell, and were elected. (See page 153.)

The report on missions was read by J. L. Shively, and was adopted. (See page 258.)

C. F. Enyart, Statistical Secretary, read his report, and it was adopted. (See pages 227 to 247.)

On motion of G. S. Easton, it was directed that, in the statistical tables, contributions from Churches alone shall be given, and the special collections indicated in a footnote with the name of the donor and the special cause to which it was given.

On motion of J. W. Magruder, it was directed that measures be adopted, by the Statistical Secretary, to secure, next year, full reports of the Twentieth-century Offering, and exhibit the same in the collection tables.

On motion of John Pearson, the Conference agreed to appoint a Board for Deaconess Work consisting of nine members, divided into three classes, each serving three years, the classes of the first Board being appointed for one, two and three years, respectively.

The nominations for Standing Committees were presented by J. F. Laird for printing in the Minutes.

J. W. Gaddis read the report of the Conference Deaconess Board, and, on motion of R. H. Rust, a Committee of Five was appointed to consider the report with reference to the legal status of the Deaconess Work in the Home for the Aged. The Committee appointed was G. W. Dubois, F. G. Mitchell, J. A. Story, M. E. Ketcham, and William Runyan.

The Standing Committee on Deaconess Work was reported by M. B. Fuller, and the report was referred to the Committee just named.

H. D. Ketcham moved that Charles Hartley be placed on the superannuated list, at his own request, without claim on Conference funds. The request was not granted.

A similar request from J. McK. Shultz was granted, and he was placed on the superannuated list.

The following reports were read and adopted: On Insurance (see page 249); on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society (see page 255); the American Bible Society (see page 248.)

John Pearson, Field Agent for the American Bible Society, spoke to the latter report.

On motion of G. W. Dubois, the Committee on Public Worship for next year was instructed to assign an evening during Conference week for the anniversary of the American Bible Society.

On behalf of the Committee appointed to visit Mrs. Electra Thomas, William H. Sutherland made a verbal report, in which he described, with great interest, the visit of the Committtee to the venerable lady, and referred to his recollections of her noble father, the Rev. John Collins. The report was adopted.

On motion of John Pearson, it was decided to hold a session

this afternoon at three o'clock, and William Runyan was appointed to preside.

John Pearson was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Conference.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop FitzGerald, and the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At three o'clock this afternoon, William Runyan, by appointment of Bishop FitzGerald, took the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by John Pearson.

The remainder of the report of the Committtee on Education, referring to the Ohio Wesleyan University and to theological schools, the Woman's College of Baltimore, and the Board of Education, was read by C. L. Conger, and the report as a whole was adopted.

A. C. Turrell offered the report of the Special Committee on Conference Entertainment, containing the following recommendation:

> That one per cent of the cash salary of each pastor, exclusive of house rent, be appropriated to each charge by the Presiding Elders, the same to be collected by the pastors and paid into a common fund to be used, as the Conference may direct, in providing for the entertainment of the Conference at the next annual session.

After much discussion, the recommendation was adopted.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Presiding Elders and one layman from each district, to be chosen by the Presiding Elders, were appointed a Commission to complete and carry out the plan for Conference entertainment at its next session.

F. M. Clemans, Agent of the Anti-saloon League, read a report of his work, and the report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by C. L. Myers, and was adopted.

J. P. Porter read the abstract of the minutes of the Board of Conference Trustees, and it was ordered printed.

On motion of G. S. Easton, the reports of Committees were ordered edited and restricted to eight hundred words.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, D. Lee Aultman was ap-

pointed to take charge of the collection to-night in behalf of the janitor.

On motion of C. F. Enyart, it was ordered that Statistics No. II be printed in the Minutes by recapitulation only. The detailed missionary report was ordered omitted from the Minutes.

The session adjourned with benediction by William Runyan.

EVENING SESSION.

At half-past seven this evening, Bishop FitzGerald took the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. Verity.

The journal of the forenoon session was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts was read by the Secretary, and was adopted. (See page 259.)

E. T. Wells reported that the Committee appointed to correspond with Brothers J. G. Black, W. T. McMullen, and J. W. Mason had performed that duty.

The report of the Committee on the Reunion of this Conference with the Ohio Conference was read and adopted. (See page 263.)

D. J. Starr offered a resolution concerning the circulation of vile literature, and it was adopted. (See page —.)

On motion of D. J. Starr, it was resolved that some Sabbath in October be observed as Prison Sunday.

A collection was taken for the janitor, which amounted to $22.70.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by its Chairman, and it was adopted by a standing vote. (See page 261.)

The report on Parsonages was read by D. A. McColm, and was adopted. (See page 259.)

H. D. Ketcham moved that the number of Conference evangelists be fixed at two, and the motion prevailed.

By vote, the Bishop was requested to make the following appointments: J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education; W. K. Brown, professor in the Miami Military Institute; J. Verity and I. R. Marshall, Conference evangelists.

The reports of the Deaconess Board and of the Standing Committee on Deaconess Work were returned to the Con-

ference, and they were adopted, and the appointments requested in the latter were approved. (See pages 249, 250.)

Heber D. Ketcham moved that the plan followed in memorial services last year be observed next year; namely, that these services shall consist of a memorial note concerning each deceased minister's wife or widow, not longer than three minutes, to be followed by a memorial sermon limited to thirty minutes. The motion was adopted.

The Bishop handed to the Secretary a list of his appointments for Conference Board of Church Extension and of Church Location, for printing in the Minutes. (See page 152.)

The journal was read and approved, and, on motion, it was determined that, after the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*. After singing "A charge to keep I have," and prayer by W. A. Robinson, the Bishop announced the appointments and pronounced the benediction.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Dayton, Ohio, September 10, 1901.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 5-10, 1901, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

J. N. Fitz-Gerald

President.

S. O. Royal

Secretary.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
William C. Mitchell from the Puget Sound Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Asa J. Kestle, Charles Jay Moore.*

(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*John F. Chenoweth, Wilbur E. Hammaker.*

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Edward W. Lutterman.*

(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*William W. Reeves.**

(*c*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

(*d*) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—None.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*Chas. P. Pumphrey.*

(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*Samuel A. Keen.*

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*Chas. P. Pumphrey.*

(*b*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
Henry C. Hutchinson.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Howard L. Torbet, Samuel A. Stephan, Samuel A. Keen.

(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

*Conditioned. See page 173.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(*a*) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—*John F. Chenoweth, Wilbur E. Hammaker.*

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(*a*) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—*Wm. W. Reeves.*

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*
It was, in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*
None.

15. *Who have Died?*
John H. Middleton, John F. Marlay, Thomas H. Pearne, Thomas Collett, Adam Miller.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*
None.

17. *Who have been Located?*
None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*
None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*
None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*
None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*
None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
W. G. Warner, J. L. Glascock, M. A. Richards, Charles L. Chapman, Geo. M. Hammell.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

L. F. Young, J. F. Loyd, W. T. McMullen, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, H. M. Keck, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, W. P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, Adam Bowers, L. O. Deputy, J. W. Mason, J. H. Davis, Sylvester Weeks, Charles H. Kalbfus, Charles J. Wells, J. McK. Shultz.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*
R. H. Rust, G. S. Easton, R. K. Deem, A. T. Cowgill, E. P. Edmonds, G. P. Austin, E. H. Cherington.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*
Members, 52,747; probationers, 1,910.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*
$48,760.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
$10,850.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*
$6,517. (See Stewards Report, page 224, 225).

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
(See List of Appointments, page 181.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*
Referred to the Presiding Elders.

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APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder, 2.
220 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

CINCINNATI:

Asbury, ... W. H. Spybey, 4.
Avondale, . . . E. P. Edmonds, 3.
Christie, ... C. L. Myers, 1.
Clifton, ... R. H. Rust, 2.
Columbia, ... F. C. English, 2.
Delta Avenue, . . . C. T. Crum, 2.
E. Pearl Street, . . T. P. Walter, 1.
Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 4.
Finley, ... [W. C. Nash.]
First Church, Northside, George B. Shanor, 1.
Linwood, . . . J. F. Chenoweth, 1.
McKendree, H. A. M. Henderson, 1.
Mt. Auburn, . . J. A. Geissinger, 1.
Mt. Lookout, . . . G. V. Morris, 2.
Price Hill, ... S. W. Bell, 4.
Riverside, ... To be Supplied.
St. Paul, ... C. W. Blodgett, 2.
Trinity, ... M. B. Fuller, 1.
Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 2.
Wesley Chapel, Gervaise Roughton, 5.
Westwood, . . . D. G. Latshaw, 3.
York Street, . . Edw. McHugh, 4.

Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, J. P. Ninde, 3.
Carthage and Elmwood Place, S. G. Pollard, 4.
Cleves and Addyston, B. D. Hypes, 2.
Delhi, ... J. R. Colley, 1.
Groesbeck, ... S. B. Timmons, 3.
Hartwell, ... W. H. Wehrly, 6.
Harrison, ... T. D. Moore, 3.
Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 2.
Madisonville, . . . W. A. Deaton, 3.

NORWOOD:

First Church, ... J. E. Beery, 2.
Grace Church, . . A. K. Stabler, 1.
Winton Place, ... E. Burdsall, 3

Miamitown and Mt. Hope, To be Supplied.

R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. W. Bashford, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, Walnut Hills (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Avondale (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

W. K. Brown, Professor Miami Military Institute, St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of American Society of Religious Education, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and member of Westwood Quarterly Conference.

John Pearson, Field Agent of American Bible Society, Clifton (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

Edward W. Lutterman, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. W. Magruder, Professor in Ohio Wesleyan University, Wesley Chapel (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

I. R. Marshall, Conference Evangelist, Finley Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

H. D. KETCHAM, . Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Dayton, O.

Bethany, ... J. H. Lease, 2.
Camden and Somerville, H. C. Hutchinson, 1.
Centerville, ... J. A. White, 2.
Concord, ... [J. C. Eckles].
DAYTON:
Broadway, . . Creighton Wones, 4.
Grace, ... C. W. Gullette, 4.
Riverdale, . . W. E. Hammaker, 1.
Raper, ... J. J. McCabe, 4.
St. Paul, ... J. G. Vaughan, 4.
Trinity, ... E. M. Ellsworth, 3.
Eaton, ... C. H. Haines, 1.
Ebenezer and Homestead Ave., O. L. Utter, 2.
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley, J. F. McColm, 3.
Fort Jefferson, . . [David W. Clark].
Franklin, ... A. B. Austin, 3.
Germantown, . . . S. A. Stephan, 1.
Glendale and Port Union, A. T. Cowgill, 3.
Gordon, ... [F. S. Reinbarth].
Hamilton, ... C. E. Schenk, 3.
Lewisburg, ... W. C. Mitchell, 2.
Miamisburg, ... J. E. Abrams, 4.
Middletown, . . U. G. Humphrey, 1.
Monroe, ... Frank Leever, 2.
New Paris, ... [Fee Naylor].
Osborn, ... R. E. Smith, 2.
Oxford, ... L. E. Prentiss, 1.
Red Lion and Merrittstown, Henry Hershey, 3.
Seven Mile, ... O. P. Hoffman, 2.
Springboro and Lytle, J. W. Patton, 2.
Venice (Ross), . . . O. D. Becker, 5.
Walker and Union (Oxford), W. W. Reeves, 3.
West Alexandria, . . A. W. Hook, 1.
West Carrollton, . John W. Gaddis, 1.
West Chester, . . J. A. Jenkinson, 5.
West Elkton, . . Charles Hartley, 1.

H. L. Torbet, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools. Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

F. M. Clemans, Agent Anti-saloon League. Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

J. Verity, Conference Evangelist, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent Methodist Book Concern, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Franklin Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. BROWN, . . Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O., Hillsboro, O.

Belfast (Bell), . D. W. C. Washburn, 1.
Blanchester, . . . Geo. W. Vorhis, 1.
Bowersville, ... J. H. McNary, 2.
Centerfield and Clear Creek (Rainsboro), [C. L. Winget].
Clarksville, ... Thos. Cundy, 1.
Dunkinsville, ... [C. J. Kelch].
Greenfield, ... F. G. Mitchell, 5.
Highland, ... C. C. Peale, 2.
Hillsboro, ... S. O. Royal, 2.
Jamestown, ... J. P. Porter, 1.
Leesburg, ... H. C. Middleton, 6.
Lynchburg, ... W. M. Patton, 2.
Martinsville, . . . D. A. McColm, 2.
Mowrytown, ... [J. M. Bailey].
Mount Orab, . . . J. S. Ruggles, 1.
New Burlington, . . G. H. Smith, 1.
New Jasper, ... C. W. Briggs, 5.
New Vienna, ... John Wilson, 5.
Peebles, ... J. E. H. Sentman, 2.
Rainsboro, ... H. G. Curless, 4.
Sabina, ... R. K. Deem, 1.
Sinking Spring, . . W. B. Brown, 3.
Sugar Tree Ridge, . . C. J. Moore, 1.
Union (Spring Valley), Philip Trout, 2.
Waynesville, . . . W. M. Coffman, 3.
Wilmington, ... E. T. Wells, 2.
Winchester, ... J. A. Easton, 1.
XENIA:
First Church, . . A. C. Turrell, 4.
Trinity, ... M. E. Ketcham, 3.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

WM. RUNYAN, . . Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, ... J. A. Winkler, 1.
Amelia, ... H. E. Armacost, 1.
Batavia, ... H. W. Bailey, 5.
Bethel, ... A. G. Newton, 6.
Branch Hill, ... [W. R. Karr].
Butlerville, ... [J. W. Burdsall].
Centenary, ... [C. I. Thackler].
Chilo, ... [D. S. Ewry].
Decatur, ... W. S. Gray, 2.
Feesburg, ... [W. E. Shriver].
Felicity, ... W. J. Dunham, 3.
Georgetown, ... C. W. Horn, 3.
Goshen, ... W. J. Baker, 2.
Laurel, ... T. G. Williams, 3.
Lebanon, ... J. L. Shively, 3.
Loveland, ... E. S. Gaddis, 6.
Maineville, ... G. M. Fulton, 4.
Manchester, ... Ira E. Price, 2.
Marathon, ... L. A. Washburn, 2.
Mason, ... W. A. Wiant, 5.
Milford, ... M. LeSourd, 2.
Montgomery, . . [R. S. Hagerman].
Morrow, ... W. E. Putt, 4.
Moscow, ... A. L. Brokaw, 1.
Mount Washington, . A. J. Kestle, 2.
New Richmond, . . C. F. Enyart, 2.
Newtown, ... L. M. Davis, 5.
Owensville, ... W. P. English, 2.
Ripley, ... E. T. Lane, 1.
S. Lebanon, ... To be Supplied.
Summerside, . . . W. E. Spurrier, 6.
West Union, ... G. S. Easton, 4.
Williamsburg, . . . J. D. Darling, 1.
Williamsburg Circuit,
[E. J. T. Connelly].

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, . Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, ... C. P. Pumphrey, 1.
Brandt, ... [O. L. Seward.]
Catawba, ... J. R. Hill, 2.
Cedarville, . . Andrew Hamilton, 2.
Christiansburg, . . . J. F. Laird, 3.
Covington, ... G. L. Travis, 4.
Dialton, ... J. L. Dalbey, 2.
Greenville, ... C. L. Conger, 7.
King's Creek, E. L. Hollingsworth, 1.
Mechanicsburg, . . O. M. Sellers, 1.
Mutual, ... C. D. Munsey, 2.
New Carlisle, ... G. L. Tufts, 3.
New Moorefield, . . R. S. McColm, 2.

PIQUA:
Grace, ... A. N. Spahr, 1.
Greene St., . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 1.
South Charleston, J. S. Pumphrey, 4.

SPRINGFIELD:
Central, ... C. M. Van Pelt, 3.
Clifton Ave., . . S. W. Campbell, 2.
Grace, ... J. L. Duckwall, 3.
High Street, ... J. A. Story, 7.
St. Paul, ... J. W. Peters, 3.
Tippecanoe City, . . G. P. Austin, 1.
Tremont City (Westville),
A. D. Maddox, 2.
Troy, ... Geo. W. Dubois, 2.
Troy Circuit, ... S. A. Keen, 3.

URBANA:
First Church, . . . G. H. Dart, 1.
Grace, ... E. H. Cherington, 4.
Yellow Springs, . . C. W. Elliott, 4.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service.

W. G. Warner, 12, ... Oxford Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Glascock, 11, ... Mt. Lookout Quarterly Conference.
Madison A. Richards, 24, . Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference.
D. S. Ewry, 8, ... Mt. Orab, O.
C. L. Chapman, 6, ... Liberty, N. Y., Riverdale (Dayton) Quar. Conf.
Geo. M. Hammell, 26, . . Harriman, Tenn.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

W. N. Maxey, 9, ... Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
J. I. Taggart, 5, ... Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMullen, 15, . . . Owensville Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh, 13, ... Fresno, Cal.
J. F. Hull, 17, ... Rowland, Ala.
T. E. Fidler, 30, ... Upper Sandusky, Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black, 37, ... New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck, 32, ... Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink, 40, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar, 34, ... Troy Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee, 28, ... Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Gregg, 30, ... Manhattan, Kan.
John Vance, 35, ... New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey, 19, ... Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
T J. Harris, 29, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Loyd, 44, ... Highland, O.
S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Winchester Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James, 38, ... Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Sutherland, 55, . . Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman, 14, ... Delaware, O.
L. F. Young, 23, ... Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail, 49, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith, 45, ... R. R. No. 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
W. P. Jackson, 33, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. M. West, 27, ... Newtown Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter, 29, ... Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
L. O. Deputy, 18, ... Price Hill, Cincinnati.
Adam Bowers, 29, ... Greene Street, Piqua Quarterly Conference.
Sylvester Weeks, ... Pensacola, Fla.
J. W. Mason, 44, ... Springfield, Milford Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs.
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Paris.

PASTORAL RECORD,

Containing the Appointments of Members from the Year of Admission on Trial to the present.

N. B.—Dates given mark the beginning of appointment.

ABRAMS, JAMES E. Cincinnati Conference: 1889, King's Creek; '90, '91, Dialton; '92, Catawba; '93-'97, Ripley; '98-'01, Miamisburg.

ARMACOST, HARLEY E. Cincinnati Conference: 1893-'94, Marathon; '95-'98, at school; '99, 1900, Aberdeen; '01, Amelia.

AULTMAN, D. LEE. Cincinnati Conference: 1872, Decatur; '73, '74, Clarksville; '75-'77, Bowersville; '78, '79, Manchester; '80-'82, New Richmond; '83, supernumerary; '84, 85, South Lebanon; '86, '87, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '88-'91, Assistant Recording Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; '92-'96, Madisonville; '97-1900, Middletown; 1901, Field Agent, Book Concern.

AUSTIN, ALPHEUS B. Cincinnati Conference: 1886, at school; '87, '88, Columbia; '89-'91, Ivanhoe; '92-'94, York Street (Cincinnati); '95-'98, Winton Place; '99-'01, Franklin.

AUSTIN, GILBERT P. Ohio Conference: 1883, '84, Wheelersburg and Sciotoville; '85-'87, Wellston; '88, Moxahala Avenue (Zanesville). Cincinnati Conference: '89-'91, Lynchburg; '92, Waynesville; '93, supernumerary; '94, '95, Delhi; '96-1900, Sabina; 1901, Tippecanoe City.

BAIL, JAMES T. Ohio Conference: 1848, Waverly; '49, West Jefferson; '50, Worthington; '51, Kingston. Cincinnati Conference: '52, '53, Vienna; '54, Fletcher; '55, North Lewisburg; '56, '57, King's Creek and Mechanicsburg; '58, Raper (Dayton); '59, Asbury (Cincinnati); '60, '61, Madisonville; '62, '63, McKendree (Cincinnati); '64, York Street (Cincinnati); '65-'67, South Charleston; '68-'70, Yellow Springs; '71, '72, Monroe; '73, '74, Troy; '75,-'78, P. E., Hillsboro District; '79, '80, Waynesville; '81, '82, Ripley; '83, '84, New Richmond; '85, '86, Fairfield; '87, Price Hill (Cincinnati); '88, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '89-'91, Mason; '92,-94, Camden; '95, '96, West Carrollton; '97-1901, superannuated.

BAILEY, HENRY W. Kentucky Conference: 1875, Bangor; '76, Lawrence; '77, Coalton; '78, supernumerary; '79, '80, Asbury and Alexandria; '80, '81, Fleming; '82, '83, Somerset; '84-'86, Louisville; '87, '88, Louisville. Alabama Conference: '88-'90, Anniston. North Ohio Conference: '91, Bloomville. Cincinnati Conference: '92, '93, Rainsboro; '94-'96, Bethany; '97-1901, Batavia.

BAKER, WILLIAM J. Cincinnati Conference: 1874, Addison; '75, Amelia; '76, Pendleton; '77, Camp Dennison; '78, Decatur; '79, '80, Marathon; '81-'83, Sugar Tree Ridge; '84, '85, Clarksville; '86, Cedarville; '87, '88, New Jasper; '89, Fairfield; '90, '91, Rainsboro; '92, '93, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '94, Summerside; '95-'97, New Richmond; '98, '99, Manchester; 1900, '01, Goshen.

BARNES, CHARLES W. Cincinnati Conference: 1881-'83, Camp Dennison; '84, McLean (Cincinnati); '85, '86, Germantown, '87-'89, Winton Place; '90-93, Central (Springfield); '94-'97, Lockland-Wyoming; '98-1901, P. E. Springfield District.

BASHFORD, J. W. New England Conference: 1878-'80, Jamaica Plain (Boston); '81-'83, Auburndale, Mass. Maine Conference: '84-'86, Chestnut Street (Portland). Genesee Conference: '87, '88, Delaware Avenue (Buffalo); '89, Ohio Wesleyan University. Cincinnati Conference: '90-1901, Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware).

BECKER, OREN D. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, '89, Loveland; '90-'93, Bowersville; '94, Germantown; '95, '96, Fort Jefferson; '97-1901, Venice.

BEERY, JOHN E. Wisconsin Conference: 1891, Kendall, Wis.; '92-'94, Kilbourn City, Wis.; '95, Richland Center, Wis. Cincinnati Conference: '96, Covington; '97, West Union; '98, '99, New Richmond; 1900, '01, First Church (Norwood).

BELL, SHERIDAN W. Cincinnati Conference: 1898-1901, Price Hill (Cincinnati).

BLACK, JOHN G. Cincinnati Conference: 1852, No Creek, Ky.; '53, Montgomery, Ky.; '55, Mechanicsburg and King's Creek; '56, '57, Tremont; '58, '59, Fletcher; '60, Highland; '61, Winchester; '62, '63, Union; '64, Fairfield; '65, '66, Jamestown; '67, P. E. Ripley District; '68, superannuate; '69-'71, Tremont; '72, '73, Fairfield; '74-'76, New Carlisle; '77-'79, Tremont; '80-'82, New Lexington; '83, '84, Cedarville; '85, Moorefield; '86, '87, Williamsburg; '88, West Chester; '89-1901, superannuated, New Carlisle, O.

BLODGETT, CHARLES W. Des Moines Conference: 1869, Missouri Valley; '70, '71, Hamburg; '72, Des Moines. Colorado Conference: '73, '74, St. James (Central City); '75, '76, Colorado Springs. Des Moines Conference: '77-'80, First Church (Bedford, Iowa); '80-'82, First Church (Creston); '83, '84, Wesley Chapel (Des Moines); '85-'89, P. E. Atlantic District; '90, '91, First Church (Creston). Central Illinois Conference: '92-'95, First Church (Galesburg). Detroit Conference: '96-'99, Simpson Church (Detroit). Cincinnati Conference: 1900, '01, St. Paul's (Cincinnati).

BOWERS, ADAM. Cincinnati Conference: 1865, Fletcher; '66, '67, Port Union; '68, Mission (Cincinnati); '69, Spring Grove Avenue and Cumminsville; '70, '71, Sears Street (Dayton); '72-'74, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '75-'77, Asbury (Cincinnati); '78-'80, Madisonville; '81, '82, Lockland; '83-'85, Greene Street (Piqua); '86-'91, P. E. Dayton District; '92, '93, Lockland and Wyoming; '94-1901, supernumerary, Piqua, O.

BRIGGS, CHARLES W. Cincinnati Conference: '87, Sugar Tree Ridge; '88-'90, Maineville; '91, Bethel; '92-'94, Moscow; '95, Summerside; '96, Mutual; '97-1901, New Jasper.

BROKAW, ABRAHAM L. Cincinnati Conference: 1891-'93, Troy Circuit; '94, Clifton Avenue (Springfield); '95, New Carlisle; '96, at school; '97-1901, Amelia.

BROWN, VALOROUS F. Cincinnati Conference: 1879, Loveland; '80-'82, Morrow; '83-'85, Asbury (Cincinnati); '86, Waynesville; '87-'89, Broadway (Dayton); '90-'95, Troy; '95-'98, Center Street (Springfield); '99-'01, P. E. Hillsboro District.

BROWN, WM. B. Kentucky Conference: ——. Ohio Conference: 1886, South Salem; '87, '88, Washington Circuit. Des Moines Conference: ——. Cincinnati Conference; 1898, Sugar Tree Ridge; '99, Martinsville; 1900, '01, Sinking Spring.

BROWN, WILLIAM K. Pittsburg Conference: 1856, Fayette, Pa.; '57, Rostraver and Elizabeth, Pa.; '58, Franklin and Independence, W. Va.; '59, '60, Hillsboro, Pa.; '61, '62, Pine Run, Pa.; '63, '64, Greensburg, Pa.; '65, Bridgewater, Pa.; '66, '67, New Lisbon, O.; '68, Alliance, O.; '69, Damascoville, O.; '70, Marlboro, O.; '71, Carrollton, O.; '72, Canton, O.; '73, '74, Franklin, O.; '75, Marion, Pa.; '76, Springdale, Pa.; '77, '78, Walton Church (Pitttsburg, Pa.); '79, Wesley Chapel (Pittsburg); '80, Banksville, Pa.; '81, Homewood; '82-'84, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College. Cincinnati Conference: '85-'91, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '92, Groesbeck; '93, North Fairmount (Cincinnati); '94, Lebanon Circuit; '95-1901, Professor Miami Military Institute.

BURDSALL, EDMUND. Cincinnati Conference: 1869, '70, Sinking Spring; '71, Highland; '72-'74, Moorefield; '75-'77, Seven Mile; '78-'80, Port Union; '81-'83, Waynesville; '84-'86, South Charleston; '87-'91, Greenfield; '92, Grace (Urbana); '93-'95, St. Paul (Dayton); '96-'98, Lebanon; '99-1901, Winton Place.

CAMPBELL, SAMUEL W. Cincinnati Conference: 1886-'89, Laurel; '90, '91, West Union; '92-'95, Felicity; '99, Catawba; 1900, '01, Clifton Avenue (Springfield).

CAREY, SAMUEL W. Cincinnati Conference: 1865, Seven Mile; '66, Camden and Winchester; '67, '68, Lewisburg; '69, New Paris; '70-'72, Concord; '73-'75, Red Lion and Springboro; '76, Fairfield; '77, King's Creek; '78, Mutual; '79, '80, Union; '81, '82, East Liberty; '83, King's Creek; '84-1901, superannuated, Urbana.

CHAPMAN, CHARLES L. Cincinnati Conference: 1895-'97, West Alexandria; '98-1900, Camden; 1901, supernumerary, Camden.

CHENOWETH, JOHN F. Cincinnati Conference: 1901, Linwood (Cincinnati).

CHERINGTON, EDGAR H. Cincinnati Conference: 1882, Harrison; '83-'85, St. John's; '86, '87, Pleasant Ridge; '88-'00, Hartwell; '91-'95, Oxford; '96, '97, Mechanicsburg; '98-1901, Grace (Urbana).

CLARK, DAVIS W. Cincinnati Conference: 1875, Brandt; '76, Hartwell and Carthage; '77, '78, Columbia. Ohio Conference: '79, Broad Street (Columbus). Cincinnati Conference: '80-'82, Franklin; '83-'85, Trinity (Xenia); '86, '87, Hillsboro; '88-'92, Raper (Dayton). Kentucky Conference: '93-'97, Union Church (Covington). Cincinnati Conference: '98, Assistant, Trinity Church (Cincinnati); '99, Columbia (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, P. E. Cincinnati District.

CLEMANS, FRANCIS M. Cincinnati Conference: 1866-'68, Union; '69-'71, Fairfield; '72-'74, Middletown; '75, '76, King's Creek; '77-'79, Mechanicsburg; '80-'82, Miamisburg; '83, '84, Ripley; '85-'87, Jamestown; '88-'92, Franklin; '93-'97, Broadway (Dayton); '98-1901, Agent Anti-saloon League.

COFFMAN, W. M. Cincinnati Conference: 1892-'95, Fair Haven; '98, Port Union; '99-1901, Waynesville.

COLLEY, JAMES R. 1878-'86, Wesleyan Church, England. Minnesota Conference: '86, Forest City; '87, '88, Paynesville; '89, Albert Lea. Oregon Conference: '91, '92, Clark Church (Portland). Cincinnati Conference: '93, South Lebanon; '94, '95, Sabina; '96-1900, Christie (Cincinnati); 1901, Delhi.

CONGER, CHARLES L. North Ohio Conference: 1878, '79, Iberia. Cincinnati Conference: '80-'82, Columbia; '83-'85, Morrow; '86-'89, New Vienna; '90, '91, Waynesville; '92-'94, Christie (Cincinnati); '95-1901, Greenville.

COWGILL, AMOS T. Cincinnati Conference: 1885, Blanchester; '86-'88, Clarksville; '89-'03, Newtown; '94-'98, Waynesville; '99-1901, Glendale and Port Union.

CRUM, CAREY T. Cincinnati Conference: 1867, Lewisburg; '68, Fletcher; '69, North Bend; '70, New Burlington; '71, Brandt; '72, Centenary; '73-'75, Concord; '76, Jasper; '77, '78, Maineville; '79, Columbia; '80-'82, West Chester and Sharon; '83-'85, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '86-'88, Cumminsville; '89, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '90, Lewisburg; '91, West Alexandria; '92-'94, Goshen; '95, '96, Harrison; '97, Camp Washington; '98, '99, Hopple Street (Cincinnati); 1900, 1901, Delta Avenue (Cincinnati).

CUNDY, THOMAS. Philadelphia Conference: 1871, Tacony (Philadelphia); '72, Raubsville, Pa. Kentucky Conference: '73, '74, Ludlow; '75, '76, Asbury; '77, '78, Catlettsburg. Cincinnati Conference: '79, New Richmond; '80, Leesburg; '81-'83, Belfast; '84, Winchester; '85, '86, Feesburg; '87, '88, Bethel; '89, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '90, Camden; '91, Montgomery; '92, '93, Venice (Ross); '94, '95, West Chester; '96, King's Creek; '97, '98, West Elkton; '99-1900, Belfast; 1901, Clarksville.

CURLESS, H. G. Cincinnati Conference: 1891, '92, Sinking Spring; '93-'97, at school; '98-1901, Rainsboro.

DALBEY, JOHN L. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, '89, Germantown; '90, Covington; '91-'93, Christiansburg; '94-'96, Arcanum; '97-'99, Mutual; 1900-'01, Dialton.

DARLING, J. D. Cincinnati Conference: 1892-'94, Centenary; '95-1900, Moscow; 1901, Williamsburg.

DART, GEORGE H. Cincinnati Conference: 1856, Lewisburg; '57, Camden; '58, New Lexington; '59, '60, Clarksville; '61, '62, Wilmington; '63, Mt. Auburn; '64-'66, McKendree (Cincinnati); '67, High Street (Springfield); '68-'70, Finley (Cincinnati); '71, '72, McKendree (Cincinnati); '73-'75, Grace (Urbana); '76, '77, Hamilton; '78-'80, Middletown; '81-'83, Milford; '84-'86, Lebanon; '87-'92, P. E. Hamilton District, Hamilton, Ohio; '93, '94, Hillsboro; '95-1900, P. E. Georgetown District; 1901, First Church (Urbana).

DAVIS, JOHN H. Cincinnati Conference: 1874, Winchester; '75, '76, Butlerville; '77, '78, Rainsboro; '79, supernumerary; '80, Marshall; '81, '82, Catawba; '83, Brandt; '84, '85, North Hampton; '86, '87, Martinsville; '88, '89, supernumerary; '90-'92, Sugar Tree Ridge; '93, '94, Hillsboro Circuit; '95, Bethel; '96, '97, Feesburg; '98, Laurel; '99, Sinking Spring; 1900-'01, superannuate.

DAVIS, LUCIEN M. Cincinnati Conference: 1871, '72, Newtown; '73, '74, Batavia; '75, '76, Amelia; '77, '78, New Richmond; '79, supernumerary; '80, '81, Bantam; '82, '83, Moscow; '84, New Boston and Newtonville; '85-'88, Lynchburg; '89-'93, Sabina; '94, Rainsboro; '95, '96, New Moorefield; '97-1901, Newtown.

DAVIS, WILBUR L. Y. Cincinnati Conference: 1892, Valparaiso, S. A.; '93, '94, Groesbeck; '95-'99, First Church (Norwood); 1900, '01, Lockland-Wyoming.

DEATON, W. A. Cincinnati Conference: 1892, '93, Germantown; '94, Pearl Street Cincinnati); '95-'98, Columbia (Cincinnati); '99-1901, Madisonville.

DEEM, REUBEN K. Erie Conference: 1863, Albion; '64, Ridgway. Cincinnati Conference: '65, Raysville; '66, Old Town; '67, Williamsburg; '68, '69, Batavia; '70, '71, Maineville and Loveland; '72, Harrison; '73, '74, Winton Place; '75, '76, Bethany; '77, Milford; '78-'80, Seven Mile; '81-'83, Centerville; '84-'86, Port Union; '87-'89, Waynesville; '90-'92, New Vienna and Lexington; '93, '94, Tremont City; '95-'97, Yellow Springs; '98-1900, New Burlington; '01, Sabina.

DEPUTY, LEONIDAS, O. Cincinnati Conference: 1880, Sugar Tree Ridge; '81, Winchester; '82, Decatur; '83, '84, Manchester; '85, Chilo; '86, '87, New Boston; '88, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '89-'91, Olive Branch; '92, '93, South Charleston Circuit; '94, '95, Troy Circuit; '96, '97, Clarksville; '98, New Paris; '99-1901, superannuated.

DUBOIS, GEORGE W. Cincinnati Conference: 1875, Venice; '76, Walker and Union; '77-'79, Morrow; '80, Pearl Street; '81-'83, Mt. Washington; '84, Fairmount; '85-'89, Hamilton; '90, '91, St. Paul (Springfield); '92-'95, First Church (Urbana); '96-'99, Walnut Hills; 1900, '01, Troy.

DUNHAM, WARREN J. Cincinnati Conference: 1896, '97, Cleves; '98, Groesbeck; '99, 1901, Felicity.

DUCKWALL, JAMES L. Cincinnati Conference: 1897, Sinking Spring; '99-1901, Grace (Springfield).

EASTON, GEORGE S. Kentucky Conference: 1882-'83, Dayton; '84, '85, Maysville; '86, Main Street (Covington). Cincinnati Conference: '87, '88, Gordon; '89, Montgomery; '90, '91, Addyston. Louisiana Conference: '92-'94, St. Charles Avenue (New Orleans). Cincinnati Conference: '95-'97, Goshen; '98-1901, West Union.

EASTON, JOHN A. Cincinnati Conference: 1874, Sardinia; '75, '76, New Burlington; '77, '78, Brookville; '79, Cheviot; '80-'82, Venice; '83-'85, Wright Chapel (Cincinnati); '86, '87, West Chester; '88, New Moorefield; '89, New Carlisle; '00, Norwood; '91-'03, Clarksville; '94-'96, New Vienna and Lexington; '97, '98, Bethany; '99-1900, Tippecanoe City; 1901, Winchester.

EDGAR, GEORGE M. Cincinnati Conference: 1855, Winchester; '56, '57, Highland; '58, Clarksville; '59, '60, Sinking Spring; '61, Lynchburg; '62, New Lexington; '63, '64, Jamestown; '65, '66, Addison; '67, New Burlington; '68-'70, Highland; '71, '72, Winchester; '73, Lynchburg; '74, Addison; '75, '76, New Lexington; '77, '78, Sinking Spring; '79, Fairfield; '80, '81, Troy Circuit; '82, New Paris; '83, Marshall, '84, Feesburg; '85, Aberdeen; '86, Moscow; '87, Fair Haven; '88, Venice; '89-1901, superannuated.

EDMISTON, SULLIVAN W. Cincinnati Conference: 1857, Cumminsville; '58, '59, Winchester; '60, Raysville; '61, '62, Venice; '63, '64, Madisonville; '65, '66, Moscow; '67-'69, Aberdeen; '70, '71, New Lexington; '72, North Bend; '73-'75, Winchester; '76-'78, Sardinia; '79, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '80, '81, Decatur; '82, Marshall; '83, Winchester; '84, '85, Hillsboro Circuit; '86, Agent Hillsboro College; '87-'89, Decatur; '90-1901, superannuated.

EDMONDS, EUGENE P. East Ohio Conference: 1876, Tyrone Circuit; '78, Caldwell; '79, Newton Falls; '80, '81, Woodsfield; '82-'84, Chagrin Falls; '85-'87, Hamline Church (Steubenville); '88-'90, Euclid Avenue (Cleveland); '91-'95, First Church (Canton); '96-'98, Trinity (Youngstown). Cincinnati Conference: '99-1901, Forest Avenue (Avondale).

ELLIOTT, CALVIN W. Cincinnati Conference: 1888-'90, Red Lion; '91, '92, Carthage and Elmwood; '93-'95, Mt. Washington; '96, '97, New Carlisle; '98-1901, Yellow Springs.

ELLSWORTH, EARL M. Cincinnati Conference: 1895, Brandt; '96-'98, Grace (Springfield); '99-1901, Trinity (Dayton).

ENGLISH, FRANK C. Cincinnati Conference: 1890, Bethel; '91, Williamsburg Circuit; '92, Bethel; '93-'96, at school; '97, Groesbeck; '98, '99, Cleves; 1900, '01, Columbia (Cincinnati).

ENGLISH, WILLIAM D. Cincinnati Conference: '97, Gordon; '98, Centenary; '99, Peebles; 1900, 1901, Owensville.

ENYART, CHARLES S. Cincinnati Conference: 1893, '94, Red Lion; '95, Hillsboro College; '96-'98, Georgetown; '99, Wilmington; 1900, '01, New Richmond.

EWRY, D. S. Cincinnati Conference: 1892, Lewisburg; '93, '94, King's Creek; '95, Christiansburg; '96, '97, South Charleston Circuit; '98, '99, Mt. Orab; 1900, '01, supernumerary.

FEE, GEORGE W. Cincinnati Conference: 1858, West Union; '59, Hamersville; '60, North Bend; '61, '62, Port Union; '63, '64, Venice; '65, Fletcher; '66-'68, supernumerary; '69, '70, Feesburg; '71, Sardinia; '72, Lynchburg; '73, '74, Laurel; '75-'78, supernumerary; '79, Bantam; '80-'82, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '83, Williamsburg; '84, '85, Marathon; '86-'88, supernumerary; '89-1901, superannuated. Mt. Orab, Ohio.

FIDLER, THORNTON E. Cincinnati Conference: 1858, Lewisburg; '59, Winchester; '60, Aberdeen; '61, Piqua Circuit; '62, '63, North Lewisburg; '64, '65, Catawba; '66-'68, West Union; '69, Bethel; '70, '71, Addison; '72-'74, King's Creek; '75, '76, Tremont; '77, Germantown; '78, '79, Concord; '80, '81, New Paris; '82, North Bend; '83, '84, Venice; '85, Groesbeck; '86, '87, North Hampton; '88-1901, superannuated. Upper Sandusky, O.

FULLER, M. B. Cincinnati Conference: 1891, '92, Manchester; '93-'95, Georgetown; '96-1900, First Church (Urbana); 1901, Trinity (Cincinnati).

FULTON, GEORGE M. Cincinnati Conference: 1883-'85, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '86, '87, Aberdeen; '88-'92, Amelia; '93-'97, Williamsburg; '98-1901, Maineville.

GADDIS, JOHN W. Cincinnati Conference: 1874, Decatur; '75, '76, Columbia; '77, McLean (Cincinnati); '78-'80, Davisson (Dayton); '81, '82, Asbury (Cincinnati); '83-'85, Tremont; '86, '87, New Carlisle; '88-'90, Leesburg; '91-'94, Centerville; '95-'99, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati); 1900, McKendree (Cincinnati); '01, West Carrollton.

GADDIS, EUGENE S. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, Cleves; '89, '90, Price Hill; '91, Pendleton (Cincinnati); '92, supernumerary; '93, '94, St. John (Cincinnati); '95, Mason; '96-1900, Loveland and Branch Hill; 1901, Loveland.

GEISSINGER, JAMES A. Cincinnati Conference: 1896-'98, Finley (Cincinnati); '99, 1900, Ripley; 1901, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati).

GILBERT, JAMES E. Cincinnati Conference: 1871, New Lexington Circuit. Wisconsin Conference: '71, Sunday-school Agent. Cincinnati Conference: '72-'74, Asbury (Cincinnati). Kentucky Conference: '75-'77, Lexington. Kansas Conference: '78, '79, First Church (Topeka). Wisconsin Conference: '80-'82, Summerfield Church (Milwaukee). Michigan Conference: '83, '84, Division Street (Grand Rapids). Indiana Conference: '85-'87, Meridian Street (Indianapolis); '88-'97, Secretary American Society of Religious Education. Cincinnati Conference: '98-1901, Secretary American Society of Religious Education, Washington, D. C.

GLASCOCK, J. L. Cincinnati Conference: 1882, Groesbeck; '83-'85, Harrison; '86, Mt. Lookout; '87-'89, Milford; '90, Eaton; '91-'95, supernumerary; '96, Conference evangelist. 1901, supernumerary, Mt. Lookout.

GRAY, WALTER S. Cincinnati Conference: 1890, Jacksonville; '91, Centenary; '92, '93, Williamsburg Circuit; '94-'96, Chilo; '97-'99, Marathon; 1900, '01, Decatur.

GREGG, JOHN L. Cincinnati Conference: 1856, White Oak; '57, West Union; '58, Beaver Creek; '59, Enon; '60, Georgetown; '61, Moscow; '62, '63, Manchester; '64, '65, Sinking Spring; '66-'68, Clarksville; '69-'70, Lynchburg; '71, Centenary; '72, '73, Feesburg; '74, '75, Decatur; '76-'78, Cedarville; '79, Brookville; '80, '81, Rainsboro; '82, '83, Winchester; '84, Sugar Tree Ridge; '85, located. Kansas Conference: '86, ——. Cincinnati Conference: '87, '88, supernumerary; '89-1901, superannuated (Manhattan Kan.)

GULLETTE, C. W. Southeast Indiana Conference: 1877, Cross Plains; '78, Delaware. South Kansas Conference: '79, '80, Americus; '81, '82, Eureka; '83, '84, Paola; '85-'87, Ottawa; '88, '89, Baldwin. Cincinnati Conference: '89, St. Paul (Springfield); '90-'93, Hamilton; '94-'97, Trinity (Cincinnati); '98-1901, Grace (Dayton).

HAINES, CHARLES H. Cincinnati Conference: 1880-'82, Cumminsville; '83, '84, Groesbeck; '85-'89, Delhi; '90-'92, Broadway (Dayton); '93-'96, Franklin; '97, Monroe; '98-1900, Blanchester; 1901, Eaton.

HAMILTON, ANDREW. Cincinnati Conference: 1866, '67, Lynchburg; '68, Batavia; '69, Brandt; '70, '71, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '72, St. Paul and Mears Chapel (Cincinnati); '73, '74, Monroe; '75, '76, New Richmond; '77, Reformed Episcopal Church (Toronto); '78-'80, Blanchester; '81, '82, Batavia; '83, McLean (Cincinnati); '84-'86, Yellow Springs; '87-'89, Port Union; '90, McKendree (Cincinnati); '91-'94, Seven Mile; '95-'97, Blanchester; '98, '99, Monroe; 1900, '01, Cedarville.

HAMMAKER, WM. E. Cincinnati Conference: 1901, Riverdale (Dayton).

HAMMELL, GEORGE M. Cincinnati Conference: 1874, Miami Circuit; '75, Cumminsville (Cincinnati); '76, Catawba Circuit; '77, Butlerville Circuit; '78, North Hampton; '79, Gordon Circuit; '80-'82, South Lebanon; '83-'85, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati); '86, '87, Morrow; '88, Ivanhoe; '89, located, at his own request. Readmitted Cincinnati Conference: '98, supernumerary; '99, 1900, profesor in Harriman University, Tenn.; '01, supernumerary.

HARRIS, THOMAS J. Cincinnati Conference: 1866, Collins (Cincinnati); '61, Mt. Auburn and Collins; '62, Mt. Auburn; '63, Georgetown; '64, Mt. Washington; '65-'67, Eaton; '68, '69, Mechanicsburg; '70-'72, Oxford; '73-'75, Hamilton; '76-'78, Ripley; '79-'81, High Street (Springfield); '82-'84, Wesley (Cincinnati); '85, '86, supernumerary; '87-'89, Norwood; '90, supernumerary; '91-1901, superannuated. Norwood P. O.

HARTLEY, CHARLES J. Cincinnati Conference: 1887, St. John's (Cincinnati); '88, Blanchester; '89-'92, Belfast; '93, '94, Riverside; '95-1900, supernumerary; 1901, West Elkton.

HENDERSON, HOWARD A. M. Alabama Conference: 1858, '59, Newberne; '60, '61, Demopolis; '62-'65, in army; '66-70, Frankfort, Ky.; '71, Lexington; '72-'79, superintendent public schools of Kentucky. California Conference: '80, San Francisco, Cal. Missouri Conference: '81, '82, Hannibal, Mo. Newark Conference: '83-86, Jersey City. New York Conference: '86, '87, New York City. Cincinnati Conference: '88-'90, Trinity (Cincinnati); '91-'95, Hartwell; '96-1900, Delhi; 1901, McKendree (Cincinnati).

HERSHEY, HENRY. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, '89, Walker and Union; '90, Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill; '91, Mission Circuit (Cincinnati); '92, St. John (Cincinnati); '93-'95, Pendleton; '96, Groesbeck; '97, '98, Harrison; '99-1901, Red Lion and Merrittstown.

HICKMAN, JEREMIAH W. Minnesota Conference: 1880, St. James, Minn.; '81, Waterville, Minn. Central Ohio Conference: '82, Wilshire; '83, '84, Ayersville; '85, New Madison. Cincinnati Conference: '86, Gordon; '87, Walker and Union; '88, '89, Fair Haven; '90, '91, Cleves; '92, supernumerary; '93, Loveland; '94, Williamsburg Circuit; '95-1901, superannuated.

HILL, JAMES R. Cincinnati Conference: 1890, Brandt; '91-'93, Covington; '94-'96, Tippecanoe City and Milton; '98, '99, Arcanum; 1900, '01, Catawba.

HOFFMAN, OLIVER P. Cincinnati Conference: 1897, Concord; '98, Ebenezer; 1900, '01, Seven Mile.

HOLLINGSWORTH, EDWARD L. Cincinnati Conference: 1894, Groesbeck; '95, Blue Creek; '96, Sugar Tree Ridge; '97, Mt. Orab; '98, '99, Brandt; 1900, Arcanum; '01, King's Creek.

HOOK, ARCHIE W. Cincinnati Conference: 1896, Homestead Avenue and Riverdale (Dayton); '97, '98, Peebles; '99, Springboro; 1900, Conference evangelist; 1901, West Alexandria.

HORN, C. W. Cincinnati Conference: 1892-'95, Glendale and Sharonville; '96-'98, Aberdeen; '99-1901, Georgetown.

HULL, JOHN F. Cincinnati Conference: 1863, Catawba; '64, Fairfield; '65, Spring Grove; '66, '67, Buckeye Street (Dayton); '68, Vienna; '69, Batavia; '70, supernumerary; '71, East Liberty; '72, '73, New Paris; '74, New Burlington; '75-'77, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley; '78, '79, North Bend; '80-'86, supernumerary; '87-1901, superannuated. Rowland, Ala.

HUMPHREY, U. G. Cincinnati Conference: '91, '92, Pleasant Ridge; '93-'95, Winchester; '96, '97, New Burlington; '98-1900, Jamestown; 1901, Middletown.

HUNTER, J. RAPER. Cincinnati Conference: 1868, Venice; '69, Fletcher; '70, Clarksville; '71, Amelia; '72, '73, New Lexington; '74-'76, Sinking Spring; '77-'79, Venice; '80-'82, Moorefield; '83, '84, East Liberty; '85-'87, Addison; '88, New Paris; '89-'92, Tippecanoe City and Milton; '93, '94, Mutual; '95, '96, Owensville and Newtonville.

HUTCHINSON, HENRY C. Cincinnati Conference: 1895, Centenary; '96, West Chester; '97-1900, at school; 1901, Camden and Summerville.

HYPES, BENJAMIN D. Cincinnati Conference: 1879-'81, Pendletton; '82, Finley (Cincinnati); '83, '84, Delhi; '85, Grace (Piqua); '86-'90, Arcanum; '91-'95, South Charleston; '96-'99, McKendree (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, Cleves and Addyston.

JACKSON, WILLIAM P. Cincinnati Conference: 1865, Laurel. Holston Conference: '66, Elizabethtown, Tenn.; '67, Hendersonville, N. C.; '68, Little River, Tenn.; '69, Strawberry, Tenn. Cincinnati Conference: '70, Chilo; '71, '72, Deerfield and Zoar; '73, '74, Amelia; '75, Decatur; '76, Aberdeen; '77, '78, East Liberty; '79, '80, Catawba; '81-83, Marathon; '84-'86, Decatur; '87, '88, West Union; '89-'92, Winchester; '93-'95, Amelia; '96, '97, Rainsboro; '98-1901, superannuated.

JAMES, EVAN P. Cincinnati Conference: 1856, Williamsburg; '57, Walnut Hills; '58, New Burlington; '59, Camden; '60, Venice; '61, North Bend; '62, Winchester; '63, Oldtown; '64, Addison; '65, Hamersville; '66, Aberdeen; '67, Moscow; '68, '69, Concord; '70, '71, New Paris; '72-'74, East Liberty; '75, '76, Laurel; '77, '78, Marathon; '79-'81, West Union; '82, '83, Feesburg; '84, Bantam; '85, '86, Bethel and Laurel; '87, '88, Brandt; '89, '90, Gordon; '91-'93, Agent American Bible Society; '94-1901, superannuated. Delaware.

JENKINSON, JAMES A. Cincinnati Conference: 1896, West Elkton; '97-1901, West Chester.

KALBFUS, CHARLES H. Cincinnati Conference: 1871, '72, Laurel; '73-'75, Miami; '76-'78, Oldtown; '79, '80, North Hampton; '81, '82, Gordon; '83-'85, New Paris; '86, '87, Camden; '88, Springboro; '89-'91, West Chester; '92, Red Lion; '93, '94, Walker and Union; '95-'97, Laurel; '98-1900, Feesburg; 1901, superannuated.

KECK, HENRY M. Cincinnati Conference: 1856, Vienna; '57, '58, Addison; '59, Red Lion and Springboro; '60, Port Union; '61, Catawba; '62, Lewisburg; '63, Laurel; '64, Williamsburg; '65, Aberdeen; '66, '67, Winchester; '68, Manchester; '69, Wilmington; '70-'72, Batavia; '73-'75, Felicity; '76-'78, Yellow Springs; '79, Lockington; '80, '81, Concord; '82, '83, Lewisburg; '84-'86, New Jasper; '87, Cedarville; '88, supernumerary; '89-1901, superannuated. Hamilton.

KETCHAM, HEBER D. Cincinnati Conference: 1884, '85, Blanchester; '86-'88, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '89-'91, Wilmington; '92-'94, Clifton (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Hillsboro; '97-1900, Green Street (Piqua); 1901, P. E. Dayton District.

KETCHAM, MERRICK E. New York Conference: 1882-'84, Rhine Cliff and Hillside; '85-'87, Hyde Park and Staatsburg; '88, Lenox, Mass. Cincinnati Conference: '89, Walnut Hills; '89, '90, Mechanicsburg; '91-'93, Miamisburg; '94-'96, Grace (Norwood); '99-1901, Trinity (Xenia).

KEEN, SAMUEL A. Cincinnati Conference: 1899-1901, Troy Circuit.

KESTLE, ASA J. Cincinnati Conference: 1901, Mt. Washington.

KIRGAN, FRANCIS M. Cincinnati Conference: 1880, Walker and Union; '81, '82, Brandt; '83-'85, Lockington; '86, Blanchester; '87-'89, Centerville; '90-'92, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '93-'97, Carthage and Elmwood; '98-1901, Fairmount.

KUGLER, MATTHIAS M. Cincinnati Conference: 1875, '76, Cheviot; '77, '78, Loveland; '79, '80, St. John's (Cincinnati); '81-'83, Davisson (Dayton); '84-'86, Mechanicsburg; '87-'89, Lebanon; '90, '91, Winton Place; '92, Delhi; '93-'96, Cheviot; '97, '98, Westwood (Cincinnati); '99, Assistant at Trinity (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, Instructor Deaconess Home (Cincinnati).

LAIRD, JOHN F. Cincinnati Conference: 1885, Carthage; '86, Groesbeck; '87, Chilo; '88, '89, Marathon; '90, '91, Laurel; '92-'96, West Union; '97, '98, New Moorefield; '99-1901, Christiansburg.

LANE, EDWARD T. Minnesota Conference: 1879. Cincinnati Conference: '80-'82, Mt. Lookout; '83, '84, Columbia; '85, Pleasant Ridge; '86, '87, Olive Branch; '88, '89, supernumerary; '90, New Richmond; '91, Goshen; '92-'94, Wilmington; '95, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '96, '97, Felicity; '98-1900, Williamsburg; 1901, Ripley.

LATSHAW, DAVID G. Cincinnati Conference: 1899-1901, Westwood.

LEASE, JOHN H. Central Pennsylvania Conference: 1860-'63, Principal in Union Seminary, New Berlin, Pa.; '64, '65, Professor in Pennsylvania Agricultural College; '65-'69, Professor of Ancient Languages in Northwestern College, Naperville, Ill. St. Louis Conference: '70-'72, Holden, Mo.; '73, '74, Knob Knoster, Mo. Cincinnati Conference: '75-'77, Batavia; '78-'80, Asbury (Cincinnati); '81-'83, Wilmington; '84-'86, Madisonville; '87-'89, York Street (Cincinnati) '90-'94, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati); '95, Bond Hill; '96-'99, Seven Mile; 1900, '01, Bethany.

LEEVER, FRANK. Cincinnati Conference: 1876, West Union; '77, '78, Amelia; '79, Cumminsville; '80, '81, St. Paris and Lena; '82, '83, New Boston; '84-'86, Miami; '87, Springboro and Red Lion; '88-'90, Seven Mile; '91-'93, Bethany; '94-'96, Union; '97-'99, Tremont City; 1900, '01, Monroe.

LEONARD, ADNA B. Pittsburg Conference: 1860, Marlboro, O.; '61, '62, Allegheny, Pa.; '63, Butler, Pa.; '64, '65, Alliance, O. Kansas Conference: '66, '67, Leavenworth, Kan.; '68, '69, P. E. Leavenworth District. Pittsburg Conference: '70-'72, Smithfield Street (Pittsburg, Pa.) Cincinnati Conference: '73, St. John (Cincinnati); '74-'76, Walnut Hills; '77, '78, Grace (Dayton); '79-'82, P. E. East Cincinnati District; '83-'85, Central (Springfield); '86, '87, Greene Street (Piqua); '88-1901, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society (150 Fifth Avenue, New York).

LeSOURD, MARION. Cincinnati Conference: 1881-'83, Carthage and Pleasant Ridge; '84-'86, Winton Place; '87-'91, Christie (Cincinnati); '92-'96, Greenfield; '97-'99, Hillsboro; 1900, 1901, Milford.

LOYD, JOHN F. Ohio Conference: 1849, Monroe; '50, Jamestown; '51, Clarksville. Cincinnati Conference: '52, '53, Sinking Spring; '54, Georgetown; '55, '56, Mission (Cincinnati); '57, Harrison; '58, '59, Monroe; '60, Davisson (Dayton); '61, '62, Red Lion and Springboro; '63, '64, missionary to soldiers; '65, Mission (Cincinnati); '66, '67, High Street (Cincinnati); '68, Carr Street (Cincinnati); '69, Union; '70, Mission (Cincinnati); '71, Mears (Cincinnati); '72-'74, Goshen; '75, '76, North Lewisburg; '77-'85, President Hillsboro Female College; '86, Acting President Rust University; '87, Germantown; '88, Professor Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '89, Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '90, Pendleton; '91, '92, Maineville; '93-'96, superannuated. (P. O. Highland.)

LUTTERMAN, EDWARD J. Cincinnati Conference: 1900, '01, at school.

MAGRUDER, JAMES W. Cincinnati Conference: 1889-'91, Camp Washington; '92-'96, Wesley Chapel (Cincinnati); '97, '98, St. Paul (Springfield); '99-'01, professor in Ohio Wesleyan University.

MADDOX, ALLEN D. Cincinnati Conference: 1875, Lynchburg; '76-'78, Bethel; '79-'81, Clarksville; '82-'84, Lynchburg; '85-'87, Winchester; '88-'90, Cheviot; '91, '92, Fairmount; '93, Waynesville; '94-'96, Newtown; '97-'99, Cedarville; 1900, '01, Tremont City.

MARSH, SEREN N. Cincinnati Conference: 1869, Clarksville; '70, Bowersville; '71, Georgetown; '72, Laurel; '73, '74, Centenary; '75, '76, Manchester; '77-'79, Aberdeen; '80, '81, Moscow; '82-'86, supernumerary; '87-'01, superannuated. Montecito, Cal.

MARSHALL, ISAAC R. Cincinnati Conference: 1893, Brandt; '94, Bethel; '95, Springboro; '96-'98, Fairhaven; '99, 1900, Finley (Cincinnati); '01, Conference evangelist.

MASON, JOHN. Cincinnati Conference: 1856, Jamestown; '57, Merrittstown; '58, Raysville; '59, New Burlington; '60, supernumerary; '61, Oldtown; '62, '63, Lebanon; '64, '65, Waynesville; '66, '67, Mechanicsburg; '68-'70, Monroe; '71-'73, South Charleston; '74-'76, Jamestown; '77, Madisonville; '78, Tippecanoe; '79, Miamisburg; '80, supernumerary; '81-'83, Walker and Union; '84-'86, Centerville; '87, '88, Mason; '89-'94, P. E. Ripley District; '95-'99, Milford; 1900-'01, superannuated.

MAXEY, WILLIAM N. Cincinnati Conference: 1855, New Lexington; '56, New Market; '57, '58, Lynchburg; '59, Sinking Spring; '60, '61, Winchester; '62, Clarksville; '63, Bowersville; '64-1901, superannuated. (P. O. Russel's.)

McCABE, JOHN J. Cincinnati Conference: 1882-'84, Germantown; '85, '86, Tippecanoe; '87, '88, South Charleston; '89-'92, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '93-'97, First Church (Xenia); '98-'01, Raper (Dayton).

McCOLM, DAVID A. Cincinnati Conference: 1878, '79, Marshall; '80-'82, Sinking Spring; '83-'85, Sabina; '86, '87, New Burlington; '88, '89, Aberdeen; '90, Port Union; '91, Camden; '92, New Moorefield; '93, '94, Osborn; '95, '96, Lewisburg; '97, Fort Jefferson; '98, Belfast; '99, Sugar Tree Ridge; 1900, '01, Martinsville.

McCOLM, JAMES F. Cincinnati Conference: 1874, '75, Feesburg; '76, Bantam; '77, Collins; '78, Bantam; '79, '80, Olive Branch; '81-'83, Blanchester and Butlerville; '84-'86, Goshen; '87-'90, Union; '91, Leesburg; '92, '93, Arcanum; '94, '95, Port Union; '96, '97, Winchester; '98, Martinsville; '99-'01, Fairhaven.

McCOLM, REUBEN S. Cincinnati Conference: 1889, Blanchester; '90, '91, South Charleston Circuit; '92-'96, New Jasper; '97-'99, Dialton; 1900,'01, New Moorefield.

McHUGH, EDWARD. Cincinnati Conference: 1856, New Lexington; '57, '58, New Market; '59, Aberdeen; '60, '61, Miami; '62, Goshen; '63, '64, Felicity; '65, New Richmond; '66, '67, North Lewisburg; '68-'70, Waynesville; '71-'73, McLean (Cincinnati); '74, Finley (Cincinnati); '75-'77, McKendree (Cincinnati); '78, '79, Georgetown; '80-'82, Tremont; '83-'85, West Chester; '86-'90, Bethany; '91-'95, McKendree (Cincinnati); '96, '97, Asbury (Cincinnati); '98-'01, York Street (Cincinnati).

McMULLEN, WILLIAM T. Cincinnati Conference: 1863, Batavia; '64, '65, Aberdeen; '66-'68, Laurel; '69, '70, West Union; '71, '72, Batavia; '73-'75, Marathon; '76, '77, Centenary; '78-'83, supernumerary; '84-'01, superannuated. Goshen.

McNARY, JAMES H. South Kansas Conference: 1888-'90, Fontana: '91, '92, Greeley. Cincinnati Conference: '92-'94, Blanchester; '95, '96, Monroe; '97, Arcanum; '98, '99, Goshen; '1900, '01, Bowersville.

MIDDLETON, HOMER C. Cincinnati Conference: 1863, '64, Aberdeen; '65, '66, Amelia; '67, Batavia; '68-'70, Georgetown; '71, '72, New Richmond; '73-'75, Loveland and Maineville; '76-'78, Goshen; '79-'81, Felicity; '82-'84, Amelia; '85, Cedarville; '86-'89, Tremont City; '90-'94, Yellow Springs; '95, Centerville; '96-'01, Leesburg.

MITCHELL, FRANK G. Cincinnati Conference: 1867, '68, North Bend; '69, Catawba; '70-'72, Williamsburg; '73-'75, Greenfield; '76-'78, High Street (Springfield); '79, '80, Ripley; '81-'83, York Street (Cincinnati); '84, '85, First Church (Urbana); '86-'91, P. E. Springfield District; '92-'96, Greene Street (Piqua); 97-1901, Greenfield.

MITCHELL, WM. C. Cincinnati Conference: 1893, Bethel; '94, '95, Covington, O. Puget Sound Conference: ——. Cincinnati Conference: 1900, '01. (See Directory.)

MOORE, C. J. Cincinnati Conference: 1901, Sugar Tree Ridge.

MOORE, THOMAS D. Northwest Indiana Conference: 1887, Rose Lawn; '88, '89, Medaryville. North Dakota Conference: '89, '90, Grafton; '91, Maysville; '92, '93, Devil's Lake. Cincinnati Conference: '94-'97, Manchester; '98, Bond Hill; '99-'01, Harrison.

MORRIS, GEORGE V. Cincinnati Conference: 1891-'93, Norwood; '94-'96, Batavia; '97, '98, Franklin; '99, Clifton (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati).

MUNSEY, CANARO D. Holston Conference: 1879, '80, Taylorsville, Tenn.; '81, Second Church (Knoxville, Tenn.); '82-'84, Sevierville, Tenn. Cincinnati Conference: '85, King's Creek; '86, '87, New Paris; '88, '89, Dialton; '90-'92, Tremont City; '93-'95, Catawba; '96, Amelia; '97-'99, Clifton Avenue (Springfield); 1900, '01, Mutual.

MYERS, CLIFFORD L. Cincinnati Conference: 1895-'99, Linwood; 1900, Germantown; '01, Christie (Cincinnati).

NEWTON, ABBOTT G. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, Centenary; '89, '90, Feesburg; '91, '92, Chilo; '93-'95, Decatur; '96-'01, Bethel.

NINDE, JOHN P. Cincinnati Conference: 1890-'93, Concord; '94-'98, Trinity (Dayton); '99-'01, Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge.

PATTON, JOSEPH W. Cincinnati Conference: 1894-'96, Red Lion; '97-'99, Lewisburg; 1900, '01, Springboro and Lytle.

PATTON, W. M. Cincinnati Conference: 1892, Cleves and Addyston; '93, '94, New Moorefield; '95-'99, Osborn; 1900, '01, Lynchburg.

PEALE, CHARLES C. Cincinnati Conference: 1895, Sugar Tree Ridge; '96-'99, Bowersville; 1900, '01, Highland.

PEARSON, JOHN. Cincinnati Conference: 1865-'69, Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission—('65-'67, Mears; '68, '69, Carr Street and Clark Street); '70, Union; '71, New Carlisle; '72, '73, Waynesville; '74-'76, St. Paris and Lena; '77, Port Union; '78-'80, Mt. Auburn; '81, '82, First Church (Urbana); '83-'86, P. E. Hillsboro District; '87, Central (Springfield); '88, Wesley (Cincinnati); '89-'93, P. E. Cincinnati District; '94, '95, Asbury (Cincinnati); '96, '97, St. Paul (Dayton); '98, Wilmington; '99-'01, Field Agent for American Bible Society.

PETERS, JOHN W. Cincinnati Conference: 1866, Georgetown; '67, Columbia and Pendleton; '68, '69, Mt. Auburn; '70-'72, Spring Grove. Ohio Conference: '73-'75, Second Street (Zanesville); '76, Athens; '77-'79, Bigelow (Portsmouth); '80-'82, London; '83-'85, Washington C. H.; '86, Newark. Cincinnati Conference: '87-'89, Lockland and Wyoming; '90-'93, Avondale; '94-'98, Hamilton; '99-'01, St. Paul (Springfield).

POLLARD, SAMUEL G. Kentucky Conference: 1872, Orangeburg; '73, '74, Sherburne; '75, Vanceburg; '76, Shelbyville; '77, '78, Greenup; '79, '80, Somerset; '81-'83, Shinkle Chapel (Covington); '84, '85, Dayton; '86-'90, Bellevue. Cincinnati Conference: '91, Groesbeck; '92-'94, Columbia (Cincinnati); '95-'97, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '98-'01, Carthage and Elmwood Place.

PORTER, JAMES P. Cincinnati Conference: 1864, '65, West Union; '66, '67, New Lexington; '68, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '69, '70, Laurel; '71-'73, Manchester; '74, '75, Georgetown; '76-'78, Wilmington; '79, Centerville; '80-'82, Avondale; '83, '84, Greenfield; '85-'88, P. E. Ripley District; '89-'91, First Church (Urbana); '92-'95, Lebanon; '96-1900, Oxford; '01, Jamestown.

PRENTISS, LYMAN E. Central Ohio Conference: 1873, '74, Pioneer; '75-'77, Liberty Center; '78, '79, Fayette; '80-'82, Celina; '83, Bowling Green; '84-'86, Fremont; '87, First Church (Findlay). Holston Conference: '88-'90, First Church (Knoxville, Tenn.); '91, '92, First Church (Chattanooga). Cincinnati Conference: '93-'97, Raper (Dayton); '98-1900, Eaton; '01, Oxford.

PRICE, IRA E. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, '89, South Lebanon; '90, '91, Decatur; '92-'94, Laurel; '95, '96, at school; '97-'99, Owensville; 1900, '01, Manchester.

PUMPHREY, CHAS. P. Cincinnati Conference: 1899, 1900, South Charleston Circuit; '01, Arcanum.

PUMPHREY, JOHN S. Cincinnati Conference: 1863, Concord; '64, '65, Oldtown; '66-'68, Fairfield; '69, Bethany; '70, '71, Harrison; '72, '73, Cumminsville; '74-'76, Camden; '77-'79, Mingo and Tabor; '80-'82, Bethany; '83-'85, Lexington and New Vienna; '86, '87, Leesburg; '88-'92, Jamestown; '93, Trinity (Dayton); '94-'97, Miamisburg; '98-'01, South Charleston.

PUTT, WM. E. Kansas Conference: 1890-'91, Hamilton, Kan.; '92-'94, at school, Evanston, Ill.; '95, '96, Oakland Church (Topeka); '97, Parkdale Church (Topeka). Cincinnati Conference: '98-'01, Morrow.

REEVES, WM. W. Cincinnati Conference: 1900, '01, Walker and Union.

RISHELL, CHARLES W. Cincinnati Conference: 1876, '77, Finley (Cincinnati); '78, '79, Winton Place and Camp Washington; '80-'82, Delhi; '83-'85, Avondale; '86-'88, First Church (Urbana); '89, '90, supernumerary; '91-'93, Asbury (Cincinnati); '94, Central (Springfield); '95-'01, Professor Historical Theology, Boston School of Theology. (P. O. Newtonville, Mass.)

RICHARDS, M. A. Cincinnati Conference: 1864, '65, Mt. Auburn; '66, '67, Seven Mile; '68-'70, Springboro and Red Lion; '71, Grace (Piqua); '72, '73, Grace (Dayton); '74-'76, First Church (Xenia); '77, Grace (Avondale); '78, '79, Troy. Wilmington Conference: '80-'82, St. Paul (Wilmington). Philadelphia Conference: '83-'85, Green Street (Philadelphia). New Hampshire Conference: '86-'89, First Church (Lawrence, Mass.); '90-'98, located at his own request. Cincinnati Conference: '99-'01, supernumerary.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM A. Cincinnati Conference: 1869, '70, Venice; '71-'73, Christie (Cincinnati); '74-'76, Raper (Dayton); '77-'79, Central (Springfield). North Ohio Conference: '80-'82, Franklin Avenue (Cleveland). Pittsburg Conference: '83-'85, North Avenue (Allegheny, Pa.) North Ohio Conference: '86-'88, Franklin Avenue (Cleveland). Kentucky Conference: '89-'92, Union Church (Covington). Cincinnati Conference: '93-'97, Grace (Dayton); '98-1900, Trinity (Cincinnati); 1901, Corresponding Secretary for Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association.

ROYAL, STANLEY, O. Cincinnati Conference: 1877, '78, Grace (Piqua); '79-'81, Finley (Cincinnati); '82-'84, Hartwell; '85-'87, Raper (Dayton); '88-'91, Grace (Urbana); '92, '93, Middletown; '94, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '95-'99, Troy; 1900, '01, Hillsboro.

ROUGHTON, GERVAISE. Cincinnati Conference: 1890-'94, Finley (Cincinnati); '95, Pearl Street and Riverside (Cincinnati); '96, Riverside (Cincinnati); '97-'01, Wesley Chapel (Cincinnati).

RUGGLES, JAMES S. Kentucky Conference: 1875, Owensboro, Ky.; '76, '77, Germantown, Ky.; '78-'80, Mt. Olivet, Ky.; '80, Harrison and Nicholas, Ky.; '81, Greenup, Ky. Southeast Indiana Conference: '82, Jonesville, Ind.; '83, Castleton, Ind.; '84, '85, located. Cincinnati Conference: '86, '87, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '88, Olive Branch; '89, Bethel; '90, Aberdeen; '91-'93, supernumerary; '94, South Lebanon; '95, Ralnsboro; '96, '97, Martinsville; '98-1900, Clarksville; '01, Mt. Orab.

RUNYAN, WILLIAM. Cincinnati Conference: 1863, '64, Laurel; '65, '66, Williamsburg; '67, '68, Goshen; '69, '70, Milford; '71-'73, Wilmington; '74, Lebanon; '75, St. John (Cincinnati); '76, '77, Christie (Cincinnati); '78-'81, P. E. West Cincinnati District; '82-'84, First Church (Xenia); '85, Troy; '86, Central (Springfield); '87-'92, P. E. Hillsboro District, Hillsboro, O.; '93, Jamestown; '94-'96, Middletown; '97-1900, Cumminsville; '01, P. E. Milford District.

RUST, RICHARD H. New York East Conference: 1868-'70, Nostrand Avenue (Brooklyn); '71, '72, Sag Harbor; '73-'75, New Britain, Conn.; '76, Greenwich, Conn. South New England Conference: '77-'79, St. Paul's (Fall River, Mass.) Cincinnati Conference: '80, '81, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '82-'84, Grace (Dayton); '85-'89, High Street (Springfield). Detroit Conference: '90, Ann Arbor. Cincinnati Conference: '91, supernumerary; '92, President Wesleyan College, Cincinnati; '93, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '94-'99, P. E. Cincinnati District; 1900, '01, Clifton (Cincinnati).

RUST, RICHARD S. New England Conference: 1844, Springfield, Mass.; '45, Worcester, Mass. New Hampshire Conference: '46-'49, Principal New Hampshire Conference Seminary and State School Commissioner of New Hampshire; '50, '51, Portsmouth, N. H.; '52, '53, Great Falls, N. H.; '54, '55, Lawrence, Mass.; '56, Manchester, N. H.; '57, Haverhill, Mass. Cincinnati Conference: '58-'61, President Wilberforce University (Xenia); '62, Morris Chapel (Cincinnati); '63-'65, President Wesleyan Female College (Cincinnati); '66, '67, Field Superintendent Freedmen's Aid Society; '68-'87, Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society; '88-'01, Honorary Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society.

SCHENK, C. E. Cincinnati Conference: 1892, left without appointment to attend school; '93, '94, Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge; '95-'98, Clifton (Cincinnati); '99-'01, Hamilton.

SELLERS, OWEN M. Cincinnati Conference: 1887, '88, King's Creek; '89-'91, New Moorefield; '92-'95, Leesburg; '96-'98, Troy Circuit; '99, 1900, Grace (Piqua); '01, Mechanicsburg.

SENTMAN, JACOB E. H. Cincinnati Conference: 1875, '76, Miami; '77, '78, Camden; '79-81, Fairmount; '82-'84, St. Paris and Lena; '85-'87, New Richmond; '88, Georgetown; '89, '90, Miamisburg; '91-'93, Union; '94, Belfast; '95, Lexington; '96-'99, Highland; 1900, '01, Peebles.

SHANOR, GEORGE B. Cincinnati Conference: 1894, Martinsville; '95, '96, at school; '97, Centenary; '98, Felicity; '99, 1900, Grace (Norwood); '01, Northside (Cincinnati).

SHIVELY, JACOB L. Cincinnati Conference: 1884-'86, Walker and Union; '87, '88, Carthage and Bond Hill; '89, '90, Carthage and Elmwood; '91, Middletown; '92-'96, Eaton; '97, '98, Madisonville; '99-'01, Lebanon.

SHULTZ, J. McKENDREE. Ohio Conference: 1860, Wheelersburg; '61, Burlington; '62, Wheelersburg; '63, Pomeroy; '64, Dunbarton; '65-'67, Piketon; '68, '69, South Bloomfield. Cincinnati Conference: '70, Butlerville; '71, Sharon and West Chester; '74-'74, New Lexington; '75, Lewisburg; '76-'78, Centerville; '79, '80, New Carlisle; '81-'83, Red Lion and Springboro; '84, '85, Leesburg; '86-'88, Sabina; '89, '90, South Charleston; '91, Arcanum; '92, Lynchburg; '93-'95, Gordon; '96-'98, Springboro; '99, 1900, New Paris; '01, superannuated.

SMITH, RANDOLPH E. Cincinnati Conference: 1866, Hamersville; '67, Laurel; '68, '69, Marathon; '70-'72, Bethel; '73, '74, Rainsboro; '75, '76, Mt. Washington; '77-'79, New Lexington; '80-'82, Greene Street (Piqua); '83-'85, Franklin; '85, '86, Helena, Montana (Missionary in Montana). Montana Conference: '87, P. E. Helena District; '88, President and Agent Montana Wesleyan University. Cincinnati Conference: '89, '90, Manchester; '91, supernumerary; '92-'94, Milford; '95, Christie (Cincinnati); '96, '97, Field Secretary Anti-saloon League; '98, '99, Lynchburg; 1900, '01, Osborn.

SMITH, SAMUEL B. Michigan Wesleyan Methodist Conference: 1846, '47, Grand Rapids; '49, '50, Bridgewater; '51, Plymouth; '52, Kalamazoo; '53, Detroit; '54, College Agency; '55-'58, Grand Rapids; '59-'62, Cold Water. Miami Wesleyan Methodist Conference: '63-'66, Troy. Cincinnati Conference: '67, Franklin Street Troy); '68, York Street (Cincinnati); '69-'71, Franklin; '72-'74, Lockland; '75, High Street (Springfield); '76, '77, Harrison; '78-'80, South Charleston; '81-'84, P. E. Ripley District; '85-'87, Amelia; '88, Boston and Newtonville; '89-'91, Georgetown; '92-'96, supernumerary (R. R. No. 4, P. O.), Grand Rapids, Mich.

SMITH, GEORGE H. Cincinnati Conference: 1892-'93, left without appointment to attend school; '96, Concord; '97-1900, Winchester; '01, New Burlington.

SPAHR, ALBERT N. Cincinnati Conference: 1855, New Burlington; '56, New Carlisle; '57, Fairfield; '58, New Burlington; '59, '60, New Lexington; '61, '62, Sinking Spring; '63-'65, Batavia; '66, '67, Amelia; '68, '69, Felicity; '70-'72, Wesley (Cincinnati); '73-'75, York Street (Cincinnati); '76-'78, Grace (Urbana); '79, Oxford; '80, '81, Eaton; '82-'85, P. E. Springfield District; '86-'90, Trinity (Xenia); '91-'94, Greenville; '95-'97, Wilmington; '98-1900, Mechanicsburg; '01, Grace (Piqua).

SPURRIER, WILLIAM E. Cincinnati Conference: 1890-'92, South Lebanon; '93, Sinking Spring; '94, '95, Montgomery; '96-'01, Summerside.

SPYBEY, WILLIAM H. Kentucky Conference: 1888, '89, Shelbyville; '90-'92, at school; '93, Bowling Green; '94, Bellevue. Cincinnati Conference: '95, St. John's; '96, St. Johns and Pearl Street; '97, York Street; '98-'01, Asbury.

STABLER, ALVIN K. Cincinnati Conference: 1890, Lebanon Circuit; '91, Walker and Union. Colorado Conference: ——. Cincinnati Conference: '97-1900, West Carrollton; '01, Grace (Norwood).

STARR, DAVID J. North Indiana Conference: 1856, Warren Ind.; '57, Albany. Cincinnati Conference: '58, Camden; '59, Lewisburg; '60, Raper (Cincinnati); '61, Raper and Fairmount; '62, Port Union; '63, Mission (Cincinnati); '64, '65, Wayne Street (Piqua); '66, '67, Lebanon; '68, '69, Middletown; '70-'72, Hamilton; '73, '74, Trinity (Xenia); '75-'77, Lockland; '78-'80, York Street (Cincinnati); '81, '82, Hillsboro; '83-'85, P. E. East Cincinnati District; '86, P. E. Hamilton District; '87, '88, supernumerary; '89, Agent of Conference Tract Society; '90, superannuate; '91-'93, Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '94, Miami; '95, Finley (Cincinnati); '96-'99, Delta Avenue (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary.

STEPHAN, SAMUEL A. Cincinnati Conference: 1895, '96, Butlerville; '97-1900, at school; '01, Germantown.

STORY, JOHN A. Cincinnati Conference: 1877, Miami Circuit; '78-'80, Mt. Washington; '81-'83, Mt. Auburn; '84-'86, Lockland-Wyoming; '87-'91, Madisonville. Pittsburg Conference: '92-'94, North Avenue (Allegheny, Pa.) Cincinnati Conference: '95-'01, High Street (Springfield).

SUTHERLAND, WILLIAM H. Ohio Conference: 1843, Winchester; '44, Charleston, W. Va.; '45, West Union; '46, Hillsboro; '47, Athens; '48, Harmar; '49, Lancaster; '50, Main Street (Chillicothe); '51, Asbury (Cincinnati). Cincinnati Conference: '52, '53, Wesley (Dayton); '54, Lebanon; '55, High Street (Springfield); '56, '57, Christie (Cincinnati); '58, '59, Trinity (Cincinnati); '60, '61, First Church (Xenia); '62, '63, Lockland; '64-'66, P. E. Dayton District; '67-'69, Greene Street (Piqua); '70-'72, Ripley; '73, '74, First Church (Urbana); '75, '76, Middletown. Ohio Conference: '77, Sixth Street (Portsmouth). Cincinnati Conference: '78-'80, Batavia; '81, '82, Yellow Springs; '83, '84, Monroe; '85-'87, Felicity; '88-'92, Williamsburg; '93, '94, Fairmount Cincinnati); '95-'01, superannuated.

TAGGART, JOSEPH I. Cincinnati Conference: 1875-'77, Clarksville; '78, '79, Leesburg; '80, supernumerary; '81-'96, superannuated. (P. O. Rainsboro.)

THIRKIELD, WILBUR P. Cincinnati Conference: 1879-'80, Germantown; '81, '82, McLean (Cincinnati); '83, Dean Gammon School of Theology, Savannah Conference: '84-'99, Dean Gammon School of Theology; '99, General Secretary Epworth League. Cincinnati Conference: 1900, '01, Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society.

TIMMONS, STEPHEN B. Cincinnati Conference: 1895-'97, Miami; '98, Mt. Washington; '99-'01, Groesbeck.

TORBET, HOWARD L. Cincinnati Conference: 1897-'99, Germantown; 1900, Assistant Grace (Dayton); '01, at school.

TRAVIS, Gilbert L. Cincinnati Conference: 1875, Winchester and Germantown; '76, Concord; '77, Mt. Washington; '78-'80, Miami; '81-'83, New Burlington; '84, Maineville; '85, '86, Concord; '87, Covington; '88, '89, Troy Circuit; '90, Centerville; '91, '92, supernumerary; '93, '94, Lewisburg; '95-'97, Camden; '98-'01, Covington.

TROUT, PHILIP. Cincinnati Conference: 1889, '90, Clarksville; '91-'95, New Burlington; '96-'99, Centerville; 1900, '01, Spring Valley.

TUFTS, GEORGE LEWIS. Cincinnati Conference: 1884, Pleasant Ridge; '85, '86, Montgomery; '87, '88, Grace (Springfield); '89-'91, Cedarville; '92, Camp Washington (Cincinnati); '93, '94, Harrison; '95, '96, York Street (Cincinnati); '97, '98, Red Lion; '99-'01, New Carlisle.

TURRELL, A. C. Cincinnati Conference: 1891, '92, Grace (Springfield); '93-'97, Price Hill (Cincinnati); '98-'01, First Church (Xenia).

UTTER, OLIVER L. Kansas Conference: 1895, '96, Axtell; ('97, Wood's Holl, Mass.; '98, Falmouth, Mass.; '99, Barnstead, N. H., supply). Cincinnati Conference: '99, South Lebanon; 1900, '01, Ebenezer and Homestead Avenue (Dayton).

VANCE, JOHN. Cincinnati Conference: 1854, Vienna; '55, North Lewisburg; '56, Fletcher; '57, King's Creek and Mechanicsburg; '58, Vienna; '59, '60, New Paris; '61, '62, New Burlington; '63-'65, Jamestown; '66, '67, Union; '68-'70, New Carlisle; '71, Lynchburg; '72-'74, Catawba; '75, Laurel; '76-'78, Olive Branch; '79-'81, Amelia; '82-'84, Felicity; '85-'89, Mutual; '90-'01, superannuated.

VAN PELT, CYRUS M. Cincinnati Conference: 1890-'93, Morrow; '94-'98, Trinity (Xenia); '99-'01, Central (Springfield).

VAUGHAN, JOHN G. Louisiana Conference: 1882-'84, Ames (New Orleans, La.) Cincinnati Conference: '84-'86, Red Lion and Springboro; '87, Yellow Springs; '88-'92, St. Paul (Dayton); '93-'97, Grace (Urbana); '98-'01, St. Paul's (Dayton).

VERITY, JONATHAN. Cincinnati Conference: 1869, Addison; '61, Lewisburg; '62, '63, Fletcher; '64, '65, North Lewisburg; '66, Vienna; '67, Addison; '68-'70, Jamestown; '71, '72, Union; '73, '74, Columbia and Pendleton; '75, Fairmount; '76-'78, supernumerary; '79, Conference missionary; '80-'82, Georgetown; '83, '84, McKendree (Cincinnati); '85, Monroe; '86-'89, supernumerary; '90, St. John (Cincinnati); '91-'93, Trinity (Dayton); '94, Cleves; '95-'99, supernumerary; 1900-'01, Conference evangelist.

VORHIS, G. W. Cincinnati Conference: 1891, New Madison; '92, Gordon; '93-'95, West Carrollton; '96, Glendale and Sharonville; '97, Homestead Avenue and Riverside; '98-1900, Riverdale; '01, Blanchester.

WALTER, THOMAS P. Kentucky Conference: 1887, Louisville. Indiana Conference: '88, Petersburg; '89, '90, Evansville; '90, '91, Indianapolis. Cincinnati Conference: '92, New Carlisle; '93, Montgomery; '94, '95, Aberdeen; '96, Peebles; '97, Covington; '98, at school; '99-1900, supernumerary; '01, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati).

WARNER, WILBUR G. Cincinnati Conference: 1883, '84, Cheviot; '85, Camden; '86, '87, Seven Mile; '88, '89, New Richmond; '90, '91, supernumerary; '92, Riverside; '93, Grace (Springfield); '94, '95, Morrow; '96, Mason; '97-'01, supernumerary.

WASHBURN, D. W. C. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, Covington; '89, Cleves; '90, '91, Columbia (Cincinnati); '92, '93, Ivanhoe; '94, '95, Peebles; '96, Pleasant Ridge and Montgomery; '97, St. John (Cincinnati); '98, South Charleston Circuit; '99, New Moorefield; 1900, Sugar Tree Ridge; '01, Belfast.

WASHBURN, LEWIS A. Cincinnati Conference: 1898, Montgomery; '99, Williamsburg Circuit; 1900, '01, Marathon.

WEAKLEY, HENRY C. Cincinnati Conference: 1877, Catawba; '78-'80, McLean (Cincinnati); '81, Hartwell; '82-'84, Tippecanoe City; '85-'88, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '89-'90, Financial Secretary of Deaconess Home and Superintendent of Christ's Hospital; '91-'99, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, President Home of the Aged.

WEEKS, SYLVESTER. Cincinnati Conference: 1858, Concord; '59, North Bend; '60, Lewisburg; '61, Red Lion; '62, '63, Winchester; '64, Manchester; '65-'67, Greenfield; '68, Wilmington; '69, Madisonville; '70-'72, Felicity; '73-'75, Ripley; '76-'78, Wesley (Cincinnati); '79, Franklin; '80-'82, Trinity (Xenia); '83-'85, Miamisburg; '86-'88, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '89, Batavia; '90, '91, Delhi; '92-'94, Winton Place; '95-'01, supernumerary.

WEHRLY, W. H. Cincinnati Conference: 1891, '92, Springboro; '93-'95, Grace (Piqua); '96, '01, Hartwell.

WELLS, CHARLES J. Cincinnati Conference: 1871, Decatur; '72, Lewisburg; '73, Addison; '74, '75, Lockington; '76, Marathon; '77, '78, West Union; '79, '80, East Liberty; '81, '82, Sabina and Bowersville; '83, '84, Sinking Spring; '85-'87, Ralnsboro; '88, Martinsville; '89-'91, Owensville and Newtonville; '92, '93, Summerside; '94, '95, Mt. Orab; '96-'01, supernumerary.

WELLS, EDWARD T. Cincinnati Conference: 1867, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '68-'70, Wayne Street (Piqua); '71, '72, Mechanicsburg; '73, Madisonville; '74-'76, Central (Springfield); '77-'79, Raper (Dayton); '80, '81, First Church (Xenia); '82-'84, Troy; '85-'87, Grace (Urbana); '88-'91, Greene Street (Piqua); '92-'97, P. E. Dayton District; '98, '99, Lockland-Wyoming; 1900, '01, Wilmington.

WEST, WILLIAM M. Baltimore Conference: 1871, Buckeye Town, Md.; '72, '73, Pleasant Grove, Md.; '74, Elk Ridge, Md.; '75, Forrestville, Md. West Virginia Conference: '76, Wesley (Wheeling, W. Va.); '77, Marshall, W. Va.; '78, '79, Evansville, W. Va.; '80, '81, Prunty Town, W. Va.; '82, Buckhannon, W. Va.; '83, '84, Buckhannon, W. Va. Cincinnati Conference: '85, Fair Haven; '86, Lewisburg; '87, '88, Feesburg; '89, West Union; '90, Troy Circuit; '91, Brandt; '92-'94, New Paris and Fort Jefferson; '96, Venice; '97, Branch Hill; '98-1900, superannuated.

WHITE, JOHN A. Cincinnati Conference: 1877, Walker and Union; '78, Finley (Cincinnati); '79, '80, Carthage and Pleasant Ridge; '81-'83; North Hampton; '84, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '85, '86, Columbia; '87-'91, Catawba; '92-'94, Monroe; '96, Tremont City; '97-'99, Union; 1900, '01, Centerville.

WIANT, W. A. Cincinnati Conference: 1892-'96, Dialton; '97-'01, Mason.

WILLIAMS, THOMAS G. Cincinnati Conference: 1888, Concord; '89, '90, Christiansburg; '91, King's Creek; '92-'95, Feesburg; '96-'98, Decatur; '99-'01, Laurel.

WILSON, JOHN. Cincinnati Conference: 1870, North Bend; '71, Cumminsville; '72, '73, Seven Mile; '74, Venice; '75, Harrison; '76, New Paris; '77, '78, Groesbeck; '79, '80, Winchester; '81-'83, Leesburg; '84, '85, Camp Dennison; '86 '87, Bowersville; '88, Winchester; '89-'91, Moscow; '92, Pendleton; '93-'96, Lynchburg; '97-'01, New Vienna.

WINKLER, J. A. Cincinnati Conference: 1891, Venice; '92, Montgomery; '93, Belfast; '94, '95, Bowersville; '96, Mt. Orab; '97, South Lebanon; '98, Gordon; '99, 1900, Ft. Jefferson; '01, Aberdeen.

WONES, CREIGHTON. Cincinnati Conference: 1882-'84, South Charleston Circuit; '85, Price Hill; '86-'88, Harrison; '89-'91, Monroe; '92-'96, Cumminsville; '97, Eaton; '98, '01, Broadway (Dayton).

WYCKOFF, R. J. Cincinnati Conference: 1892-'95, left without appointment to attend school; '96, 1900, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '01, Green Street (Piqua).

YOUNG, JESSE BOWMAN. Central Pennsylvania Conference: 1868-'70, York Springs Circuit; '71-'73, Gettysburg; '74-'76, Curwensville; '77-'79, Carlisle; '80-'82, Eighth Avenue (Altoona); '83, '84, Financial Agent Dickinson College; '85-'87, Grace (Harrisburg). St. Louis Conference: '88-'92, Grand Avenue (Kansas City); '92-'99, Editor Central Christian Advocate. Cincinnati Conference: 1900, '01, Walnut Hills (Cincinnati, O).

YOUNG, LAFAYETTE. Cincinnati Conference: 1871, Sardinia; '72, Addison; '73, Lockington; '74, New Lexington; '75, '76, Sinking Spring; '77-'79, New Paris; '80-'82, Lockington; '83, '84, Trinity (Dayton); '85-'87, Franklin; '88, '89, Yellow Springs; '90, Trinity (Dayton); '91, St. John (Cincinnat); '92, '93, Delhi; '94, '95, supernumerary; '96-'01, superannuated.

ZINK, MILTON P. Ohio Conference: 1849, Aberdeen; '50, '51, Georgetown. Cincinnati Conference: '52, Batavia; '53, Clinton Street (Cincinnati); '54, '55, Winchester; '56, Clarksville; '57, '58, Aberdeen; '59, '60, Williamsburg; '61, '62, Hamersville; '63, Amelia; '64, '65, New Lexington; '66, '67, Sinking Spring; '68, New Market; '69, '70, Winchester; '71, '72, Clarksville; '73, '74, Batavia; '75, Cedarville; '76, Lewisburg; '77, '78, Addison; '79, Sinking Spring; '80, '81, Lynchburg; '82, '83, Bethel; '84, Bethel and Laurel; '85, Bantam; '86, Chilo; '87, Malneville; '88, Hillsboro Circuit; '89-'01, superannuated. (P. O., Hillsboro.)

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Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Ent'd Ministry		Elected.	Residence.
		Conference.	Y'r		
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	Evanston, Ill.
Randolph Sinks Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Roxbury, Mass.
Stephen Mason Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Denver, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	Buffalo, N. Y.
*William Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884	Bishop of Africa.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Topeka, Kan.
James Newbury FitzGerald	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Fort Worth, Tex.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Portland, Ore.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	.....	1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Africa.
*Francis W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Calcutta, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Shanghai, China.
John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1815	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise stated.

Abrams, J. E., Miamisburg.
Armacost, H. E., Amelia.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Franklin.
Austin, G. P., Tippecanoe City.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Batavia.
Baker, W. J., Goshen.
Barnes, C. W., Springfield.
Bashford, J. W., Delaware.
Becker, O. D., Ross.
Beery, J. E., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bell, S. W., Cincinnati.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Blodgett, C. W., Cincinnati.
Bowers, A. (Sa.), Piqua.
Briggs, C. W., New Jasper.
Brokaw, A. L., Moscow.
Brown, V. F., Hillsboro.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Brown, Wm. B., Sinking Spring.
Burdsall, E., Winton Place.
Campbell, S. W., Springfield.
Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Urbana.
Chapman, C. L. (Sn.), Liberty, N. Y.
Chenoweth, John F., Cincinnati.
Cherington, E. H., Urbana.
Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clemans, F. M., Dayton.
Coffman, W. M., Waynesville.
Colley, J. R., Delhi.
Conger, C. L., Greenville.
Cowgill, A. T., Glendale.
Crum, C. T., Cincinnati.
Cundy, T., Clarksville.
Curless, H. G., Rainsboro.
Dalbey, J. L., Dialton.
Darling, J. D., Williamsburg.
Dart, G. H., Urbana.
Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Davis, L. M., Newtown.
Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
Deaton, W. A., Madisonville.
Deem, R. K., Sabina.
Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Price Hill, Cin'ti.
Dubois, G. W., Troy.

Duckwall, J. L., Springfield.
Dunham, W. J., Felicity.
Easton, G. S., West Union.
Easton, J. A., Winchester.
Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Troy.
Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.
Edmonds, E. P., Avondale, Cin'ti.
Elliott, C. W., Yellow Springs.
Ellsworth, E. M., Dayton.
English, F. C., Cincinnati.
English, W. D., Owensville.
Enyart, C. F., New Richmond.
Ewry, D. S. (Sn.), Mt. Orab.
Fee, G. W. (Sa.), Mt. Orab.
Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Upper Sandusky.
Fuller, M. B., Cincinnati.
Fulton, G. M., Maineville.
Gaddis, J. W., West Carrollton.
Gaddis, E. S., Loveland.
Geissinger, J. A., Cincinnati.
Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
Glascock, J. L. (Sn.), Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati.
Gray, W. S., Decatur.
Gregg, J. L. (Sa.), Manhattan, Kan.
Gullette, C. W., Dayton.
Haines, C. H., Eaton.
Hamilton, A., Cedarville.
Hammaker, W. E., Dayton.
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Keck, H. M. (Sa.), Hamilton.
Keen, S. A., Troy.
Kestle, Asa J., Mt. Washington.
Ketcham, H. D., Dayton.
Ketcham, M. E., Xenia.
Kirgan, F. M., Fairmount.
Kugler, M. M., Westwood.
Laird, J. F., Christiansburg.
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Latshaw, David G., Westwood.
Lease, J. H., Bethany.
Leever, F., Monroe.
Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
LeSourd, M., Milford.
Loyd, J. F. (Sa.), Highland.
Lutterman, Edward J., Madison, N. J
Magruder, J. W., Delaware.
Maddox, A. D., Westville.
Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
Marshall, I. R., Cincinnati.
Mason, John W. (Sa.), Springfield.
Maxey, W. N. (Sa.), Russell.
McCabe, J. J., Dayton.
McColm, D. A., Martinsville.
McColm, J. F., Fair Haven.
McColm, R. S., New Moorefield.
McHugh, E., Cincinnati.
McMullen, W. T. (Sa.), Goshen.
McNary, J. H., Bowersville.
Middleton, H. C., Leesburg.
Mitchell, F. G., Greenfield.
Mitchell, Wm. C., Lewisburg.
Moore, C. J., Sugar Tree Ridge.
Moore, T. D., Harrison.
Morris, G. V., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Munsey, C. D., Mutual.
Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.
Newton, A. G., Bethel.
Ninde, J. P., Bond Hill.
Patton, J. W., Springboro.
Patton, W. M., Lynchburg.
Peale, C. C., Highland.
Pearson, Jno., Cincinnati.
Peters, J. W., Springfield.
Pollard, S. G., Carthage.
Porter, J. P., Jamestown.
Prentiss, L. E., Oxford.
Price, I. E., Manchester.
Pumphrey, Chas. P., Arcanum.
Pumphrey, J. S., S. Charleston.
Putt, W. E., Morrow.
Reeves, W. W., Oxford.
Rishell, C. W., Newtonville, Mass.
Richards, Madison A. (Sn.), Station H, Cincinnati.
Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
Royal, S. O., Hillsboro.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
Ruggles, J. S., Mt. Orab.
Runyan, Wm., Milford.
Rust, R. H., Cincinnati.
Rust, R. S., Cincinnati.
Schenk, C. E., Hamilton.
Sellers, O. M., Mechanicsburg.
Sentman, J. E. H., Peebles.
Shanor, G. B., Station A, Cincinnati.
Shively, J. L., Lebanon.
Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Paris.
Smith, R. E., Osborn.
Smith, S. B. (Sa.), Grand Rapids, Mich.

Smith, G. H., New Burlington.
Spahr, A. N., Piqua.
Spurrier, W. E., Summerside.
Spybey, Wm. H., Cincinnati.
Stabler, A. K., Station H, Cincinnati.
Starr, D. J., Columbus.
Stephan, S. A., Germantown.
Story, J. A., Springfield.
Sutherland, W. H. (Sa.), Wyoming.
Taggart, J. I. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Timmons, S. B., Groesbeck.
Torbet, H. L., Boston, Mass.
Travis, G. L., Covington.
Trout, P., Spring Valley.
Tufts, G. L., New Carlisle.
Turrell, A. C., Xenia.
Utter, O. L., Dayton.
Vance, John (Sa.), New Moorefield.
Van Pelt, C. M., Springfield.
Vaughan, J. G., Dayton.
Verity, J., Middletown.
Vorhis, G. W., Blanchester.
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Warner, W. G. (Sn.), Oxford.
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Washburn, L. A., Marathon.
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White, J. A., Centerville.
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Wilson, J., New Vienna.
Winkler, J. A., Aberdeen.
Wones, Creighton, Dayton.
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SUMMARY.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—		
Superannuated,	34	
Supernumerary,	6	
Effective,	159	
Total,		199
PROBATIONERS—		
First Year,	4	
Second Year,	2	
		6
Total,		205
LOCAL PREACHERS,		111
WIDOWS,		63

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Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O., 28.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O., 44.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky., 10.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O., 12.
Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenfield, O., 41.
Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Wilkinson Street, Dayton, O., 47.
Collett, Mrs. Thos., Middletown, O., 51.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
Darlington, Mrs. N.W., West Union, O.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O., 35.
Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky., 6.
Herr, Mrs. Wm., Dayton, O., 56.
Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., 10.
Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensville, Ohio, 37.
Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
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Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Delaware, O., 35.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O., 6.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, Christiansburg, O., 13.
Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O., 42.
Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.
Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51.
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McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
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Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H, Cincinnati, 62.
Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
Purkiser, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O., 32.
Robinson, Mrs. J. M., Indianapolis, Ind., 29.
Sargent, Mrs. D. H., Lebanon, O., 28.
Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.
Shultz, Mrs. J. P., New Carlisle, 40.
Smith, Mrs. E. C., Cleves, O., 18.
Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown, O., 37.
Stokes, Mrs. H., Lambert Point, Norfolk, Va.
Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Jamestown, Ohio, 40.
Vance, Mrs. D. C., Dayton, 35.
Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.
Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O., 40.
Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., South Lebanon, 29.
Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.

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[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics;* and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

ASKEW, ROBERT (Columbia), Cinti.
BENSON, W. C. (East Pearl St.,) Cin'ti.
Castellini, C. B. (Italian Miss.), Cin'ti.
Cornuelle, V., Madisonville.
Deubler, Joseph (Christie), Cinti.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
Gilson, W. H. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Grafious, Henry Louis, Delaware, O.
Halley, R. H. (Delta Ave.), Cin'ti.
Kernan, Arthur, New York City.
King, Thos Sam'l (Northside), Cin'ti.
LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
MITCHELL, M. (Mt. Auburn), Cin'ti.
Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, Wyom'g.
Nash, Walter C. (Finley), Cin'ti.
O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.
PHENIS, W. H. (Linwood), Cin'ti.
Phipps, Chas. Francis (Trinity), Cin'ti
Pugh, Albert H. (Avondale), Cin'ti.
ROWLAND, Charles W. (Mt. Lookout), Cincinnati.
Simpkinson, W. H. (First Church), Norwood.
Spell, Thos. Gilespie (Trinity), Cin'ti.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A., Dayton.
Crauder, George, Heno.
Cunningham, Jacob, Gratis.
Ganster, Howard A., Dayton.
Grennan, L. E., Oxford.
Gudgeon, H. W., Bethany.
Hahn, J. A. Camden.
Howell, E. S., West Elkton.
HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
Jones, T. S., Dayton.
Lewis, W. C., Boston, Mass.
Paine, Dr. J. H., Middletown.
Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
Poling, Wm. B., Dayton.
RICKETTS, S. B., Dayton.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton.
Silver, H. D., Sugar Valley.
Sullenberger, Grafton, Evanston, Ill.
Voris, J. S., Dayton.
Webber, Leroy, Heno.

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Bailey, J. M., New Burlington.
Chancellor, S. D., Kingman.
Collins, H. O., Jacksonville.
Craig, S. L., New Burlington.
Curless, Ashur, Blanchester.
Dowden, J. S., Jeffersonville.
Furguson, D. S., Leesburg.
Hardy, Chas. R., Centerfield.
Hill, John P. J., Westboro.
Jackson, Joseph E., Blanchester.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
Kelch, Chas. J., Dunkinsville.
KNOX, ELIJAH L., Samantha.
Manker, W. M., Sardinia.
MCKAY, O. F., Lumberton.
Milburn, W. D., Xenia.
Moore, Chas. J., Highland.
McKay, Irving F., Xenia.
Murphey, Geo., Turkey.
Naylor, J. S., Hillsboro.
Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
Rizer, J. R., Lynchburg.
Roberts, Walter E., Seaman.
Rogers, J. H., Surreyville.
Semple, Robert, Cedar Mills.
SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
Thompson, Milton, Mt. Orab.
Williamson, Thos., Carmel.
WINGET, C. L., Rainsboro.

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Bennett, Milton, Amelia.
Bucklen, W. A., Pleasant Plain.
Cox, Edward, Point Pleasant.
DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
DURHAM, J. L., Bethel.
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Hatfield, Geo. B., Batavia.
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Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hockett, Wm., Newtonville.
Keen, G. W., Newton.
Lewis, Edwin, Amelia.
Lewis, Benj., Amelia.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
MCMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
Moore, J. F., Felicity.
Rhodes, J. N., Williamsburg.
Richards, D. S., Moscow.
Thompson, E. B., Brecon.
Thoroman, S., West Union.
Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

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Albright, S. P., Arcanum.
Bennett, C. W., Piqua.
CLINGER, I. W., Springfield.
Clutch, David, Alcony.
CROW, T. D., Urbana.

Gilham, Albert, Springfield.
GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
HERR, DAVID, Springfield.
Hill, W. T., Enon.
Martz, Geo., Greenville.
Morris, Richard, W., New Carlisle.
Rozell, Joseph, Tippecanoe.
Sellers, Damon, Piqua.
Stevens, A. A., New Carlisle.
Talbot, J. G., Urbana.
Taylor, Alfred, Springfield.
Thompson, C. W., Covington.
Trout, J. D., Springfield.
Van Cleve, C. L., Troy.
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Received this year:

From John Boehm—"Extracts of Bishop Asbury's Journal, 1802."
From Agnes Duckwall—old class-book.
From Mrs. J. W. Musgrove—Discipline of 1784.
From Peter B. Light—Bound Volume *Daily Christian Advocate*, 1900.

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IV.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder.

JOHN F. WRIGHT, Augustus Eddy, William Herr, David Reed, William Young, Michael Marlay, John W. Fowble, William H. Lawder, James F. Chalfant, Lafayette Van Cleve, Asbury Lowry, Charles W. Ketcham, and William L. Hypes (such, not to name the former living incumbents), is the apostolic succession into which I have been introduced. The memory of these saintly lives has become my legacy. To maintain their fidelity to office and ministry, their stainless integrity, their tireless industry, has been my aim since accepting the trust of this Eldership.

My immediate predecessor, Dr. Rust, turned the district over to me with such a *personnel* in the pastorate as any man might well be proud to be associated with. The fraternal relations with which the year began have not only been maintained, but strengthened and cemented. As it is not my purpose to name all the pastors and charges in succession, I may say, in general review, that, without exception, there has been earnest preaching, faithful pastoral care, and practical attention to material interests. At the last Conference the Cincinnati pastorate was splendidly re-enforced by the special transfer of two distinguished ministers—Dr. Jesse Bowman Young and Dr. Charles W. Blodgett—who quickly and completely identified themselves with our work. We have been severely bereaved in the death of Dr. Thomas H. Pearne, who, at the time of his decease, had, it is believed, seen more years of effective ministry than any pastor in the Methodist world. With the consent of the presiding Bishop, Dr. William A. Robinson will be transferred from the pastorate of Trinity Church, where he has been pre-eminently successful, to the Secretariat of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, for which position he has qualifications of the highest possible order.

A word concerning the spiritual work of the year: What St. John said, in the close of his Gospel, as to the object of his writing, may be said concerning the chief mission of the Church—it is, that men may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and, believing, have life

through his name. This has been the keynote to the ministry of the pastors of the district throughout the year. Witness, in evidence of this, the total number of days of extra service, 519; number of extra services, 569; total number professing conversion, 650; total number of accessions on probation, 483. In the aid of these evangelistic services, I have been able to give my brethren, in addition to distinctively official duties, forty-six nights of revival effort, with as many sermons, besides work at the altar. These figures do not include the results of evangelistic efforts through the Cincinnati Missionary Society, specific report of which will be made by the Superintendent. The Gospel Wagon alone reached 11,000 hearers. At the five mission chapels services are regularly maintained, including Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues. It has been my privilege to preach repeatedly at these mission stations, to administer the communion, baptize infants and adults, and receive large classes into full connection with the Church. I can not speak in too high terms of the lay work and workers in connection with this Society. An attorney at law is the efficient president. The treasurer of a Life Insurance Company gives time as superintendent. A prominent physician manages, in person, one of the stations. A commission merchant does the same for another, and a man of large commercial interests acts as treasurer, while a band of faithful men, whose hearts the Lord has touched, stand ready to co-operate in any and every way.

While the first and strongest accent has thus been given to evangelistic effort, the material interests have not been neglected. A practical and determined effort for the liquidation of debt has been made with inspiring success. Our most encumbered society is the First Church, Northside. Dr. Runyan, on assuming the pastorate, found an indebtedness of $13,000, of which amount he has secured, by persistent and strenuous effort, $9,000. The Rev. E. Burdsall has canceled the debt at Winton Place, $1,070, and the Rev. R. J. Wyckoff has done the same at Mt. Auburn, $1,100. The Rev. F. M. Kirgan, Fairmount, $575; Dr. Blodgett, at St. Paul, $2,500; the Rev. W. H. Wehrly, Hartwell, $580; the Rev. George B. Shanor, Grace Church, Norwood, $180. Thus the indebtedness reported at the last Conference, $30,000, has been reduced to $14,000. A Commission has also been formed, which, it is hoped, may be able, during the next year, by concerted action, to rid all our properties of the last dollar of debt, so that money now paid in interest may hereafter be applied to material betterments and increased ministerial support.

The most noteworthy betterments of church property during the current year are a new parsonage at Westwood, modern in plan, desirable in location, to cost, exclusive of the lot, $6,500; the Rev. D. G. Latshaw, pastor. A new auditorium, utilizing the former building as a vestry and Sunday-school room, at Delhi, under the personal supervision of Dr. Hendereson; the estimated cost, $3,750. The improvements upon the Delta Avenue Church make it one of the most attractive churches in that part of our city. The cost of the same was $900; Rev. Carey T. Crum, pastor. Thus, the total expenditures in improvement of our properties (not including a multitude of minor repairs, which, if reported, would greatly increase the total) amounts to $11,150.

The benevolent causes have been faithfully presented by the pastors. In some charges phenomenal gains have been made, and it is confidently hoped that the final footings will show a substantial gain in the aggregate of offerings. Certain original plans for the meeting of current expenses have been adopted by several of the charges in my district which have much more than a local interest. Bishop Warren, in a personal letter, says, "Wesley Chapel shows what can be done elsewhere." And Wesley finds a rival in Hartwell Church.

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Never in the history of the denomination in Cincinnati has the young life of the Church been so efficiently organized. The District Cabinet makes a corps of young men and women, intelligent, consecrated, efficient. The social, intellectual, philanthropic, and spiritual natures of our Epworth Leaguers are given a sphere of development and wholesome exercise. I have been cordially admitted to the councils of the League, and have co-operated in its plans to the utmost of my ability.

The Charles Wesley Brotherhood has as its well-defined object the stimulation of the spiritual life of the men of the Church. At its monthly love-feasts it is common to see a hundred men kneeling at the altar of consecration. It has been my high privilege to attend most of these services. I find the Sunday-schools, as a rule, well officered and supplied with a corps of competent teachers. I have aimed to visit and address every school.

The multiplication of organizations is sometimes deprecated; but I can not join in this, as I find the spirit of co-operation, rather than antagonism, maintaining. Thus, for example, the Epworth Leagues of the district share in the philanthropic work of the Church, and are moving to endow a free bed in the hospital. They also join in the work of the City Missionary Society, by placing libraries in the mission Sunday-schools, etc. The Charles Wesley Brotherhood, for its part, often goes in a body to hold evangelistic services at the mission stations. In fact, one spirit dominates all organizations. All are working to one end.

Our denomination in Cincinnati is alive to the latest phase in the evolution of Christianity, and is seeking to put the Parable of the Good Samaritan into helpful deeds toward the sick and unfortunate. Our Christ's Hospital, Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, and Glenn Industrial Home are substantial expressions of the ardent desire of our people to be true to the example and teaching of Jesus.

It was my privilege, early in the year, to organize and maintain a class in pastoral theology, composed of the probationers in the Conference, the local preachers, exhorters, and supplies. Besides the delightful social relations which maintained, it is hoped that the exercises contributed to increase ministerial efficiency. Another innovation has been the permanent organization of the district stewards. In this body each charge of the district has representation, and it thus affords a bond of union and concerted action between the individual charges. The stewards, at their first meeting, elected a permanent Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committtee, and took up several matters of denominational interest in a practical and efficient way. Dr. Levi Gilbert, the Editor of the *Advocate*, has greatly aided our local work by giving increased space to the Cincinnati department. If the law of reciprocity maintains, we will give him, in return, increased subscription-lists.

Several inspiring assemblies of the people called Methodists have occurred during the year. A great missionary rally at St. Paul's Church, in honor of Professor Gamewell, the Hero of Peking, with addresses by Bishop Thoburn, Drs. Leonard and Oldham; a Bible Institute, conducted by Dr. James E. Gilbert, at Trinity Church; the observance of Passion-week by the District Epworth League; daily prayers at noon, communion of the Lord's Supper on Good Friday, and evening addresses by Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield.

The Cincinnati District is confessedly a difficult field. The difficulty does not arise, however, from the inaccessibility of points, for all can be reached by trolley or traction cars. It certainly does not arise from the *personnel* of the ministry or laity, for never was there a more loyal constituency. The chief impediment is probably the spirit of materialism with which the whole city is saturated—a spirit

which makes the people indifferent to our message. Yet, in the thick of the fight, a note of cheer comes to us from a most unexpected source. John Fiske, communicant of no Church, subscriber to no creed, whose religion was wholly unconventional, said, just before his death, "The whole trend of scientific thought is toward monotheism." Thus the foremost philosophic thinker America has yet produced deals materialism its deathblow, and we are encouraged to believe that this great population will finally be emancipated, and will learn to believe in the Person and Fatherhood of God and the existence and indestructibility of the human soul. In spite of these untoward conditions, as a result of a religious census which it was my privilege to take at the close of the winter's campaign, it was discovered that in the three cities, which are, in fact, one, there were one thousand conversions in our Methodist Churches—certainly an inspiring fact, for which we should thank God and take courage.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, Presiding Elder.

IT is with unsandaled feet and subdued feeling that I come into the presence of this Conference bearing the mantle and staff of the ascended prophet, flung back from the chariot as he passed to his triumph. A year ago John F. Marlay was commissioned, in our militant band to bear the responsibilities of the Dayton District. His habit of moderation had served him well, so that at seventy-five he stood possessed of judgment and sympathy at their climax, and seemed strong enough to bear the weight of a decade still of tireless labor ere called to his reward. The first round was accomplished, when, from the pulpit at Riverdale, Friday night, December 14th, after preaching with the strange pathos of one standing between two worlds, in answer to whose appeal one was converted, he retired to his home to enter with the coming dawn the presence of the King. As silently as the breath of the morning, the angel came to touch the cheek of the sleeper and arouse him for his coronation. Like the ancient servant, "he was not, because God had taken him." He was the genial companion, the welcome visitor in the many homes of the district. Far-seeing, conservative, and keen, he was the wise counselor, as well as the trusted friend. Discriminating in his judgment of men, he was a valued leader. As a thinker he was careful, as a writer gifted, as a preacher analytic and

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incisive, unimpassioned but clear; a man of modesty, strength, and grace. In touch with both worlds through sense and faith, he was awake to the interests of time and the motives of eternity, a man who seemed to walk with his Maker. I would pause to offer this brief tribute to the worth of the one who was licensed to preach by the Church from which I have just been taken, and into whose work I have so lately been called to enter, and who this year, in the semi-centennial of the organization of the Cincinnati Conference, was about to complete his fiftieth year in the active ministry.

Seventeen years ago, when it became my privilege to cross the threshold of this Conference, a race of moral giants seemed committed to the struggle. There were Granville Moody, Maxwell Gaddis, Asbury Lowry, Mighill Dustin, William Herr, L. D. McCabe, William L. Hypes, Samuel Brewster, Thomas Pearne, John Marlay, Samuel Clayton, C. L. Van Cleve, Charles Payne, William I. Fee, my own sainted father, and many more, armored, plumed, and knighted, fearless of death and in love with the good. They fought well the good fight, they carried their cause like dying generals in victory. They planted the banner of salvation upon the very gates of hell. Over the wild tumult of the strife they shouted victory, and have entered their triumph in the name of Him who suffered death's agony amidst the olive-groves of earth to enter upon the infinite reward in the strength of his resurrection power. As I look now upon the Conference a few stalwart forms belonging to the older generation are still with us; but for the most part those younger in years have forged to the front, and stand in line with naught 'twixt them and death but the fierce fight which is now on. I am a believer in the consecration of the newer generation, as well as in the devotion of the older, and to-day would sound the bugle-call to the field. Up and at it, in the name of Him who knows neither defeat nor tarrying! Were it appropriate, I would condense this report into a simple appeal to consecration, which seems almost the sole need of the hour.

Among the ministers of the district we have all shades and fashions of human nature (except the bad). The ministerial mold seems to have been well chosen, and we have a stalwart set of men. There is the strong, fervent type, as at Middletown; the concise and clean-cut, as at Franklin; the magnetic, as at Hamilton; the mature and judicious, as at Oxford; the eloquent, as at Grace. The brethren are all possessed of faults enough to make them agreeable companions, and enough consecration to make them worthy the fullest trust of a great and aggressive Church.

There are thirty-five charges with seventy churches in the Dayton District, situated in the fruitful valley of the Miami, with favored, beautiful, cultivated Dayton the natural center. Sixteen of the appointments are stations, nine are half stations, and ten are circuits of from three to five churches. The balancing of interests in the district would merit the word good, though some causes censure while some commend the work of both pastors and people. The great practical problem seems to be the money question. The salaries for the most part are being paid and existing obligations are being met, yet he who can solve the problem of giving will have found the touchstone of Churchly prosperity.

Over and above the accustomed demands a number of Churches have found expression of their love in repairing or rebuilding. Minor repairs have been made at Oxford, West Elkton, and Sugar Valley. Union, on the Walker and Union work, under the direction of Brother Reeves, has beautified the interior of the church at a cost of $350; also at New Paris and Gettysburg repairs have been made to the amount of $225; at Eaton, $132; West Chester, $210; and Bethany, $740. In the

Seven Mile church a Mosaic memorial window was placed by Dr. John Withrow, of Cincinnati, in tender memory of his mother. At Osborn there are plans projected for the remodeling of the room, which will make it one of the attractive country churches of the Conference. At Miamisburg a new church is in anticipation, and so well equipped in a financial way is that society that it can do whatever it pleases. At Springboro a new parsonage has been built at a cost of $1,700, all paid excepting $150, and that is provided for under the careful direction of J. W. Patton, the pastor, who this year has been an itinerant of the itinerants, on his own charge moving a third time. At West Baltimore, on the Gordon work, Brother Reinbarth has been able, by the help of Providence, to call West Baltimore back from threatened failure and build a new church at Gordon. New Baltimore was added by Brother Becker to the list of the four appointments in the Venice work, and this year a new church was built, with not one dollar of the debt remaining as far as completed. Lewisburg dedicated a new church free from debt, and anticipates a new building at Brookville. Franklin has raised $1,038 in good subscription to cover an existing debt, and expects to further beautify the building. Trinity in Dayton has had a phenomenal record under the leadership of Earle M. Ellsworth. Thirty-five hundred dollars were subscribed a year ago, and in January, 1901, the incense of a burning mortgage mingled with the rejoicings of the people. Since then $870 have been expended in frescoing the interior of the church. Besides a $450 debt for paving, covered by subscription, and the only remaining debt of $1,500 on the parsonage is being met regularly in the association plan.

No greater triumph in a financial line has come to any of our Churches than that at Middletown. The debt of so long standing is now being met, and the cheering word is given us that after ten years of struggle and the raising of $8,000 in the past four years for the debt, the beautiful Middletown church, under the leadership of Brother Aultman, closes this year free from every incumbrance, as soon as the $1,000 yet remaining, all covered by ample subscriptions, are paid.

These are but a few of the facts that attest the generosity of our people, but it still remains that the most perplexing problem in our work is how to weld the consciences of the people and the gold of their coffers, so that the Lord's cause shall not suffer from lack of funds. The tithing system may not be a command of the New Testament, but so well does the rule work that we believe the call of God to our people is to make such a line to the lowest limit of their benefactions.

Let us glance for a moment at Dayton with its seven churches and one mission. Grace Church, strong, loyal, and determined, full of sympathy for its suffering pastor, abounding in hospitality, has proved itself worthy the fullest confidence, and has won an enduring place in the affections of this Conference. All hail to this splendid Church with its magnificent possibilities! For nine months of the year Dr. Gullette was deprived of his pulpit by sickness, but was greatly comforted in his labor "by the coming of Titus." In the long protracted illness, supported by the strength of an unconquered will and a sublime faith in the blessed Redeemer, he has seen, as never before, that alone in the ministry of sorrow the angel comes with the alabaster box to break over the soul the sweet perfume of the far-away kingdom. We rejoice that now full recovery seems promised, and that he will yet bend the bow to send the arrow into the joints of the armor of the king. When the need arose, Providence sent our young, gifted Brother Torbet, himself the son of a Methodist preacher, to carry forward the interests of this great Church. And so well has he done it, that the reports to this Conference will show a church well balanced and progressive in every feature of its work.

Raper has proved itself, under the energetic leadership of J. J. McCabe, to be able to cope with the difficulties focused in the center of a city where every step is gained only by the most heroic effort, and is now contemplating the new church building projected years ago.

St. Paul, like a queen among her subjects, is to-day one of the best surrounded, most desirable societies in the entire Conference, and we doubt not will soon stand second to none. It boasts a sustained pastorate in Dr. J. G. Vaughan's marked success for a longer period than that allotted any other Church among us.

Broadway is highly organized, united, and appreciative of the devotion of Brother Wones, giving $1,000 to missions and starting a new mission station on Woodward Avenue, where the Sabbath-school numbers 177, and with a record of thirty-one conversions in a single year.

Two financial problems yet await their full solution; the one in Riverdale, the other in Homestead. At the first of the two, Brother Vorhis, who is closing a most successful pastorate of four years, has a debt of $7,500, but with assets amounting to $6,363, leaving only $1,371 unprovided for. Homestead has a debt of $2,700, but it is confidently hoped that in due time it will be met. Great credit is due the tireless work of Brother Utter in bringing this struggling society to its present state, in which is numbered a most enthusiastic set of youthful workers.

January 13, 1901, at a mass-meeting, presided over by Bishop Thoburn, the "Dayton Methodist League" was organized, with R. T. Johnson, of Grace Church, as its president. If the promise of the present proves true, it will not only bind in one the sacred seven Churches of Dayton, but it will in turn become a lever, if only a fulcrum can be found, to lift the load of embarrassment from every Methodist Church in the corporation.

The Churches in all our cities are confronting the new problems of organized vice that will require organized Christianity to meet it. If a splendid Church, such as Hamilton, with a magnetic leader as they have in their pastor, should readapt to the new needs of the hour, what multipled power could be secured to the work of the Church of God! The faith of the Church must be forever guarded by an admiration for its forms of worship that will make reasonable and natural its every appeal to godliness. The day is not far distant when the open Church must become the law, or the industrial classes will drift farther and farther from our altars. The practical problems of civic and social life must find their solution in the Church. They will never be solved by eliminating the fact of sin. Every line of reform justly appeals to the Church for help. We rejoice in the temperance campaigns in Ebenezer, West Carrollton, and other places, by which the saloon has been voted out. May the same be repeated in every part of our land!

With a single exception, our appointments have been harmonious throughout the year. Two places have been discontinued as preaching points, New Hope at the beginning of the year, and West Sonora at the close, and a third place (Fairfield) is wondering which it would be best to do, live or die; while a readjustment at New Madison seemed required, though the action is not to be construed as a censure upon the one who was in charge.

In a summary of the several facts of the work several conclusions appear. Our class-meetings are comparatively few and not strong. The newer generation seems not to understand the art of class-meeting attendance. The Epworth League, raised up of Providence to stay the tide of recession that had already set in the Church, has made a splendid record. Possibly we might now say, however, that throughout the Church it is at a standstill. Yet such may always be expected at periodic times in every young people's organization. It is simply the swinging of the pendulum. We salute the youth of the district, with

Miss Schultz, the efficient president! May the blessing of Heaven rest upon them in their devotion to the Church!

No special influence has seemed to result from the Twentieth-century Movement. It has been pointedly said that the difficulty with the movement is, it does not move. Possibly if we had raised the cry for godliness first and gold second, it might have received the more emphatic favor of Providence.

The revivals seem to have been comparatively few. Yet we are possibly not to infer that the work lacks either earnestness or spiritual depth. We seek not the flash of firearms, so much as the glow of the incandescent light; not the cutting flame of the lightning, but the steady light of the sun; not the fitful fever of a single week, but the unselfish sustained loyalty of a people whose first great purpose is to help to lift the lost world back to the throne of God. Yet in the name of the Master who entered without fault or fear upon the conquest of the world, and whose right it is to reign, I would sound the clarion call along the line of this Conference for men who believe enough in the inherent and absolute power of the right to say, "We 'll take the world for Christ or die."

This is a day of revision. Religions are being uncapped. Organic authority is being questioned. Bibliolatry awaits at the block the fall of the ax. The new century is upon us. Old methods are discarded. The intellect is swinging out into the light. Men are assuming the liberty of personal belief. The foundations of Christianity are being tested. The contest of the giants is on. We believe upon the present will be built the superstructure at whose altar the world will yet worship the risen Redeemer; yet it must be remembered that there is no substitute, and never can be any, for the great verities of Revelation nor the facts of Christian experience. We need men to-day in our ministry who believe in the absolute truth of the Word of God, who have neither doubt nor question of the fundamental need of a change of heart, and that whether one eats in sorrow the bread of ignorance and poverty, or is accomplished in the intellectual arts of the leading society of the day.

There never was a time when the determined preaching of the stubborn truth of Christianity was more needed than now. There is no compromise. There is no way but the way of faith, no valley but the valley of humiliation, no agony for the guilty soul but that of its Gethsemane grief, if one shall see the King in his beauty. The lowly, lonely Nazarene is the only guide to the favor of God. Readopt, readjust, keep pace with the times, give up the old, accept the new, if the truth thereby be better served; but let the servants of God remember that the world is in need of just such a Gospel as ours, and that it is destined to conquer the world. I feel to offer the prayer that no man shall receive an appointment in the Dayton District who is not careless of self and mindful of the Kingdom, and who would not be willing to go to his death, if such were duty's call, that he might win the world and reign with the slain but risen Son of God. It is time that a great awakening should come! Is it not almost here? We need it. O! we need it! May heaven send it upon us soon!

During the year, besides the passing away of one beloved, Dr. Marlay, death visited another home, and Thomas Collett, beloved, efficient, and honored throughout a long ministry, entered upon his reward. The old are dying, and God's call to those younger is imperative. May the benediction of sacrifice that graced the ministry of our fathers rest upon their sons, and may the year before us be the greatest year in our history!

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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

GEORGE H. DART, Presiding Elder.

THE Georgetown District is no pent-up Utica, barring aspiration and fencing endeavor. It is broad and breezy and bracing. Its very amplitude exhilarates, expands, and enthuses. It is a big thing; big enough for the biggest.

It is a realm ever picturesque, and often majestic. Now pastoral scenes, like the Shepherd Psalm, compose with their quiet beauty, and now rocky buttresses and wooded heights thrill with emotions of sublimity and devotion.

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It is a land of rural activities and amenities. It grows hardy virtues. Industry and economy fruit into plenty, if not affluence. Homes of comfort abound. They open to all hospitable arts. Intelligence and morality prevail, and metropolitan vices and crimes are rare. Without commercial or manufacturing centers, it is dotted with pleasant and prosperous towns, seats of rural culture and traffic. Larger futures await it. The trolley is of to-morrow. As a vast network, it will cover the land, join hamlet to hamlet, market products, and multiply values.

Among the moral forces of this section Methodism is foremost in numbers, position, and influence. It has thirty-three charges of one hundred and one churches, with a membership of nearly eleven thousand. It has over twice as many Sunday-schools as the Cincinnati District, one-third more than the Springfield, one-fourth more than the Dayton, and one-tenth more than the Hillsboro Districts. They are organized on Methodist lines, teach Methodist doctrine, employ Methodist helps, and constitute by far the greatest factor in the moral culture of the young of this section.

Its forty-five Senior and eighteen Junior Chapters of the Epworth League, with an enrollment of thirty-two hundred, are thrifty, aggressive, and spiritual. From one Chapter alone within two years four bright boys have dedicated themselves to the ministry, and are now in training for their work.

Our people are devoted to Methodist theology, economy, and spiritual life. Innovations and defections are uncommon. The old traditions are cherished. The old methods are revered, and the old power is sought and often realized in Pentecostal glory. Class-meetings have not perished, and quarterly-meetings are yet occasions of interest, attraction, and spiritual uplift.

All in all, the Georgetown District is in good form, and awaits its new leader with expectancy.

The present alignment can hardly be improved. The old and distorted breaches have been closed, the borders straightened, and the appointments compacted. 1901

With its base in the west, six railroads open eastward through the entire field, making it thoroughly accessible. At no other point could this be possible. To change it would be to transform an up-to-date district into a saddlebag district of the antiquities, impose grievous burdens on the district incumbent, and create district distinctions unequal and obnoxious.

With the present adjustment there is universal satisfaction. Any change, seemingly possible, would be accounted disastrous to our highest effectiveness in this section. Modernized quarterly-meeting methods, acceptable perhaps in city churches, would be alien to the sympathy and support of the country. There the quarterly-meeting is a social rallying point, a financial center, a religious focus. The elder is honored in person and office; his coming is welcomed and his services are appreciated; he is entertained gladly, paid willingly, and trusted implicitly. Committes on ministerial dickering and Episcopal badgering are unknown. Pulpit placements are left to the constituted authorities, and conclusions are accepted with a complacency born neither of indifference nor incapacity, but of loyalty to our system and confidence in its administrators.

In these six years I have met all appointments, traveling eighteen thousand miles by private and twelve thousand miles by public conveyance. I have preached over seventeen hundred times, or an average of nearly six times a week, or two and a half times per Sabbath, without the loss of a single Sabbath except during the General Conference, provided for by previous extra services. I have held seven hundred and sixty Quarterly Conferences, conducted seven hundred communions and two hundred and twenty-five love-feasts, made three hundred Sunday-school and Epworth League addresses, presided over twelve ministerial meetings, participated in six District Epworth League Conventions, besides many other public functions, and written several thousand letters on Church business.

In brief, I have put myself wholly into my work, nor halted for weakness or weariness, for pleasure or profit. As I have seen duty, so have I set myself to it with such courage, diligence, and strength as I possessed. My work has been my joy. Sweeter I do not ask beneath the stars. It is the dawn of eternal joy.

Truly have I loved my brethren. They are worthy of it. Earnest, efficient, and exemplary men are they, without taint or tarnish. What they have been to me no words can tell. Their sympathy has been a solace, and their loyalty a fortress of strength. In them I have trusted without disappointment. Not a jar has disturbed our fellowship. As brothers in arms, equal in quality and claim, have we served nor known the higher or lower place. As havens of rest out of the storm and struggle have their homes been to me, open and free and full of cheer. The memory of them is precious.

Of our pastors, Brother Darling has completed six years; Brothers Newton, Gaddis, and Spurrier, five years; Brothers Bailey, Wiant, Davis, and Brokaw, four years; and Brothers Easton, Lane, Putt, Kalbfus, and Fulton, three years; and the longer they stay the more they are wanted. Brother Kalbfus asks for a superannuated relation, and his long and faithful ministry and growing infirmity entitle him to it.

Brother Mason still tarries with us, bright, cheerful, and expectant. With little pain, he rallies but slowly, and gives little promise of perfect healing this side Immanuel's Land.

Our superannuates are good men, who, having served, now wait the call, the open gate, the Father's house, the crown of life.

The debt-paying feature of the Twentieth-century Movement has alone drawn upon our people. We have canceled thirteen hundred dollars this year, making in all six thousand three hundred dollars, and with this we have closed our debt account, except on two properties inherited three years ago from other districts, which were loaded with

almost hopeless incumbrances, but which have been reduced one-half, with prospect of early clearance.

Newtown has paid an old parsonage debt of four hundred dollars. Lebanon and New Richmond have paid two hundred and fifty dollars respectively, and minor claims have been liquidated at other points.

But the inspiration has been felt in new and improved properties. The Loveland church, begun last year, has been completed, and is a beautiful village structure, with adjustable areas to suit congregations of from two hundred and fifty to five hundred. It cost, with lot, nearly six thousand dollars, and is paid for except five hundred dollars, more than covered by subscriptions not yet mature.

The Greensburg church, long in course of construction, will be completed this fall. Its estimate is two thousand dollars, and is mostly provided for in material and subscriptions.

The Belfast church, on the Owensville Charge, was burned last spring, but is now being rebuilt on an estimate of two thousand dollars, covered by subscriptions and insurance realized.

The old brick parsonages at Bethel and Laurel, long the fright of prospective pastors, have been torn down, and new ones are being erected at an estimate of eleven hundred dollars, each covered by subscriptions and materials.

Betterments have been made and paid for at Morrow, costing six hundred and fifty dollars; at Batavia, five hundred dollars; at Afton, on the Williamsburg Circuit, four hundred dollars; at Mason, two hundred dollars; on the Newtown Charge, two hundred dollars; and on the Centenary, Butlerville, Mainville, Felicity, and Moscow Charges, from fifty to one hundred dollars, while at many other points less expensive but desirable improvements have been made, thus putting our property in excellent condition.

At Georgetown a lot has been added to the parsonage property, costing two hundred dollars and paid for.

The benevolences will equal former reports. Shrinkage in some charges, resulting from short crops, will be counterbalanced by advances in others. Milford advances two hundred dollars.

In some quarters the temperance question has flamed to a focus. With fierce fight, Lebanon and South Lebanon were carried for prohibition; but at other points the battle was waged not less bravely, but less fortunately. But whatever the issue, our pastors have been in the fore of the fray.

Our Ministerial Meetings have been occasions of Christian fellowship, intellectual advancement, and spiritual empowerment. They are always unique, full of interest, and fruitful of saving influences.

Several notable and many less marked but beneficent revivals are reported, netting five hundred and fifty accessions. Great and widespread power attended the Williamsburg meeting. It thrilled the community, aroused deep convictions, and resulted in sixty-five conversions. At Manchester the old truths and methods were honored of God wondrously. Pentecost ruled. Sixty additions are reported. The Mason Charge was greatly blessed in itself, and enhanced in public favor. The sixty additions make an increase of fifty per cent in the membership during the present pastorate. The work on the Moscow Charge was especially remarkable as being the sixth of the series of annual revivals during the term of the pastor. Sixty accessions are reported. The Williamsburg Circuit, Mainville, Chilo, Felicity, and Aberdeen Charges report gracious visitations, and from thirty-five to fifty additions. Lebanon, Milford, Centenary, South Lebanon, Bethel, Decatur, and Georgetown Charges enjoyed refreshing seasons, and received from fifteen to twenty-five on probation. The West Union, New Richmond, Morrow, Loveland, Ripley, Amelia, Goshen, and other charges report good spiritual conditions, with some accessions.

Pleasant have been the years of my sojourn on the Georgetown

District. Their remembrances will be among the treasures of my life. Were I free to choose, of all the appointments of the Conference this should be my choice.

In conclusion, I glorify the Infinite Grace; attest the courtesy, consideration, and conscientiousness of our Bishops; declare my confidence in the kindness and fairness of the Cabinet; express my unabated regard for my brethren of the Conference, and reaffirm my unqualified faith in the teachings and testimonies of Methodism to the saving power of the gospel. That my work has not been better done I mourn. The review humbles me. Yet do I rejoice that I have not faltered, or betrayed my trust, or minified my place, or divided my time, my strength, or my interest, or dealt with unequal balance. With my ear to the heavens, my eye to the judgment, my hand to the plow, and my face to the furrow have I wrought. Whether at the head of the line or in the ranks, amid the blare and blaze of battle, or broken at the rear, I hope to carry myself forever as a true comrade of Jesus Christ, and so coming at last out of the King's war into the Kings' country share with you his eternal kingdom and glory.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. Brown, Presiding Elder.

Bishop FitzGerald and Brethren,—Permit me at the outset of my report to express my sincere gratitude to God for his goodness and grace, so abundantly bestowed during the year now closing to the pastors and their families on the Hillsboro District. With scarcely an exception, all the brethren have been able for every call to duty, and no parsonage home has been visited by the death angel. However, one of the best and saintliest of our retired ministers early in the year received his transfer to the Eternal City, Rev. J. H. Middleton. We shall miss him, but he leaves several representative "sons in the gospel" in the effective ranks of the Conference.

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I. The Work and the Workmen.—Immediately upon adjournment of the last session, the brethren, twenty-eight in number, repaired to their respective assignments. A cordial welcome was extended by loyal Methodists, and a year of harmonious and successful toil has been brought to a close, and while it has not been as rich, numerically, in souls converted and added to the Church as the preceding one, the word has not returned void, for believers have been edified and enriched in Christian experience, and sinners have been converted and added to the number of the saved. The number of conversions as reported to me by the pastors have been 861, and the number of accessions to the Church upon probation and

by letter have been 992, resulting in a net gain, over and above all losses by death, transfer, and withdrawal, of more than 400.

It has been my observation that the net increase or growth in Church membership year after year corresponds very nearly with the number added from conversion upon probation, the dismissals by letter and otherwise about balancing the additions by letter. This fact should stimulate pastors and Churches to their utmost, not only in securing the conversion and accession of men and women to the Church, but in caring for and properly instructing, training, and indoctrinating all who are thus received as probationers. The greatest leakage in our Church membership occurs the six months following special revival efforts, by the falling away of believers to indifference, and the lapsing of new converts. We need nursing fathers and mothers; and as pastors we must be so in the truest, broadest sense if this defect is to be remedied. The Savior's injunction to Peter, "Feed my lambs," must be faithfuly observed by every pastor-shepherd, in order that the kingdom may be permanently advanced. Methodism must not be content to simply hold her own, while the great masses, not only in city, but in country, are unchurched, and appear willing to remain so. If they will not come where they may hear the gospel, we must take it to them. The indifference characteristic of so many professing Christian people must in some way be removed, and how better accomplish this end than by each pastor becoming, as God intended he should when he called him into the ministry, his own evangelist, and thus save rural as well as urban districts from being overrun by that large but irresponsible erratic class of self-styled and self-appointed evangelists, who spend much of their time abusing Churches and misrepresenting Christian ministers? According to Paul, evangelists are called of God for the "edifying of the body [i. e., the Church] of Christ," and not the abuse of the Church. It has been our constant aim to advocate and follow only Scriptural standards, showing no quarter to the multiplied wild vagaries set afloat by these "would-be teachers of men." Brethren of the Conference, keep the gates of your sheepfold securely closed against the wolves that scatter the sheep.

With few exceptions the pastors have been privileged to gather some fruitage from their seed-sowing, and in some instances the harvest has been abundant, notably on the Bowersville, Highland, Union, Lynchburg, and Dunkinsville Charges. One year ago the largest results were achieved in the station appointments; but this year the reverse has been the case, the greatest victories having been secured in village and rural localities. Communities long unvisited with revivals have experienced showers of refreshing with blessed results. Tabulated, the list would read: Belfast, 45; Blanchester, 8; Bowersville, 110; Clarksville, 3; Dunkinsville, 66; Greenfield, 10; Highland, 97; Hillsboro, 30; Jamestown, 10; Leesburg, 30; Lynchburg, 75; Martinsville, 10; Mt. Orab, 24; New Burlington, 10; New Jasper, 2; Peebles, 5; Rainsboro, 28; Sinking Spring, 21; Sugar Tree Ridge, 3; Union, 88; Waynesville, 12; Wilmington, 30; Winchester, 8; First Church, Xenia, 90; Trinity, Xenia, 46.

II. Church Property Interests.—In my report one year ago attention was called to the decline of the Church in some rural places. The evil is still with us, and it will be necessary to make some readjustments at an early date unless unexpected relief comes. The abandonment or closing of a Methodist church is a source of real sorrow, but from present appearances it seems inevitable. The pastors are not at fault. It is the changed life of the people, the changed attitude of many toward the Church and its claims upon them. Let me illustrate. Take Highland County. Start with Hillsboro for your center. We have here a large flourishing church, with a membership exceeding eight hundred. With your compass make a circle of two miles about the city. That circle will pass through four Methodist churches, one of

which is already dead. Extend the compass until you reach the six-mile limit, and you will include seven additional Methodist churches. Extend your compass to ten miles from the center, and you will now include twelve additional Methodist churches, all in Highland County, save two just over the Clinton border; and extending the sweep of the compass two miles further, you will embrace seven more. Think of it, brethren! Embraced within a twelve-mile circle, with Hillsboro as a center, are thirty-one Methodist churches, and all in Highland County save two. The population of Highland County is 30,982. The number of Methodist churches is thirty-six, including one deceased. Does it not look like a case of "overdose," and make you half-way believe, in spite of your Methodist training, in the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest?" Highland County is Methodist Church poor. The market has been overstocked, and the usual results have followed.

Attention has been given to church and parsonage property, and many needed improvements have been made, adding comfort to the pastors and their families, and attractiveness to the places of worship and homes of the ministers. Troublesome, and in some instances long-standing, indebtedness has been removed from the following Churches: Dunkinsville, Jamestown, Leesburg, Wilmington, New Market, Hillsboro, and Trinity, Xenia, while Blanchester, Greenfield, Highland, Martinsville, Union, and First Church, Xenia, have materially reduced their obligations. The last named has not only liquidated more than $2,500 of their debt, incurred in rebuilding years since, but has refunded the balance at a great saving, and hope within two years more to entirely extinguish it. The total amount raised for improving and paying old indebtedness is about $12,000. Insurance has been urged, and by far the larger number of churches and parsonages are well protected in this particular. The beautiful new brick church at Prospect, Belfast Charge, was dedicated, free from debt, June 9th, at a cost of about $3,300. Winchester reopened her church only two weeks ago, having expended about $2,800 on remodeling, reseating, and beautifying, and now has a very beautiful temple of worship. Seaman, on the same charge, would have been dedicated ere this, but for the delay on the part of the manufactory furnishing the seats. The new church enterprise at Greenfield has not moved as rapidly as we had hoped, but of the outcome there can be no doubt. Plans have been adopted and subscriptions are under way. Eleven thousand dollars have already been secured, and when brought to completion, as we expect it soon will be, will compare most favorably with any in the Conference. The new parsonage has been completed and paid for at Clarksville, costing about $1,500, and has been occupied by the pastor since January 1st. Other enterprises are under way or consideration at various points, of which we may not at this time speak. The total value of Church property on the district is $317,000, while the entire indebetedness is less than $12,000.

III. Helpful Agencies.—The Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, Junior Leagues, and Ladies' Societies have all been helpful agencies in promoting on all lines the interests of the Master's kingdom. An increasing interest in the study of the Word has been begotten in many places through the efficient labors of the Sunday-schools and Leagues, many classes having been formed for special study not only in the Word, but also in the work of the Church. Reading Courses have been encouraged in mission study, and every line of work intended to develop spiritual life and Church activity. The annual Ministerial Association held at Sabina in November last, and the Epworth League anniversary held at Blanchester in June, were well attended and quite enthusiastic. Two Subdistrict meetings were held, the one at Leesburg and the other at Jamestown, in the interests of the benevolent enterprises of the Church. The addresses of Dr. W. F. Oldham, Assistant Missionary

Secretary, at these meetings will, we believe, bear fruitage in increased intelligence and gifts. We are persuaded that Hillsboro District, when the final and full reports are gathered in, will give a good account of herself in the Twentieth-century Forward Movement. One charge, upon arrangements of its pastor, has recently had the great pleasure of a visit from our beloved Bishop Thoburn in the interest of this movement. Returned missionaries, General Secretaries, and others less prominent, and the pastors, all have wrought faithfully, keeping step with every order from headquarters to advance. One pastor has given his people and brethren a noble example in giving one thousand dollars to the Ohio Wesleyan University. A special gift of one thousand dollars from Brother Henry Guthrie, a layman, of Leesburg Society, for the Home for the Aged, will be reported by the pastor. The gifts of almost six thousand dollars, reported from this district a year ago, have been supplemented by sums this year sufficient to make it fifteen thousand dollars since the call was sent out, and, in addition to these gifts of money, over twenty-six hundred persons have been persuaded to give themselves to the Lord, and have professed conversion. The offerings for benevolences will be about as last year, in some instances advancing, in others falling a little behind. Highland Charge will doubtless stand at the head of the Conference in benevolences, having met every apportionment in full, and almost doubled the claim for missions. The credit is due the pastor's diligence and earnestness. As far as possible every interest has been looked after, and all departments of work have been zealously pushed. Civic righteousness has not been neglected, and under the noble leadership of the Methodist pastors many communities have been freed from the open saloon. In this list we are pleased to mention Winchester, Blanchester, Clarksville, Waynesville, Bowersville, and Jamestown, and possibly others not known to us now. The most recent and signal victory occurred at Xenia, a city of about nine thousand inhabitants. The fight was fierce, the Methodist pastors leading; and when the smoke of battle cleared last Tuesday evening and the ballots were counted, the temperance cause had triumphed by the decisive vote of almost two to one, in a total vote of almost eighteen hundred. For all our successes we give gratitude to God, and for our defeats we feel humiliated, and implore his patience.

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SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, Presiding Elder.

THE reports of Presiding Elders are usually optimistic. There does not seem to be any difficulty anywhere, and all are hopeful and happy. I have wondered about this matter, and the best explanation I can find is that the elders are men of faith. In the Book of Hebrews we read, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, for by it the elders obtained a good report."

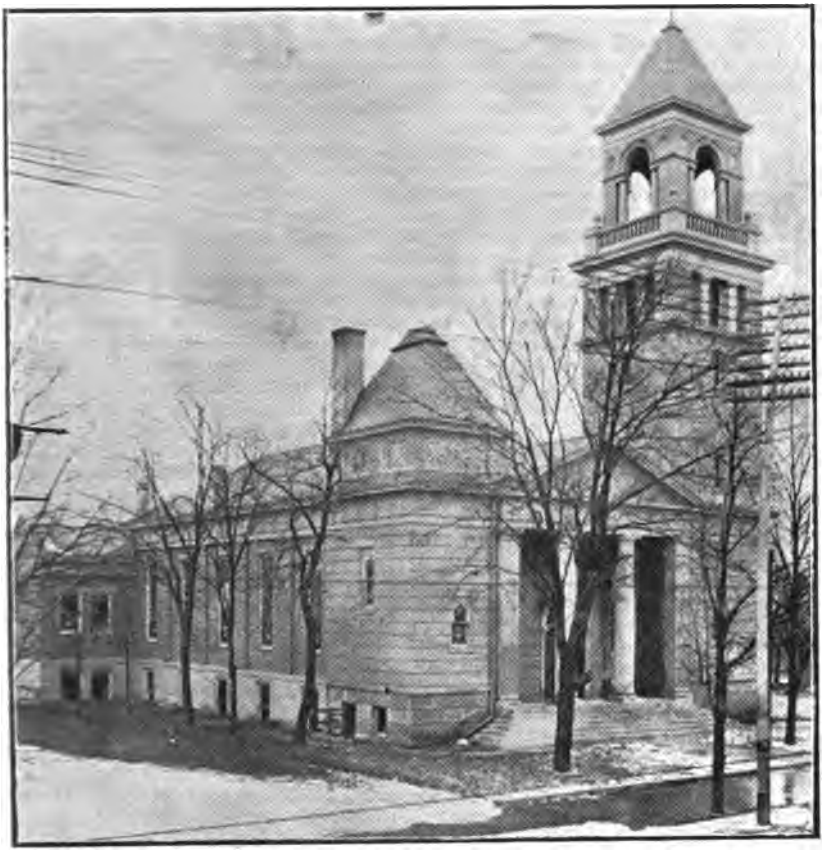
C. W. BARNES.

It may be frankly said that there is not a charge in the Springfield District which is free from its own perculiar perplexities, and not a pastor who has not his harassing cares. Notwithstanding all this, there are many and distinct reasons for

I. ENCOURAGEMENT.—Some of these shall now be mentioned, sacrificing diction in the interest of brevity:

Central Church reports 56 conversions, 115 additions, and $2,630 paid on improvements. New Carlisle, 110 conversions, 90 accessions. Remarkable revival moving the whole community. Four hundred and three dollars paid on church improvement, transforming the church. New Epworth League and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Donnellsville. Splendid year on all lines. Brandt (supplied acceptably by Rev. J. G. Talbott), 25 conversions, 14 additions. Church improvements at every point, aggregating $450. Fifty dollars of old debt paid. New League at Brandt. Brandt will increase pastor's salary, next year, at least $150. South Charleston Circuit, 40 conversions, 35 additions, $100 improvements, $75 debts. A new church at Vienna Cross-roads, for which a subscription of $2,200 has been secured. King's Creek (supplied acceptably by Rev. A. R. Neal), 40 conversions, 20 additions, improvements (local and cable), $125. Catawba, 40 conversions, 35 additions; improvements, $250; on debt, $75. Fletcher Chapel, foremerly on this charge, has passed into the care of the Ohio Conference, within whose boundary it is located. The pastoral support has been maintained at the former estimate, and there will be no shrinkage on the benevolences. This rearrangement is an advantage in every way. Clifton Avenue, 20 conversion, 43 additions. Improvements. $170, making a beautiful audience-room. One hundred and twenty-five dollars paid on old debts, and $585.25 has been paid on the purchase of the church. Good Sabbath-school, League, Aid Society, and large congregations. Grace Church (Urbana), 14 conversions, 26 additions. Excellent collections. Christiansburg, 5 conversions, 8 additions, $156 on improvements, and excellent report on

the benevolences. Troy Circuit, 18 conversions, 13 additions, $100 improvements, advanced benevolences. Arcanum, 6 conversions, 900 pastoral calls. Mutual, 5 conversions, 13 additions. Brussels carpet for Mutual. Extensive improvements at Union. Excellent prospect for the benevolences. Covington, 12 conversions, 22 additions, $25 on debt, $200 on improvements. Church-room transformed—beautiful carpet, paper, and even screens for windows and door. New Moore-



First Church, Urbana.

field, 25 conversions, 30 additions. Extensive improvements at Asbury and other points, aggregating $600. The pastor is like the king of England—his salary has been increased. Grace (Piqua), 10 conversions, 28 additions; debts paid, $200. Pastor's salary increased $100. In the past two and one-half years, 54 have been received by letter, 82 on probation, 136 in all—a good record for a pastorate beginning in an extraordinary Church crisis. Mechanicsburg has lost many of her noble band, but there have been 15 conversions and 22 additions. Twenty-five dollars paid on debt. South Charleston, 16 conversions, 32 additions, $563 improvements, $468 on debt, and an excellent record on current expenses. New League organized at

Selma, and $25 improvements at that point. The total benevolences for this charge (with special gift), $2,839. Grace Church (Springfield), 27 conversions, 37 additions, $110 on debts. Missionary collections advanced. In the past two years the membership has advanced from 185 to 235. Of this year's class of 27 probationers, 23 have been received. The necessary subscriptions have been secured, and our Grace people are waiting with patience the approaching settlement of the Mast estate, by which their new church will be assured. Tippecanoe City, 3 conversions, 35 accessions, $80 improvements: on debts, $584; other items, $212; a total of $876. Nine hundred visits reported. In the past two years $50 improvements on parsonage and $1,250 on church debt have been paid, leaving our beautiful church without a dollar of incumbrance. Dialton, 34 conversions, 32 accessions, $115 improvements, $25 on debts. The parsonage improvements have made it a beautiful and cozy home. Yellow Springs, accessions, 75. A midsummer meeting closed August 16th. House crowded; whole community benefited. Parsonage veranda and other improvements, $278. Special gift and benevolences, $2,986. Good meeting and new League at Emory. Charge in excellent condition. First Church (Urbana), 52 conversions, 114 accessions. In the last five years First Church has received, by probation, 241; by letter, 223; total, 463. The parsonage has received $1,500 improvement, and the new church has been built. Tremont City, 100 conversions, 90 accessions; improvements, $90. Tremont church elegantly refurnished, walls, carpet, memorial windows retouched, iron fence, etc. Of a class of 72 probationers, all were received but five. Secret: a thorough work and excellent pastoral care. Current expenses met promptly. Advance on all the benevolences. The Fourth Quarterly Conference ordered a telephone for the parsonage. Our new pastor at Cedarville has not only won the esteem of his own people, but also that of the community at large, as has been shown by requests for his services in connection with the college and school Commencements, Memorial-day anniversaries, and other public occasions. Troy has builded in membership as well as edifice, and has received 38 additions during the year. St. Paul (Springfield), 6 conversions, 6 accessions; improvements, $1,500. The parsonage and church have been refitted and refurnished, making both very comfortable and attractive. The income for current expense is in advance of last year, and the financial condition is increasingly hopeful. The good ladies of St. Paul deserve commendation, both for the service rendered and the inspiration they give to the work of the Church. Greene Street (Piqua), has met with prosperity and adversity—prosperity in the steady, substantial progress of the work, and adversity in the removal of their successful pastor by his appointment to the Dayton District. There has been a continual advance in the four years' pastorate thus brought to a close. The Church has been relieved of an annoying debt of long standing, the attendance upon public service has greatly increased in numbers and regularity, and Green Street Church has been made to stand in the front rank in the religious life of the city of Piqua. This strong Church will welcome her new pastor to a position of large responsibility and commanding influence. Twelve conversions and thirty additions are reported, and, notwithstanding the supplied pulpit and the double work for the last six months of the pastor Presiding Elder, the report of the benevolences is the largest of the four years, aggregating $1,237. High Street (Springfield) reports 30 additions, 19 by probation and 11 by letter. The necessity for extensive improvements has inspired a positive movement, and generous pledges are being taken with well-grounded hope of a new church. No clearer demonstration of the wisdom of removing the time limit can be asked than the case of High Street, which, under

the new order, stands more and more for the best things in the life of the city. An equally clear instance is Greenville. Greenville reports 52 conversions, 65 additions, $365 improvements, $300 paid on debts. Pastoral calls, 1,400. All benevolences advanced. Missions forty per cent over last year. In the last six years Greenville has received 300 additions and raised $46,000. In that time the pastor has made 7,000 calls, and the net gain of the membership has been sixty-five per cent. Both Greenville and High Street insist, with emphasis, upon the return of their pastor for the seventh year. Summing up these figures, we find that $2,649 have been paid on debt, $6,690 on improvements, and $2,912 have been expended on other interests.

II. Revival Reports.—And, further, the reports show that during the year 743 conversions have been noted, and there have been 1,098 additions to the Church. Evangelists have rendered assistance at Yellow Springs, New Carlisle, Troy Circuit, Greenville, South Charleston, Arcanum, and the Urbana and Piqua Churches joined in union city services. It is impractical to make special reference here to these evangelistic workers, and, for a judgment of their efficiency, reference must be made to the pastors with whom they labored.

III. Benevolences and Special Gifts.—Because of a bequest, last year, of over $800 for missions, we do not expect to reach the figures of last year's report; but an honest and earnest effort has been made to advance on our regular offering. A gift of $2,500, received, this year, from Laban W. Haughey, of South Charleston, for the Church Extension Society, places that benevolence in the front rank. From the same princely giver the Ohio Wesleyan University has received $3,000. A generous layman of Catawba has remembered the Home of the Aged with a gift of $200. This charity has also received, from within the district, a gift of $2,600. The Rev. J. W. Magruder, Financial Agent of the Ohio Wesleyan University, writes: "Credit Springfield District with a will for $7,000, and annuities for $4,000; total, $11,000. To this may be added the McFadden Fund of $6,300 (about), which has been transferred to the university this year, making a total credit of $17,300. Newson Chapel, Dialton Charge, has received the $500 bequest from the estate of Mrs. William Michael, mentioned in last year's report.

IV. Epworth League.—The Epworth League continues to prosper under the district presidency of Mr. J. A. Myers, of Springfield. Leagues have been organized at Donnellsville, Emory, Terre Haute, Fremont City, Brandt, and Selma, making six new Chapters. One or two Junior Leagues have also been formed.

V. Other Items.—The Urbana Camp-meeting held an interesting season, with Pastors Cherington and Fuller as superintendents. A ten days Chautauqua Assembly, under the leadership of Dr. Wilbur Davidson, preceded the camp-meeting. The Home for the Aged, at Yellow Springs, continues to prosper under the faithful care of Dr. H. C. Weakley. There are now 24 members in this household, and 12 possible additions, and this engaging charity is growing in the affection and substantial remembrance of the people. The district meeting at New Carlisle was a season of intellectual and spiritual inspiration. Not less delightful was the choice entertainment of Pastor Tufts and his cultured people. The annual meeting has become an important and profitable feature in our district life. The most successful "love-feasts" on the district have been held by Rev. C. P. Pumphrey, of the South Charleston Circuit. Recognizing the inevitable, a special dispensation was granted him extending the Disciplinary time-limit for such services, and, as a result, this promising young pastor has brought into the itinerancy a cultured Christian woman, whom it is a pleasure to welcome to the ranks of our workers.

VI. Dedications.—The present year will be memorable because

of the dedication of two beautiful new churches—Troy and the First Church, Urbana. March 12th was the date of the rededication of the new "old First." The total cost was $28,000, and $7,200 was subscribed on the day of dedication. Every needed dollar was provided, and, free from debt, the beautiful temple was dedicated in holy triumph. The Troy Church was dedicated May 12th, and $22,000 were raised on dedication-day; and the Quarterly Conference crowned the festival week by advancing the pastor's salary $100. The statement of the

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TROY, OHIO.
S. R. Badgeley, Architect, Cleveland, Ohio.

Building Committee, given on dedication-day, shows that the total expense was $68,604.18—the present value of this beautiful temple. If any man is doubtful of Christianity, or, if any Christian is troubled with pessimism, let him become acquainted with our people of Troy and of the First Church. In these two enterprises are enshrined the faithful service of two pastors, Rev. S. O. Royal and Rev. M. B. Fuller, who, with their lay brethren, have contributed five years of their best life-work. Ancient kings erected great tombs to insure remembrance, but how much greater are these memorials—the enduring temples of the living God! At both dedications, Dr. J. W. Bashford was the financial prestidigitator, and picked money out of the air and

from everywhere, to the astonishment of everybody, himself included. If you want to get money, get Dr. Bashford. We hope for other dedications the coming year, and the good Doctor can count himself engaged.

VII. ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—After the death of our dear Dr. Marlay, by the direction of Bishop Warren my official supervision was extended, for the second and third quarters, over the Dayton District. This was made possible by the hearty and systematic co-operation of the ministers. A Committee, consisting of J. E. Abrams, J. G. Vaughan, W. K. Stabler, and G. W. Vorhis, arranged the details of the work, and the service rendered each other in holding their Quarterly Conferences has united the pastors of that district in a strong bond of sympathetic fellowship. I wish to pay tribute to the willing and efficient work of the Committee, and record, for his fellow-ministers, their appreciation of the painstaking care and personal service of the Secretary, Dr. Vaughan.

In closing, it is a pleasure to speak of the

VIII. HARMONIOUS RELATIONS of our people. This has been a year of good will and harmony. The pastors are happy in their fellowship with each other. I am delighted to say that it is a rare thing to hear a word of disparagement or uncharitable judgment spoken of a brother minister. The good will of the laymen is shown by the fact that twenty-one Quarterly Conferences have requested the return of their pastors, and there are also other cases where, in the absence of formal action, the pastor's return is expected and welcome will be given. Two of the requests, as already noted, are for the seventh year. The evil prophecy that the removal of the time-limit would increase the restlessness of the Churches has no fulfillment in the Springfield District. It has been truly said that the Springfield District is the Paradise of our Conference. You may remember that, last year, the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District displayed a map of the Cincinnati Conference. You will recall that to the north, at the very top, was the Springfield District. There it is to-day. There you will always find it—at the TOP.

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STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

QUESTION 30.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund.*"

ANSWER. $10,354 50

QUESTION 31.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied.*"

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From Chartered Fund. $222 00
From Conference Trustees. 434 25
From Conference Treasurer from Last Year. . . 25 00
From Means Bequest. 122 00
From Tools Concern. 712 00
From the Charges. 5,205 00
From Balance in Treasury. 9 32

Total. $6,527 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Claimants	By What Delivered	[illegible]	Post-Office of Claimants
[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Norwood, [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Westchester, [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. G. S. Baker,	A. C. Turrell,	$150 00	$ 88 50	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	150 00	88 50	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	C. M. VanPelt,	50 00	29 50	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan,	By Mail,	150 00	88 50	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt,	C. L. Conger,	200 00	118 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall,	A. D. Maddox,	125 00	73 75	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	C. W. Gullette,	200 00	118 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	E. T. Lane,	200 00	118 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Fletcher Hypes,	By mail,	50 00	29 50	Owensville, O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin,	By mail,	100 00	59 00	Sharon, Pa.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	150 00	88 50	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely,	J. P. Porter,	50 00	29 50	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	150 00	88 50	Spencerville, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	J. F. Laird,	50 00	29 50	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald,	C. M. VanPelt,	200 00	118 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	J. J. McCabe	200 00	118 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. H. Middleton,	H. C. Middleton,	200 00	118 00	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Adam Miller,	By Mail,	200 00	118 00	172 Ashland av., Chicago.
Mrs. H. Miller and daughter,	E. McHugh,	225 00	132 75	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove	J. F. Laird,	200 00	118 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	G. L. Tufts,	200 00	118 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and children,	By mail,	250 00	147 50	Mechanicsburg. O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry and children,	W. M. Patton,	275 00	162 25	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. J. M. Robinson,	Self,	50 00	29 50	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. D. H. Sargent,	By mail,	125 00	73 75	St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and children,	A. D. Maddox,	300 00	177 00	Cleves, O,
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	U. G. Humphrey,	200 00	118 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	J. P. Porter,	150 00	88 50	Lambert's Pt., Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts,	U. G. Humphrey,	200 00	118 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve,	By mail,	50 00	29 50	Troy, O.
Mrs. Louisa Wones,	C. M. VanPelt,	50 00	29 50	Springfield, O.
Funeral expenses of Mrs. Geo. W. Fee,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Printing Minutes,	Net	5 00	5 00	
Stationery, etc.,	Net	3 50	3 50	
Total,		$4908 50	$2920 00	
	Brought forward,		3572 00	
Total disbursements,			$6492 00	
Balance in treasury	$25 35			

A. T. Cowgill, *Chairman.*
J. R. Hill, *Secretary.*
A. D. Maddox, *Treasurer.*

J. L. Dalbey, R. E. Smith, A. B. Austin,
G. M. Fulton, Philip Trout, J. E. Abrams,
Board of Conference Stewards.

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1901.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Grand Total.
For Missionary Society	$13,440 00	$6,809 00	$20,249 00
For Church Extension Society	1,357 00	3,117 00	4,474 00
For Sunday School Union	257 00	131 00	388 00
For Tract Society	241 00	131 00	372 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	1,650 00	1,166 00	2,816 00
For Public Education	203 00	360 00	563 00
For Children's Fund	774 00	230 00	1,004 00
For American Bible Society	379 00	513 00	892 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	79 00	4,710 00	4,789 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society	19 00	2,985 00	3,004 00
For Home for Aged	151 00	4,321 00	4,472 00
For Christ's Hospital	395 00	4,815 00	5,210 00
For Conference Claimants	4,711 00	582 00	5,293 00
For Episcopal Fund	1,210 00	220 00	1,475 00
For Other Benevolent Objects	207 00	10,931 00	10,738 00
Result of Fractional Dollars received	1 48		1 48
Grand total	$25,010 48	$50,900 00	$75,452 48

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Pye, for various Societies	$13,774 48
Paid A. D. Maddox, for Conference Claimants	4,711 00
Paid W. F. McDowell, for Children's Fund	774 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ's Hospital	395 00
Paid T. V. Bamford, for Ohio Wesleyan University	395 00
Paid H. L. Weakley, for Home for the Aged	151 00
Paid S. D. Royal, for publishing Conference Minutes	1 00
Total disbursements	$25,010 48

Receipts and vouchers for these amounts are in my hands.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer*

DAYTON, O., September 20, 1901.

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GENERAL STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY. . . . . C. F. ENYART, New Richmond, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'chers.	Deaths.....	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages..	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present Indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Bond Hill & Ple's't Ridge	5	131	...	2	2	...	2	25	179	2	$8,000	..	.....	$44	$60	$500
Carthage & Elmwood Pl.	4	231	...	..	7	10	2	40	300	2	6,000	..	.....	175	.....	.....
Cincinnati: Asbury	3	167	1	3	8	7	1	25	225	1	8,000	1	$2,000	75	.....	.....
Avondale	19	208	1	3	2	2	1	24	145	1	30,000	1	11,000	.....	.....	2,500
Christie	17	283	1	2	14	7	1	24	214	1	20,000	1	6,000	50	.....	.....
Clifton	1	60	..	1	1	...	1	12	68	1	35,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	3	269	3	5	1	1	1	20	321	1	8,000	1	3,000	130	.....	3,000
Cumminsville	15	320	2	5	8	18	1	30	250	1	30,000	..	.....	.....	4,500	6,000
Delta Ave	10	200	1	5	4	3	1	23	150	1	12,000	..	.....	900	.....	.....
E. Pearl Street	5	58	..	5	4	4	1	8	100	1	6,000	1	1,800	110	.....	.....
Fairmount	3	185	..	..	5	6	1	22	215	1	7,000	1	2,500	.....	575	1,000
Finley	11	145	..	..	4	2	1	20	180	1	10,000	..	.....	50	.....	.....
Linwood	1	106	1	..	1	...	1	9	65	1	1,200	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McKendree	10	250	1	5	6	24	1	22	190	1	16,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn	5	190	1	..	3	...	1	14	125	1	25,000	..	.....	100	1,100	.....
Mt. Lookout	5	225	1	1	5	5	1	21	135	1	5,000	1	3,500	400	.....	.....
Price Hill	12	190	2	2	9	1	1	20	150	1	14,000	..	.....	50	500	.....
Riverside (for 1900)	..	..	..	..	3	...	1	12	165	1	4,000	..	.....	47	.....	.....
St. Paul	27	503	1	5	19	34	1	28	301	1	100,000	1	15,000	730	1,500	3,500
Trinity	25	479	3	6	5	5	1	31	200	1	75,000	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Hills	10	529	4	5	12	8	1	32	300	1	60,000	1	15,000	1,836	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel	51	718	4	11	18	9	1	50	562	1	85,000	1	10,000	536	.....	.....
Westwood	14	196	..	2	3	2	1	28	185	1	50,000	1	2,500	400	.....	.....
York Street	11	189	..	2	7	3	1	22	185	1	12,000	..	.....	80	.....	.....
Cleves & Addyston	11	421	..	6	3	5	2	30	250	2	9,000	1	1,500	200	170	700
Delhi	3	142	..	4	4	1	1	19	153	1	9,000	..	.....	3,750	50	.....
Groesbeck	5	191	..	2	12	1	1	4	41	154	4	6,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell	3	225	..	1	7	4	1	25	225	1	12,000	1	2,500	500	580	1,532
Harrison	..	150	..	2	3	2	1	14	70	1	10,000	1	1,200	.....	50	500
Lockland-Wyoming	10	331	1	4	3	5	1	27	260	1	25,000	1	6,000	150	.....	.....
Madisonville	8	425	1	5	6	...	1	25	270	1	25,000	1	3,000	200	.....	.....
Norwood: 1st Church	28	269	1	2	3	12	1	18	225	1	5,000	..	.....	50	.....	.....
Grace Church	11	283	...	2	2	2	1	18	225	1	5,500	..	.....	200	150	870
Winton Place	2	138	...	3	7	5	1	22	150	1	15,000	1	10,000	13	170	1,070
Miami	..	93	...	3	...	...	2	12	60	2	2,400	..	.....	125	.....	.....
Totals	348	8,349	30	98	201	181	42	822	6947	42	709,500	18	102500	10,001	10,525	21,672
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany	..	167	1	1	...	4	1	16	75	1	3,000	1	1,000	740	.....	.....
Camden & Somerville	22	311	...	7	2	4	2	32	240	2	9,500	1	1,000	10	.....	.....
Centerville	20	416	...	5	...	15	2	36	238	2	8,500	1	1,000	261	.....	.....
Concord	12	246	...	3	...	3	4	65	255	4	4,900	1	600	5	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway	32	750	2	12	7	7	2	83	650	1	10,000	1	3,000	450	520	.....
Grace	7	756	1	2	4	3	1	31	325	1	60,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverdale	7	162	...	3	9	4	1	21	214	1	16,000	..	.....	3,400	.....	8,500
Raper	8	839	1	6	10	6	1	54	550	2	30,000	1	4,000	500	.....	.....
St. Paul	6	800	2	6	26	42	1	53	650	1	27,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity	8	353	3	2	27	33	1	33	337	1	15,000	1	2,500	870	1,000	1,400
Eaton	7	350	1	8	1	2	1	24	190	1	20,000	1	3,000	150	.....	.....
Ebenezer & Homest'd Av	3	198	...	3	8	1	2	34	249	2	7,800	1	1,500	300	475	2,600
Fair Haven	1	310	1	1	4	4	2	26	200	2	4,500	1	800	100	.....	.....
Fort Jefferson	6	236	...	1	1	2	4	54	343	4	6,000	1	500	22	.....	.....
Franklin	12	354	...	4	2	...	1	18	150	1	20,000	1	4,000	180	.....	1,784
Germantown	1	157	...	1	3	...	1	20	125	1	2,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glendale & Port Union	25	200	...	2	4	1	4	30	170	4	7,500	1	2,500	100	.....	.....
Gordon	5	140	...	3	...	10	4	40	415	4	5,370	1	375	2,070	.....	.....
Hamilton	12	607	...	10	14	25	1	54	650	1	40,000	1	10,000	.....	.....	10,000
Lewisburg	20	232	...	1	3	16	3	56	329	3	8,000	1	1,200	326	1,050	.....
Miamisburg	6	295	...	5	7	9	1	25	325	1	8,000	2	4,500	.....	.....	.....
Middletown	48	657	1	8	17	8	2	51	475	1	40,000	1	3,500	250	9,000	1,000
Monroe	16	171	...	6	1	1	2	25	130	2	10,000	1	2,000	486	.....	.....
New Paris	3	120	...	1	...	...	1	13	60	3	2,500	1	800	200	.....	.....
Osborn	15	325	...	3	1	2	4	48	240	4	11,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	7	350	2	6	6	6	1	20	200	1	20,000	1	1,800	50	.....	.....
Red Lion & Merrittstown	....	150	...	3	2	...	1	10	70	2	5,500	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Seven Mile	24	234	...	2	...	17	2	26	140	2	11,000	1	1,000	596	.....	.....
Springboro and Lytle	4	237	...	4	1	11	2	28	190	2	3,500	1	2,000	1,716	.....	150
Venice	6	349	...	2	8	16	5	55	292	5	11,100	1	700	270	.....	23
Walker, Reilly & Union	2	115	...	..	2	...	2	14	75	2	3,700	..	.....	350	.....	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Prhers.	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	Pd. for build. & impr. Ch's & Parsonages	Pd. for Ch. Property	Pd. on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
West Alexandria	1	150		3	1	2	1	21	160	1	$3,500			$37			
West Carrollton	2	197		2		2	1	18	180	1	1,200	1	$2,500	20	$100	$1,250	
West Chester		315			6	6	3	32	190	3	7,000	1	1,500	395			
West Elkton	24	231	4	3		4	4	33	250	4	4,000	1	500		55		
Totals	372	11480	19	134	177	267	71	1199	9827	73	448,870	29	58,775	13,208	12,800	26,707	
GEORGETOWN DIST.																	
Aberdeen	10	445		2	7	4	4	45	300	4	5,800	1	1,000	75			
Amelia	3	314	3	3	2	8	3	32	400	3	6,000	1	1,200				
Batavia	15	256		3	1	2	1	25	280	1	15,000	1	1,200	150			
Bethel	7	392	1	8		7	5	58	360	5	4,000						
Butlerville	8	279	1	7	9	4	4	58	245	4	3,400			60			
Centenary (for 1900)	2	275	1			8	5	50	135	5	8,000						
Chilo	34	322				24	5	50	140	4	8,000	1	400				
Decatur	27	405	1	6	4	10	5	70	430	4	5,700	1	1,000	75			
Feesburg	3	227		1		1	5	45	240	5	3,300	1	1,000		50		
Felicity	9	343	1		2	7	2	30	250	2	5,000	1	1,000	20			
Georgetown	4	467		6	1	13	3	44	290	3	10,000	1	1,800	45	200		
Goshen	5	279	1	3	3	1	3	42	280	3	3,700	1	1,200	65			
Laurel	6	427		12			4	51	300	4	6,500	1	1,100	950			
Lebanon	5	323		3	8	10	1	25	275	1	12,000	1	2,500	30	275	275	
Loveland	9	244		6	3	2	3	46	344	3	8,500			5,300		500	
Maineville	5	155		5	8	14	2	27	165	2	4,000	1	1,500	55			
Manchester	17	406		10	7	35	2	33	310	2	6,000	1	1,500	185	75		
Marathon	2	446		1	1	4	5	60	290	5	6,000	1	1,200	500			
Mason	19	283		3	13	25	3	48	305	3	7,500	1	2,500	261			
Milford	5	295		5	12	12	1	25	190	1	6,000	1	2,500	200			
Montgomery		120	1	2	1		3	25	175	4	6,000				50	550	
Morrow	9	157		3	1		1	15	100	1	3,500	1	1,500	650			
Moscow	13	420	3	12	5	28	4	51	360	4	12,000			300			
Mt. Washington	2	108		3			2	24	177	2	6,000			65			
New Richmond	17	208		4		2	1	17	140	1	4,000	1	1,500	94	255		
Newtown	8	330	1	4	1		4	42	250	4	6,000	1	1,800	225	111		
Owensville	5	430	1	4	15	24	4	56	325	4	6,000	1	1,500	75	80		
Ripley	9	293		3	18	4	1	28	247	1	30,000	1	4,000	20			
South Lebanon		179					2	22	150	2	4,000	1	1,500				
Summerside	6	284	1	3		2	5	62	318	5	7,200	2	2,200	65			
West Union	11	442	1	6	3	1	3	56	320	3	5,000	1	1,000				
Williamsburg	50	340	1	3	20	40	1	25	200	1	4,000	1	2,000	50			
Williamsburg Circuit	5	360	1	4	6	18	4	48	360	5	5,400			450			
Totals	330	10264	19	134	146	284	101	1356	9536	101	233,500	26	40,600	9,965	1,046	1,325	
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast	6	466		3		8	6	40	300	6	9,000	1	1,200	3,000			
Blanchester	6	292	2	2	2		1	28	250	1	10,000	1	1,800	150	633	2,350	
Bowersville	35	329	1		3	35	4	38	340	4	5,000	1	500				
Clarksville		314		3		4	4	48	240	3	5,500	1	1,800	1,500			
Dunkinsville	17	320	1	13		15	3	24	140	4	3,200				100		
Greenfield	14	936		23	2	8	1	37	822	1	10,000	2	7,500	11,000		617	
Highland	70	375	1	5	7	20	4	62	325	4	9,100	1	900	102	300	80	
Hillsboro	22	844	2	8	12	8	1	32	520	1	12,000	1	3,000	60	265		
Jamestown	4	360		2		4	1	20	205	1	12,500	1	2,000	46	100		
Leesburg	7	379	3	2	3	13	3	58	398	3	18,000	1	2,000	65	50		
Lynchburg	18	536	2	9	3	44	4	80	450	4	7,000	1	2,000	150			
Martinsville	1	264	1	6		6	5	50	280	5	8,500	1	600	210	175	120	
Mount Orab	5	387	3	3	6	10	4	26	376	4	4,900	1	1,100	112	292	300	
New Burlington	7	513	4	7	1	3	4	44	360	4	6,700	1	1,500	50	115		
New Jasper	3	328		4	1	2	3	30	200	3	7,440	1	1,800				
New Vienna		296		4			3	36	225	3	7,500	1	2,000				
Peebles	7	316	1	5	2	1	2	42	272	3	2,800	1	1,000	110			
Rainsboro	2	426	1	14	13	13	4	58	500	4	8,500	1	1,000				
Sabina		250	1	8	1	3	1	20	155	1	14,000	1	2,000	30			
Sinking Spring	19	375	2	3	2	12	5	55	400	5	4,500	1	1,200		75		
Sugar Tree Ridge	3	585	1	6		3	9	90	428	10	10,000		*436	65	8	1,500	
Union	16	382		6		14	5	71	325	5	5,800	1	2,200	300	380	350	
Waynesville	8	296		7	2	2	2	26	225	2	8,000	1	2,000	600		100	
Wilmington	3	295		4		4	1	18	150	1	12,000	1	2,000	90	320		
Winchester	16	403	1	5			2	27	265	2	9,800	1	1,000	3,800		1,000	
Xenia: First Church	25	951	1	12	15	55	1	38	587	1	32,000	1	5,000		3,000	6,000	
Trinity	58	414	1	7	2	32	1	28	168	1	20,000	1	5,000	385	360		
Totals	367	11602	29	166	77	342	94	1111	8858	96	256,740	26	52,236	21,384	6,183	12,387	

* Parsonage Fund.

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SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	12	172	1	1	1	...	1	16	200	1	$5,000	1	$2,000	...	...	...
Brandt	...	165	1	8	...	6	4	32	155	4	4,300	1	1,200	$500	$50	...
Catawba	7	485	...	8	4	10	3	60	380	3	9,500	1	3,000	250	...	...
Cedarville	5	300	...	8	7	...	2	27	200	2	5,000	1	2,000	...	...	...
Christiansburg	5	222	2	4	...	1	3	47	217	4	9,000	1	1,000	156	...	...
Covington	18	149	1	1	1	1	2	28	125	2	3,000	1	1,000	200	25	$50
Dialton	9	379	...	1	...	16	4	66	400	4	9,000	1	1,500	70	25	...
Greenville	15	412	2	6	8	15	1	32	285	1	27,000	1	2,500	375	350	1,100
King's Creek	13	178	...	5	3	11	4	33	246	4	4,000	1	700	133	...	...
Mechanicsburg	30	380	...	10	2	...	1	25	200	1	30,000	1	2,500	...	...	...
Mutual	54	378	...	5	...	6	4	67	228	4	7,800	1	800	72	60	1,200
New Carlisle	35	330	2	5	...	38	2	37	316	2	6,500	1	1,000	575	...	50
New Moorefield	3	278	...	4	3	6	4	46	300	4	11,000	1	1,200	700	...	...
Piqua: Grace	8	463	...	5	7	9	1	30	225	1	6,000	1	3,500	...	200	400
Greene Street	10	670	1	10	11	6	1	34	225	1	26,500	1	8,000	110	...	376
South Charleston	20	328	...	5	2	10	2	34	265	2	13,000	2	5,000	623	468	...
South Charleston Cir	30	280	...	5	...	2	5	52	300	5	7,200	...	...	100	60	50
Springfield: Central	94	874	4	7	8	19	1	67	607	1	20,000	1	10,000	2,707	...	2,293
Clifton Ave	4	300	2	2	6	1	1	32	290	1	3,500	...	...	180	585	1,200
Grace	6	284	1	3	6	10	1	16	284	1	2,000	...	...	...	...	...
High Street	6	488	1	12	10	4	1	30	280	1	30,000	1	10,000	...	...	...
St. Paul	8	460	...	8	11	8	1	40	211	1	50,000	1	5,000	1,500	...	4,000
Tippecanoe City	8	257	2	4	...	4	1	25	211	1	15,000	1	2,000	...	600	...
Tremont City	14	401	...	6	...	42	4	64	350	4	19,000	1	1,200	200	...	...
Troy	9	557	2	13	17	8	1	30	428	1	60,000	1	6,500	40,280	8,500	...
Troy Circuit	9	298	...	5	11	6	3	43	195	3	8,000	1	1,500	100	...	...
Urbana: First Church	10	737	...	10	26	37	1	26	380	1	40,000	1	4,000	5,000	...	...
Grace	11	510	2	4	...	6	1	25	330	1	25,000	1	4,000	...	...	...
Yellow Springs	55	427	...	4	17	18	3	51	299	3	7,000	1	1,200	281	...	47
Totals	498	11062	24	151	156	297	63	1110	8078	64	463,300	27	82,300	54311	10,923	10,766

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

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Cincinnati	348	8349	30	93	201	181	42	822	6947	42	$709,500	18	102500	$10001	$10525	$21672
Dayton	372	11480	19	134	177	267	71	1199	9827	73	448,870	29	58775	18803	12800	26707
Georgetown	380	10254	19	134	146	254	101	1356	8536	101	238,500	26	40600	9965	1046	1325
Hillsboro	367	11602	29	166	77	342	84	1111	8856	86	256,740	26	52236	21384	6183	12387
Springfield	498	11062	24	151	156	297	63	1110	8078	64	463,300	27	82300	54112	10923	10766
Totals, 1901	1910	52747	121	678	757	1371	361	5598	41744	366	2111910	126	336411	109265	41427	72857
Totals, 1900	2006	52559	124	643	674	1512	369	5635	42642	371	2070240	128	354150	68239	22565	95516
Increase	...	188	...	35	83	...	...	...	...	...	$41,670	...	...	$41026	$18862	...
Decrease	96	...	3	...	...	141	8	37	808	5	...	2	$17789	...	...	$22659

STATISTICS No. II.

	No. of Societies	No. of Members and Probationers	No. of Sunday-schools in all Classes	Average Attendance	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Church who are Members or Probationers	No. of Members of Church Converted during the Year	Current Expenses.

GENERAL STATISTICS No. III.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	RECEIPTS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS. Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS. Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Total Conference Claimants,	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Bond Hill & Pleas. Ridge,	J. P. Ninde,	$300	.....	$300	$642	.....	$642	Ex. $342	$32	$32	$6	$6	$680	$13	$221	$78
Carthage and Elmwood Place,	S. G. Pollard,	800	.....	800	800	.....	800	.....	30	30	3	3	833	5	260	150
Cincinnati: Asbury,	W. H. Spybey,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	62	62	15	15	1077	32	457	145
Avondale,	E. P. Edmonds,	2000	750	2750	2000	750	2750	.....	203	203	25	25	2978	233	1550	185
Christie,	J. R. Colley,	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....	63	64	10	8	1372	40	350	149
Clifton,	R. H. Rust,	1000	420	1420	1000	420	1420	.....	58	58	15	15	1493	20	425	20
Columbia,	F. C. English,	900	300	1200	900	300	1200	.....	36	36	8	8	1244	20	300	125
Cumminsville,	William Runyan,	960	240	1200	960	240	1200	.....	24	24	10	10	1234	12	500	200
Delta Avenue,	C. T. Crum,	800	.....	800	700	.....	700	100	27	27	8	3	730	5	250	125
East Pearl Street,	W. C. Nash,	300	.....	300	331	.....	331	Ex. 31	13	13	1	4	348	10	165	35
Fairmount,	F. M. Kirgan,	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	.....	31	28	3	3	1071	5	150	72
Finley,	I. R. Marshall,	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	16	16	5	5	721	10	185	75
Linwood,	[John Phillips],	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	25	25	7	7	632	10	212	40
McKendree,	J. W. Gaddis,	1000	.....	1000	1000	....	1000	.....	32	32	3	3	1035	10	245	40
Mt. Auburn,	R. J. Wyckoff,	1400	.....	1400	1400	.....	1400	.....	67	67	20	20	1487	74	1000	32
Mt. Lookout,	G. V. Morris,	1000	300	1300	1050	300	1350	Ex. 50	73	73	14	14	1437	54	500	130
Price Hill,	S. W. Bell,	1000	.....	1000	1200	...	1200	Ex. 200	60	60	15	15	1275	30	400	120
Riverside,		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul,	C. W. Blodgett,	1800	1000	2800	1800	1000	2800	.....	143	143	25	25	2968	100	2602	200
Trinity,	W. A. Robinson,	1600	500	2100	1600	500	2100	.....	144	144	30	30	2274	85	1800	100
Walnut Hills,	J. B. Young,	2750	1000	3750	2750	1000	3750	.....	280	280	50	50	4080	180	1603	180
Wesley Chapel,	G. Roughton	1000	500	1500	1070	500	1570	Ex. 70	127	127	26	26	1723	105	920	210
Westwood,	D. G. Latshaw,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	92	92	20	20	1512	240	1200	100
York Street,	E. McHugh,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	32	32	5	5	1037	31	325	100

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Cleves and Addyston,	B. D. Hypes,	$1000	.....	$1000	$905	.....	$905	$95	$30	$30	$2	$2	$937	$4	$150	$100
Delhi,	H. A. M. Henderson,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	45	45	10	10	1055	50	227	76
Groesbeck,	S. B. Timmons,	700	.....	700	534	.....	534	166	27	15	....	.....	549	2	120	95
Hartwell,	W. H. Wehrly,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	67	67	18	18	1485	50	300	165
Harrison,	T. D. Moore,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	23	23	.....	.....	623	10	125	40
Lockland-Wyoming,	W. L. Y. Davis,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	113	113	25	25	1938	170	1000	124
Madisonville,	W. A. Deaton,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	110	110	15	15	1625	195	800	150
Norwood: First Church,	J. E. Beery,	1000	.....	1000	1200	.....	1200	Ex. 200	27	27	12	12	1239	25	300	142
Grace,	G. B. Shanor,	1100	.....	1100	1100	.....	1100	.....	41	41	10	10	1151	35	200	150
Winton Place,	E. Burdsall,	800	300	1100	800	300	1100	.....	45	45	10	8	1153	45	200	290
Miami,	T. G. Stull,	300	.....	300	300	.....	300	.....	10	10	.....	.....	310	.....	.....	20
Totals,		35510	6650	42160	36042	6650	42692	Ex. 532	2298	2194	426	420	45306	2010	18948	3963
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany,	J. H. Lease,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	47	47	6	6	728	12	100	50
Camden and Somerville,	C. L. Chapman,	600	100	700	602	100	702	Ex. 2	42	42	8	8	752	17	326	130
Centerville,	J. A. White,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	66	66	8	8	1024	71	165	94
Concord,	J. C. Eckles,	450	36	486	450	36	486	.....	35	35	5	4	525	6	171	137
Dayton: Broadway,	Creighton Wones,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	80	80	13	13	1243	38	425	235
Grace,	C. W. Gullette,	2000	600	2600	2000	600	2600	.....	182	182	25	25	2807	101	2000	175
Riverdale,	G. W. Vorhis,	660	.....	660	660	.....	660	.....	42	42	8	5	707	5	242	78
Raper,	J. J. McCabe,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	122	122	23	23	1945	100	1605	216
St. Paul,	J. G. Vaughan,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	108	108	20	20	1828	60	800	350
Trinity,	E. M. Ellsworth,	700	200	900	740	200	940	Ex. 40	50	50	4	4	994	6	275	177
Eaton,	L. E. Prentiss,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	80	80	15	15	1295	25	450	50
Ebenezer & Homestead Av.	O. L. Utter,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	35	35	5	.....	635	.....	144	142

Fair Haven,	J. F. McColm,	600	50	650	540	50	590	60	43	39	8	6	635	13	100	40
Fort Jefferson,	J. A. Winkler,	450	50	500	415	50	465	35	42	40	8	8	513	*9	80	138
Franklin,	A. B. Austin,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	70	70	10	10	1130	31	300	50
Germantown,	C. L. Myers,	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	.....	35	35	6	6	591	30	100	80
Glendale and Pt. Union,	A. T. Cowgill,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	64	50	8	8	1008	20	200	200
Gordon,	[F. S. Reinbarth,]	475	50	525	470	50	520	5	36	30	7	5	555	8	300	140
Hamilton,	C. E. Schenk,	1500	500	2000	1500	500	2000	.....	130	130	15	15	2145	42	1142	225
Lewisburg,	W. C. Mitchell,	525	75	600	526	75	601	Ex. 1	40	40	5	5	646	10	207	127
Miamisburg,	J. E. Abrams,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	85	85	15	15	1350	60	250	150
Middletown,	D. L. Aultman,	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	.....	90	90	15	15	1545	27	682	171
Monroe,	F. Leever,	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	60	60	10	10	920	15	130	50
New Paris,	J. McK. Shultz,	450	60	510	350	60	410	100	25	21	5	2	433	6	100	17
Osborn,	R. E. Smith,	600	110	710	566	110	676	34	49	36	10	3	715	8	225	142
Oxford,	J. P. Porter,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	80	80	12	12	1142	36	590	70
Red Lion & Merrittstown,	Henry Hershey,	575	75	650	575	75	650	.....	40	40	.....	.....	690	2	100	30
Seven Mile,	O. P. Hoffman,	600	100	700	610	100	710	Ex. 10	49	49	12	8	767	25	114	68
Springboro & Lytle,	J. W. Patton,	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	38	38	7	7	705	15	175	85
Venice,	O. D. Becker,	700	75	775	714	75	789	Ex. 14	50	26	3	3	818	12	155	108
Walker, Reilly & Union,	W. W. Reeves,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	35	35	7	2	537	2	80	25
West Alexandria,	L. E. Prentiss,	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	25	25	2	2	427	2	80	60
West Carrollton,	A. K. Stabler,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	60	60	10	10	1070	19	100	85
West Chester,	J. A. Jenkinson,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	42	42	9	9	751	5	270	65
West Elkton,	[Fee Naylor],	400	60	460	392	60	452	8	28	28	5	5	485	4	50	60
Totals,		27185	4716	31901	27010	4716	31126	175	2105	2038	329	297	34061	842	12833	4020
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen,	H. E. Armacost,	625	100	725	630	100	730	Ex. 5	60	60	7	7	797	40	125	100
Amelia,	A. L. Brokaw,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	60	60	8	5	765	15	175	45
Batavia,	H. W. Bailey,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	74	74	10	10	1004	15	165	115
Bethel,	A. G. Newton,	500	60	560	475	60	535	25	49	45	7	5	585	3	125	140
Butlerville,	[J. W. Burdsall],	381	.....	381	355	.....	355	26	39	36	5	4	395	2	155	78
Centenary,	[A. V. Fackler],†	500	.....	500	427	.....	427	73	48	41	5	4	472	.....	130	76
Chilo,	H. C. Hutchinson,	500	50	550	462	50	512	38	48	35	5	4	551	6	200	80
Decatur,	W. S. Gray,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	50	50	6	6	731	10	125	100

*Conference Claimants.—$1 from Other Sources. †No Report. Statistics of 1900.

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NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, & Bishops.	Total Conference Claimants.	CURRENT EXPENSES	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.							Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.		Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.				
Feesburg,	C. H. Kalbfus,	$550	$75	$625	$424	$75	$499	$126	$52	$41	$6	$5	$545	$13	$50	$60
Felicity,	W. J. Dunham,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	56	56	8	8	764	5	200	80
Georgetown,	C. W. Horn,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	66	66	10	10	896	20	220	56
Goshen,	W. J. Baker,	600	72	672	600	72	672	.....	53	53	5	5	730	27	165	98
Laurel,	T. G. Williams,	600	50	650	510	50	560	90	54	54	6	5	619	5	200	65
Lebanon,	J. L. Shively,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	90	90	10	10	1300	45	355	111
Loveland,	E. S. Gaddis,	580	.....	580	580	.....	580	.....	46	46	.....	1	627	7	123	164
Maineville,	G. M. Fulton,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	7	7	759	30	125	75
Manchester,	I. E. Price,	625	100	725	635	100	735	Ex. 10	60	60	7	5	800	16	200	80
Marathon,	L. A. Washburn,	530	60	590	530	60	590	.....	44	44	6	6	640	20	175	80
Mason,	W. A. Wiant,	800	150	950	818	150	968	Ex. 18	70	70	8	8	1046	17	155	140
Milford,	M. LeSourd,	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	111	111	12	12	1473	96	220	80
Montgomery,	[R. S. Hagerman],	405	.....	405	290	.....	290	115	40	35	5	5	330	4	75	30
Morrow,	W. E. Putt,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	58	58	8	8	816	10	118	42
Moscow,	J. D. Darling,	676	.....	676	690	.....	690	Ex. 14	58	58	8	8	756	15	300	130
Mt. Washington,	[A. J. Kestle],	600	.....	600	472	.....	472	128	40	31	5	3	506	3	115	90
New Richmond,	C. F. Enyart,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	55	54	7	2	906	5	135	62
Newtown,	L. M. Davis,	635	120	755	588	120	708	47	42	42	8	7	757	12	155	85
Owensville,	W. D. English,	600	60	660	525	60	585	75	54	43	7	7	635	8	180	110
Ripley,	J. A. Geissinger,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	74	74	10	10	1084	10	380	250
South Lebanon,	[W. R. Karr], 9 mos,	335	.....	335	335	.....	335	.....	44	37	.....	.....	372	.....	125	40
Summerside,	W. E. Spurrier,	550	75	625	525	75	600	25	50	50	7	7	657	15	170	95
West Union,	G. S. Easton,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	57	57	10	4	861	15	200	125
Williamsburg,	E. T. Lane,	600	100	700	635	100	735	Ex. 35	52	52	6	6	793	25	200	115
Williamsburg Circuit,	[E. J. T. Connelly],	525	.....	525	485	.....	485	40	40	37	5	3	525	10	125	115
Totals,		20667	2587	23254	19941	2587	22528	726	1846	1772	224	197	24497	524	5646	3112

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast,	Thomas Cundy,	600	75	675	590	75	665	10	50	50	8	7	722	5	15	50
Blanchester,	C. H. Haines,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	9	9	859	13	150	100
Bowersville,	J. H. McNary,	650	50	700	651	50	701	Ex. 1	50	50	8	8	759	10	150	150
Clarksville,	J. S. Ruggles,	650	100	750	612	100	712	40	50	47	9	8	767	12	200	100
Dunkinsville,	[Charles J. Kelch],	350	.....	350	297	.....	297	53	28	26	4	1	324	2	15	30
Greenfield,	F. G. Mitchell,	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	.....	116	116	19	19	1875	101	331	234
Highland,	C. C. Peale,	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	59	59	11	11	920	60	177	82
Hillsboro,	S. O. Royal,	1400	250	1650	1400	250	1650	.....	150	150	21	21	1821	112	554	169
Jamestown,	U. G. Humphrey,	900	100	1000	910	100	1010	Ex. 10	73	73	12	12	1095	72	212	78
Leesburg,	H. C. Middleton,	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	64	64	11	11	925	40	222	131
Lynchburg,	W. M. Patton,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	63	63	10	10	923	40	200	200
Martinsville,	D. A. McColm,	600	70	670	476	70	546	124	48	38	7	5	589	8	160	100
Mt. Orab,	[David W. Clark],	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	8	1	753	3	123	76
New Burlington,	R. K. Deem,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	64	64	12	12	976	64	225	170
New Jasper,	C. W. Briggs,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	59	59	11	11	770	22	150	46
New Vienna,	John Wilson,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	59	59	11	11	901	25	175	75
Peebles,	J. E. H. Sentman,	650	100	750	603	100	703	47	59	55	9	7	765	10	175	75
Rainsboro,	H. G. Curless,	600	36	636	600	36	636	.....	52	52	8	8	696	40	130	115
Sabina,	G. P. Austin,	700	140	840	700	140	840	.....	64	64	12	12	916	15	155	55
Sinking Spring,	W. B. Brown,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	44	44	5	5	749	5	185	60
Sugar Tree Ridge,	D. W. C. Washburn,	950	.....	950	710	.....	710	240	55	41	10	2	753	8	250	200
Union,	Philip Trout,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	..	66	66	12	12	1078	64	215	155
Waynesville,	W. M. Coffman,	800	150	950	815	150	965	Ex. 15	66	66	9	9	1040	30	200	70
Wilmington,	E. T. Wells,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	86	86	14	14	1350	65	245	108
Winchester,	G. H. Smith,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	52	52	10	10	862	5	105	97
Xenia: First Church,	A. C. Turrell,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	126	126	24	24	1950	100	1300	225
Trinity,	M. E. Ketcham,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	95	95	20	20	1615	55	430	85
Totals,		21950	3331	25281	21464	3331	24795	486	1800	1767	304	280	26842	986	6449	3036
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																
Arcanum,	E. L. Hollingsworth	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	65	65	.....	.....	715	5	150	110
Brandt,	[J. G. Talbott],	400	55	455	400	55	455	.....	35	31	.....	.....	490	2	52	52
Catawba,	J. R. Hill,	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	65	65	12	12	977	25	225	75
Cedarville,	A. Hamilton,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	40	40	10	8	898	10	250	100
Christiansburg,	J. F. Laird,	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	35	35	8	4	699	10	80	43

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Covington,	G. L. Travis,	$400	$100	$500	$437	$100	$537	Ex. $37	$25	$25	$7	$7	$569	$35	$70	$80
Dialton,	J. L. Dalbey,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	50	50	10	10	810	24	175	85
Greenville,	C. L. Conger,	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	100	100	8	8	1408	28	578	156
King's Creek,	[A. R. Neal,]	400	60	460	400	60	460	.....	35	21	8	8	497	10	160	66
Mechanicsburg,	A. N. Spahr,	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	80	80	13	13	1193	50	508	107
Mutual,	C. D. Munsey,	600	75	675	608	75	683	Ex. 5	40	40	10	8	731	17	155	79
New Carlisle,	G. L. Tufts,	650	100	750	660	100	760	Ex. 10	55	55	10	2	817	20	125	60
New Moorefield,	R. S. McColm,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	60	60	8	8	818	16	300	100
Piqua: Grace,	O. M. Sellers,	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	60	60	13	13	1173	16	200	75
Greene Street,	H.D.Ketcham (9 mos)†	1200	400	1600	1200	400	1600	.....	140	140	27	27	1767	80	824	150
South Charleston,	J. S. Pumphrey,	825	150	975	825	150	975	.....	60	60	13	13	1048	30	313	85
South Charleston Circuit,	C. P. Pumphrey,	600	.....	600	588	.....	588	12	40	39	9	.....	627	5	125	70
Springfield: Central,	C. M. Van Pelt,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	27	27	2162	65	425	177
Clifton Avenue,	S. W. Campbell,	600	135	735	600	135	735	.....	25	25	5	3	763	5	150	70
Grace,	J. L. Duckwall,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	20	20	5	5	625	10	115	35
High Street,	J. A. Story,	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	135	135	20	20	2355	120	1282	75
St. Paul,	J. W. Peters,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	20	20	2155	30	700	300
Tippecanoe City,	J. A. Easton,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	40	40	8	8	748	12	140	87
Tremont City,	A. D. Maddox,	750	96	846	750	96	846	.....	60	60	10	10	916	42	300	100
Troy,	G. W. Dubois,	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	115	115	20	20	2035	*115	368	160
Troy Circuit,	S. A. Keen,	616	150	766	580	150	730	36	40	36	10	10	776	30	90	60
Urbana: First Church,	M. B. Fuller,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	130	130	12	12	1642	96	1050	150
Grace,	E. H. Cherington,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	120	120	12	12	1632	96	700	150
Yellow Springs,	C. W. Elliott,	755	100	855	755	100	855	.....	60	60	9	9	924	27	180	93
Totals,		24596	5081	29677	24603	5081	29684	Ex. 7	2000	1981	316	297	31970	1031	10540	2950

*Conference Claimants.—$13 from Other Sources.

†Appointed Presiding Elder Dayton District, June 1.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Total Conference Claimants.	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid			Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.									
Cincinnati,	$35,510	$6,650	$42,160	$36,042	$6,650	$42,692	Ex. $5 2	$2,298	$2,194	$426	$420	$45,306	$1,910	$18,948	$3,963
Dayton,	27,185	4,716	31,901	27,010	4,716	31,726	175	2,105	2,038	329	297	34,061	842	12,833	4,020
Georgetown,	20,667	2,587	23,254	19,941	2,587	22,528	726	1,846	1,772	224	197	24,497	524	5,646	3,112
Hillsboro,	21,950	3,331	25,281	21,464	3,331	24,795	486	1,800	1,767	304	280	26,842	986	6,449	3,036
Springfield,	24,596	5,081	29,677	24,603	5,081	29,684	Ex. 7	2,000	1,981	316	297	31,970	1,031	10,540	2,950
Totals, 1901,	129,908	22,365	152,273	129,060	22,365	151,425	848	10,049	9,752	1,599	1,491	162,676	*5,293	54,416	17,081
Totals, 1900,	133,118	22,069	155,187	131,203	22,069	153,272	1,915	9,714	9,518	1,553	1,492	164,283	5,627	52,565	17,809
Increase,	.....	296	.....	.....	296	.....	.....	335	234	46	.....	.....	.....	1,851	.....
Decrease,	3,210	.....	2,914	2,143	.....	1,847	1,067	.....	.....	.....	1	1,607	334	.....	728

*Conference Claimants.—$14 from Other Sources.

GENERAL STATISTICS No. IV.

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday-school Union	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Christ's Hospital,	Home for the Aged,
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total.					Public Edu'nal Collec'n	Child'n's Fund.								
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,	$20	$15	$35	$2	$2	$2	$6	$4	$3	$3	.....	.....	$23	$13	$6	$11	$2
Carthage and Elmwood Place,	20	.....	20	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	$53	.....	25	5	3	.....	10
Cincinnati: Asbury,	71	57	128	18	5	5	18	5	4	6	24	$26	76	32	15	53	2
Avondale,	270	65	335	175	22	24	305	20	8	29	266	330	1,281	233	25	169	50
Christie,	60	20	80	6	1	1	6	4	.....	4	43	144	280	40	8	15	.....
Clifton,	40	15	55	2	10	5	20	.....	.....	13	170	82	152	20	10	.....	.....
Columbia,	45	38	83	11	2	2	5	4	.....	5	48	.....	5	20	8	28	.....
Cumminsville,	102	20	122	5	1	1	12	3	4	2	49	67	20	12	10	.....	.....
Delta Avenue,	5	45	50	3	1	1	3	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	5	3	.....	.....
East Pearl Street,	40	10	50	4	4	4	4	4	.....	4	.....	.....	4	10	4	4	.....
Fairmount,	5	15	20	5	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	58	.....	.....	5	3	.....	.....
Finley,	10	7	17	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	...	.....	.....	.....	10	5	4	.....
Linwood,	20	20	40	1	1	1	5	1	.....	1	10	10	.....	10	7	.....	.....
McKendree,	15	32	47	1	1	1	10	1	2	1	26	4	6	10	3	2	.....
Mt. Auburn,	133	80	213	40	7	5	46	1	20	10	167	220	68	74	20	35	47
Mt. Lookout,	107	94	201	35	7	5	32	11	6	20	280	205	111	54	14	53	15
Price Hill,	61	14	75	10	2	2	10	.....	8	6	80	148	188	30	15	10	5
Riverside,	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
St. Paul,	315	100	415	25	3	3	50	.....	10	10	467	291	462	100	25	100	.....
Trinity,	226	26	252	15	3	3	15	5	5	20	453	131	267	85	30	1,652	14
Walnut Hills,	476	486	962	82	10	10	115	25	10	10	820	2,114	210	180	50	40	.....
Wesley Chapel,	745	315	1,060	75	11	14	75	19	24	21	282	.....	1,175	105	26	45	.....
Westwood,	1,023	30	1,053	281	57	57	379	70	59	115	311	.....	919	240	20	927	.....
York Street,	22	23	45	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	51	64	5	31	5	15	1

Cleves and Addyston,	12	4	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	25	.....	.....	4	2	.....	.....
Delhi,	38	24	62	2	1	1	4	4	4	...	41	13	17	50	10	.....	2
Groesbeck,	10	.....	10	1	.....	...	.....,	.....	8	...	.....	.....	.....	2	...	.....	.....
Hartwell,	47	88	135	20	2	2	20	4	24	10	149	133	60	50	18	35	30
Harrison,	2	8	10	.....	1	...	2	.....	4	2	45	.....	.....	10	...	6	.....
Lockland-Wyoming,	450	80	530	36	2	1	228	3	.....	25	438	.....	359	170	25	438	116
Madisonville,	121	125	246	5	4	3	18	5	.....	...	322	.....	10	195	15	201	5
Norwood: First Church,	56	21	77	3	1	1	5	.....	12	2	175	.....	8	25	12	20	.....
Grace,	48	62	110	10	...	...	10	.....	10	6	.....	170	234	35	10	54	.....
Winton Place,	50	33	83	10	2	2	10	2	2	11	80	103	30	45	8	10	.....
Totals,	4,673	1,972	6,645	889	166	162	1,421	200	234	342	4,934	4,256	5,995	1,910	415	3,927	299
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany,	26	6	32	6	1	2	6	1	3	2	23	.....	.....	12	6	.....	.....
Camden and Somerville,	73	12	85	5	1	1	5	.....	8	3	51	.....	.....	17	8	56	2
Centerville,	80	37	117	20	4	4	15	.....	14	3	20	.....	.....	71	8	7	2
Concord,	45	7	52	15	1	1	12	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	6	4	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway,	278	84	362	10	5	5	42	.....	15	5	135	408	171	38	13	15	5
Grace,	363	7	370	5	5	5	107	5	.....	5	189	253	780	101	20	.....	35
Riverdale,	10	10	20	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	2	7	.....	20	5	5	.....	4
Raper,	142	258	400	25	5	5	50	12	12	20	251	154	275	100	23	10	.....
St. Paul,	151	125	276	20	5	5	20	196	5	10	215	142	691	60	20	.....	.....
Trinity,	20	2	22	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	23	6	4	.....	.....
Eaton,	120	30	150	10	3	2	40	.....	5	5	52	115	61	25	15	24	.....
Ebenezer and Homestead Ave.,	5	5	10	2	1	1	2	.....	2	...	.....	.....	57	.....	...	.....	.....
Fair Haven,	54	8	62	5	2	2	7	2	6	2	.....	.....	.....	13	6	2	.....
Fort Jefferson,	43	7	50	3	.....	.....	4	.....	5	...	5	.....	.....	9	8	.....	1
Franklin,	50	18	68	7	1	1	11	5	6	6	51	49	.....	31	10	7	.....
Germantown,	45	10	55	5	2	3	7	4	2	2	.....	.....	15	30	6	.....	.....
Glendale and Port Union,	22	23	45	3	1	1	3	1	5	2	.....	.....	.....	20	8	.....	.....
Gordon,	45	23	68	.....	3	1	2	5	4	6	.....	.....	.....	8	6	11	.....
Hamilton,	245	100	345	33	10	4	30	15	12	20	227	113	119	42	15	100	21
Lewisburg,	40	8	48	7	2	2	7	2	5	2	.....	.....	45	10	5	52	10
Miamisburg,	135	75	210	6	1	1	20	.....	.....	6	65	95	119	60	15	23	3
Middletown,	45	30	75	10	2	3	24	6	2	4	23	105	58	27	15	8	.....

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	MISSIONS.							EDUCATION.									
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc.	Public Edu'nal Coller'n	Child'n's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Christ's Hospital.	Home for the Aged.
Monroe,	$25	$15	$40	$5	$1	.....	$3	$1	$4	$1	.....	$14	.....	$15	$10	$6	$2
New Paris,	6	7	13	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	6	2	.....	.....
Osborn,	21	4	25	2	....	....	1	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....	8	3	.....	.....
Oxford,	67	33	100	11	3	2	10	4	4	13	$54	22	.....	36	12	41	4
Red Lion and Merrittstown,	18	2	20	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2	....	.....	.....
Seven Mile,	65	13	78	14	2	1	14	8	8	5	.....	.....	$25	25	8	13	.....
Springboro and Lytle,	46	14	60	908	1	1	10	1	2	..	.....	34	.....	15	7	.....	.....
Venice,	40	5	45	908	1	1	5	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	12	3	.....	40
Walker, Reilly, and Union,	8	2	10	1	....	.....	3	.....	4	1	1	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....
West Alexandria,	.....	10	10	.....	....	.....	39	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2	2	15	.....
West Carrollton,	50	.....	50	15	1	1	25	4	.....	1	120	.....	.....	19	10	10	*
West Chester,	20	12	32	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	7	...	.....	.....	18	5	9	.....	2
West Elkton,	10	14	24	2	....	.....	3	.....	5	...	.....	.....	.....	4	5	.....	.....
Totals,	2,413	1,016	3,429	269	65	56	531	275	150	130	1,489	1,505	2,477	842	293	400	131
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																	
Aberdeen,	35	5	40	5	3	2	5	3	2	3	1	1	.....	40	7	1	2
Amelia,	26	14	40	5	1	1	2	.....	10	1	.....	.....	34	15	5	.....	.....
Batavia,	37	15	52	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	33	.....	.....	15	10	49	2
Bethel,	40	5	45	5	1	1	5	2	4	5	.....	.....	.....	3	5	23	.....
Butlerville,	20	3	23	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	5	...	.....	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....
Centenary,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Chilo,	8	1	9	1	1	1	1	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	6	4	.....	.....
Decatur,	97	3	100	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	1	20	.....	.....	10	6	29	1
Feesburg,	21	.....	21	5	1	1	5	1	2	1	.....	.....	. ....	13	5	.....	.....

* $550 additional for Home for Aged.

Felicity,	30	2	32	3	1	2	3	3	7	3	12	.....	.....	5	8	1	1
Georgetown,	68	32	100	6	2	1	6	1	22	2	.....	.....	80	20	10	12	.....
Goshen,	69	51	120	6	.....	.....	6	.....	10	1	3	.....	30	27	5	10	40
Laurel,	23	2	25	5	1	1	5	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	5	5	.....	1
Lebanon,	120	42	162	20	2	2	24	3	5	5	125	3	.....	45	10	54	15
Loveland,	15	50	65	5	1	1	4	2	10	3	40	.....	.....	7	1	.....	5
Maineville,	16	14	30	1	1	1	3	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	30	7	.....	2
Manchester,	33	25	58	3	2	2	3	.....	12	...	17	.....	.....	16	4	3	9
Marathon,	40	2	42	5	1	2	5	4	9	3	47	.....	.....	20	6	30	1
Mason,	52	23	75	4	1	1	4	2	3	9	.....	.....	28	17	8	50	11
Milford,	220	100	320	25	3	3	25	10	5	6	86	65	13	96	12	30	10
Montgomery,	8	.....	8	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	4	5	.....	.....
Morrow,	17	38	55	5	1	1	10	.....	4	1	29	.....	12	10	8	.....	.....
Moscow,	50	7	57	10	2	2	5	2	6	1	.....	.....	.....	15	8	.....	2
Mount Washington,	14	14	28	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....
New Richmond,	20	6	26	2	2	.....	1	.....	4	1	.....	.....	20	5	2	.....	.....
Newtown,	27	13	40	5	1	1	5	3	.....	2	59	.....	.....	12	7	20	2
Owensville,	32	.....	32	8	1	1	8	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	8	6	8	2
Ripley,	50	30	80	.....	2	1	5	.....	5	2	5	10	.....	10	10	9	3
South Lebanon,	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Summerside,	*61	24	85	7	1	1	7	1	5	1	.....	.....	.....	15	7	30	2
West Union,	50	.....	50	4	...	...	3	.....	1	3	26	.....	7	15	4	.....	.....
Williamsburg,	45	30	75	5	2	2	6	10	8	5	.....	.....	16	25	6	5	4
Williamsburg Circuit,	33	2	35	.....	.....	.....	4	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	10	3	15	.....
Totals,	1,381	553	1,934	254	37	34	168	51	162	68	595	79	240	524	191	379	115
Hillsboro District.																	
Belfast,	40	2	42	2	1	1	2	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	5	7	.....	.....
Blanchester,	55	30	85	14	1	2	4	.....	2	3	17	.....	.....	13	9	.....	5
Bowersville,	75	18	93	3	1	1	2	.....	16	...	.....	.....	.....	10	8	15	.....
Clarksville,	28	15	43	6	1	1	6	.....	6	2	9	.....	.....	12	8	.....	.....
Dunkinsville,	7	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....
Greenfield,	216	100	316	20	9	9	22	10	5	18	117	125	63	101	18	23	.....

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* $81 from Thos. Robertson Fund.

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	MISSIONS.						EDUCATION.										
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South Ed. Soc.	Public Edu'nal Collec'n	Child'n's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Christ's Hospital,	Home for the Aged,
Highland,	$273	$25	$298	$32	$2	$2	$32	.....	$26	$11	$60	$6	$47	$60	$11	.....	.....
Hillsboro,	205	200	405	26	8	9	41	$6	9	10	198	158	45	112	21	$22	4
Jamestown,	150	100	250	50	2	2	50	.....	2	5	85	.....	67	72	12	29	3
Leesburg,	42	30	72	10	3	2	20	2	10	5	93	84	.....	40	11	.....	$1000
Lynchburg,	104	21	125	7	1	1	7	.....	2	2	35	.....	20	40	10	10	2
Martinsville,	15	11	26	.....	...	...	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	8	5	.....	.....
Mt. Orab,	16	.....	16	1	...	1	.....	.....	7	...	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	2
New Burlington,	195	5	200	10	1	1	10	2	4	2	48	.....	150	64	12	25	15
New Jasper,	78	22	100	7	2	2	7	6	8	5	3	5	28	22	11	19	4
New Vienna,	100	15	115	5	1	1	5	.....	5	4	80	.....	.....	25	11	.....	.....
Peebles,	20	4	24	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	25	.....	.....	10	7	.....	.....
Rainsboro,	92	38	130	6	1	1	10	2	7	2	.....	.....	.....	40	8	.....	.....
Sabina,	35	25	60	5	1	1	5	.....	10	2	17	.....	25	15	12	10	2
Sinking Spring,	36	11	47	1	...	...	.....	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....
Sugar Tree Ridge,	20	5	25	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	8	2	.....	.....
Union,	175	56	231	35	4	3	30	2	18	10	89	.....	104	64	12	17	3
Waynesville,	83	24	107	15	1	1	15	1	2	1	36	.....	.....	30	9	5	.....
Wilmington,	150	50	200	25	1	1	24	4	3	8	81	.....	3	65	14	.....	1
Winchester,	20	10	30	5	1	1	5	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5	10	.....	.....
Xenia: First Church,	360	140	500	45	7	7	50	7	10	55	119	68	525	100	24	15	13
Trinity,	136	50	186	15	3	2	15	8	10	16	102	229	3	55	20	21	14
Totals,	2,726	1,007	3,733	351	54	55	367	57	172	168	1,214	675	1,080	986	279	211	1,068

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum,	65	.....	65	1	1	1	1	1	.....	1	39	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Brandt,	27	.....	27	1	1	1	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	3
Catawba,	80	20	100	5	1	1	4	4	10	1	11	.....	.....	25	..12	.....	†209
Cedarville,	20	20	40	2	1	.....	2	1	2	5	.....	.....	.....	10	8	.....	.....
Christiansburg,	54	6	60	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	10	4	1	.....
Covington,	17	23	40	8	2	1	8	.....	9	3	18	.....	.....	35	7	10	2
Dialton,	174	16	190	3	1	1	8	1	9	2	43	.....	.....	24	10	1	1
Greenville,	76	25	101	10	2	2	12	5	5	3	90	138	170	28	8	3	5
King's Creek,	28	12	40	1	1	.....	2	.....	5	...	.....	.....	.....	10	8	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg,	107	93	200	5	2	2	8	2	2	5	81	35	.....	50	13	.....	21
Mutual,	73	20	93	10	2	1	8	2	15	2	.....	.....	80	17	8	1	3
New Carlisle,	30	20	50	5	1	1	6	1	2	2	48	.....	16	20	2	15	.....
New Moorefield,	45	28	73	2	1	1	1	.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	16	8	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace,	79	34	113	8	2	2	7	3	8	10	40	25	60	16	13	13	.....
Greene Street,	429	106	535	35	3	3	44	7	4	54	244	189	.....	80	27	23	.....
South Charleston,	147	33	180	*2512	2	2	11	.....	8	2	26	15	26	30	13	12	.....
South Charleston Circuit,	25	5	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Springfield: Central,	322	153	475	36	8	8	36	20	10	15	164	158	.....	65	27	18	.....
Clifton Ave.,	10	30	40	1	.....	.....	1	.....	6	...	.....	.....	.....	5	3	.....	.....
Grace,	15	15	30	3	2	2	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....
High Street,	335	100	435	30	8	7	30	5	12	12	190	331	.....	120	20	35	.....
St. Paul,	70	60	130	20	1	1	20	.....	5	5	100	134	30	30	20	.....	.....
Tippecanoe City,	25	10	35	5	1	1	5	3	.....	3	20	.....	.....	12	8	.....	.....
Tremont City,	115	13	128	10	5	5	10	10	10	6	9	.....	.....	42	10	10	5
Troy,	169	141	310	31	10	10	46	.....	192	18	91	122	55	115	20	59	.....
Troy Circuit,	84	8	92	15	1	1	15	.....	32	10	.....	.....	.....	30	10	38	1
Urbana: First Church,	262	143	405	20	4	4	20	.....	10	8	133	122	241	96	12	29	8
Grace,	349	61	410	20	.. ..	5	10	3	5	5	82	153	259	96	12	25	.....
Yellow Springs,	61	20	81	10	3	2	10	2	5	2	158	67	9	27	9	.....	2,601
Totals,	3,293	1,215	4,508	2,811	66	65	331	70	376	181	1,587	1,489	946	1,031	297	293	2,859

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* $2,500 special donation by L. W. Haughey. † $200 special gift from Eli Hunter.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Christ's Hospital.	Home for the Aged.
	Church.	Sunday-School.	Total.					Public Educational Collec'n	Children's Fund.								
Cincinnati,	$4,673	$1,972	$6,645	$889	$166	$162	$1,421	$[illegible]	$234	$144	$1,933	$1,456	$5,995	$1,911	$415	$3,927	$499
Dayton,	2,413	1,016	3,429	409	65	50	531	275	150	130	1,089	1,515	2,477	842	493	401	111
Georgetown,	1,381	553	1,934	454	37	31	168	51	162	68	595	79	2,410	524	191	379	115
Hillsboro,	2,720	1,017	3,737	351	55	55	307	57	172	168	1,214	675	1,081	986	279	211	1,068
Springfield,	3,293	1,215	4,508	2,811	66	65	331	70	370	181	1,687	1,469	944	1,131	497	493	2,859
Totals, 1901,	14,480	5,773	20,249	4,574	388	372	2,818	653	1,094	889	9,819	6,814	10,738	5,493	1,475	5,411	4,472
Totals, 1900,	15,288	6,161	21,479	2,811	356	339	2,550	599	1,121	814	16,343	6,745	10,894	5,647	1,502	4,459	17,216
Increase,	.....	.....	.....	4,573	32	33	268	54	74	75	.....	1,459	.....	.....	.....	951	.....
Decrease,	742	288	1,030	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,524	.....	156	334	27	.....	14,744

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of presiding elder and bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
BOND HILL AND PLEASANT RIDGE:		
Bond Hill,	.....	$307
Pleasant Ridge,	$300	335
CARTHAGE AND ELMWOOD PLACE:		
Carthage,	400	400
Elmwood Place,	400	400
CLEVES AND ADDYSTON:		
Cleves,	600	600
Addyston,	400	305
MIAMI,	200	200
Mt. Hope,	100	100
DAYTON DISTRICT.		
CAMDEN AND SOMERVILLE:		
Camden,	$350	$350
Somerville,	250	250
CENTERVILLE,	590	590
Bellebrook,	210	210
CONCORD,	150	150
West Milton,	150	150
Union,	75	75
Bethany,	75	75
EBENEZER AND HOMESTEAD AVENUE:		
Ebenezer,	250	250
Homestead Avenue,	250	250
FAIR HAVEN,	364	354
Sugar Valley,	236	186
FORT JEFFERSON,	146	149
Hollansburg,	117	120
Jaysville,	112	112
New Madison,	75	8
GLENDALE AND PT. UNION:		
Glendale,	250	250
Port Union,	300	300
Valley Chapel,	150	150
Princeton,	100	100
GORDON,	230	230
West Baltimore,	155	155
Pittsburg,	55	55
West Sonora,	30	30
LEWISBURG,	315	315
Brookville,	150	150
DAYTON—Continued.		
Pyrmont,	$60	$61
NEW PARIS,	325	225
Gettysburg,	125	125
OSBORN,	310	330
Medway,	150	150
Enon,	125	125
Fairfield,	125	71
RED LION AND MERRITTSTOWN:		
Red Lion,	500	500
Merrittstown,	75	75
SEVEN MILE,	400	410
Darrtown,	200	200
SPRINGBORO AND LYTLE:		
Springboro,	400	400
Lytle,	200	200
VENICE,	80	80
New Haven,	160	160
New Baltimore,	100	100
Okeana,	200	214
Washington,	160	160
WEST CHESTER,	200	200
Sharonville,	200	200
Tylersville,	200	200
WALKER AND UNION:		
Walker,	250	250
Union,	250	250
WEST ELKTON,	130	130
Winchester,	85	85
Macedonia,	70	71
Pleasant Hill,	60	50
Simonson Chapel,	55	55
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.		
ABERDEEN,	$220	$224
Bradyville,	140	140
Ebenezer,	140	141
Fitch's Chapel,	125	125
AMELIA,	395	395
Pleasant Hill,	130	130
Union Chapel,	75	75
BETHEL,	215	215
Mt. Olive,	35	25
Lakin,	100	100
Old Bethel,	90	90

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
GEORGETOWN—Continued.		
Clermont,	$60	$45
BUTLERVILLE,	113	100
McKendree,	59	58
Edenton,	102	102
Wesley,	107	97
CHILO,	200	185
Smith's Landing,	60	60
McKendree,	90	69
Higginsport,	70	70
Cedron,	80	80
DECATUR,	170	170
North Liberty,	130	130
Fairview,	69	69
Eckmansville,	85	85
Russellville,	146	146
FEESBURG,	79	52
Eden,	226	226
Hamersville,	90	90
Pisgah,	90	39
Zion,	63	15
FELICITY,	475	475
Point Isabel,	125	125
GEORGETOWN,	500	500
Free Soil,	115	115
Hillman	85	85
GOSHEN,	415	415
Pleasant Plains,	110	110
Manila,	75	75
LAUREL,	230	200
Mt. Pisgah,	150	150
Franklin,	105	80
Spring Grove,	115	80
LOVELAND,	400	400
Branch Hill,	100	100
Concord,	80	80
MAINEVILLE,	500	500
Zoar,	100	100
MANCHESTER,	425	435
Bentonville,	200	200
MARATHON,	164	164
Burdsall,	115	115
Greenberry,	104	104
Fayetteville,	74	74
Taylor's,	73	73
MASON,	451	512
Union,	167	179
Socialville,	182	127
MONTGOMERY,	120	90
Bethel,	120	90
Rossmoyne,	75	50
Miamiville,	95	60
MOSCOW,	220	220
Calvary,	200	205
Point Pleasant,	140	140

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
GEORGETOWN.—Continued.		
Neville,	$114	$125
MT. WASHINGTON,	425	287
California,	175	175
NEWTOWN,	187	175
Armstrong,	162	162
Madeira,	138	121
Camp Dennison,	148	130
OWENSVILLE,	265	215
Belfast,	150	150
Newtonville,	165	143
Maple Grove,	81	81
SUMMERSIDE,	170	170
Olive Branch	140	140
Asbury,	140	140
Salem,	50	50
Withamsville,	50	25
WEST UNION,	442	442
Liberty Chapel,	170	170
Stone Chapel,	88	88
WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT:		
Clover,	125	125
Afton,	125	125
Salem,	105	105
Concord,	105	80
Branch Hill,	65	50
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
BELFAST,	$140	$140
Louden,	130	130
Louisville,	110	100
Prospect,	100	100
Folsom,	60	60
Flat Run,	120	120
BOWERSVILLE,	231	231
Center,	235	235
Haws,	92	92
Zion,	92	92
CLARKSVILLE,	315	315
Olive Branch,	176	176
Union,	65	65
Kansas,	94	54
DUNKINSVILLE,	109	114
Cedar Mills,	100	100
Union Chapel,	49	37
Linn Chapel,	36	25
Pleasant Bottom,	34	19
HIGHLAND,	281	302
Memphis,	211	211
Samantha,	164	164
Clear Creek,	94	76
LEESBURG,	450	450
East Monroe,	154	154
Olive Chapel,	146	146

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO Continued.		
LYNCHBURG,	$315	$315
Dodsonville,	150	150
Dunn's Chapel,	175	175
Russell,	125	125
MT. ORAB,	225	225
Shiloh,	100	100
Sardinia,	215	215
New Hope,	60	60
MARTINSVILLE,	120	90
Morrisville,	165	135
Westboro,	190	153
Midland,	110	66
Webertown,	70	70
NEW BURLINGTON,	255	255
Sharon,	235	235
Lumberton,	215	215
Zoar,	95	95
NEW JASPER,	550	550
White Chapel,	110	110
Mt. Tabor,	110	110
NEW VIENNA,	375	375
Auburn,	175	175
West Chapel,	150	150
PEEBLES,	440	440
Jacksonville,	176	127
Locust Grove,	100	86
RAINSBORO,	254	263
Marshall,	160	160
Petersburg,	113	104
Boston,	73	73
SINKING SPRING,	185	205
Carmel,	180	200
Cedar Chapel,	60	65
Pisgah,	85	85
Conaway,	40	45
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	200	170
Buford,	175	175
Danville,	40	7
Emerald,	100	106
Fairfax,	60	60
Mowrytown,	50	36
New Market,	70	35
Mt. Olivet,	110	102
Pike Chapel,	45	27
Wesley Chapel,	100	33
UNION,	245	245
Spring Valley,	245	245
Glady,	125	125
Richland,	125	125
Mt. Holly,	60	60
WAYNESVILLE,	650	660
Harveysburg,	150	155
WINCHESTER,	425	425
Seaman,	275	275

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
SPRINGFIELD—District.		
BRANDT,	$100	$100
Palmer,	115	115
Pisgah,	100	100
Wayne,	65	65
CEDARVILLE,	600	600
Clifton,	100	100
CHRISTIANSBURG,	194	194
McKendree,	236	236
Beech Grove,	95	95
Wesley,	75	75
COVINGTON,	400	400
Pleasant Hill,	.....	37
DIALTON:		
Newson,	327	327
Asbury,	153	153
Simms,	101	101
Grafton,	69	69
KING'S CREEK,	240	240
Cable,	80	80
Kennard,	50	50
Local Chapel,	30	37
MUTUAL,	230	230
Union Chapel,	250	250
Treacle Creek,	100	100
Fountain Park,	70	70
NEW CARLISLE,	500	510
Donnellsville,	150	150
NEW MOOREFIELD,	135	135
Moorefield Chapel,	185	185
Asbury,	175	175
Fletcher,	155	155
SOUTH CHARLESTON,	675	675
Selma,	150	150
SOUTH CHARLESTON CIRC'T		
Pancake Chapel,	147	147
South Solon,	97	97
Williams Chapel,	132	132
Vienna Cross Roads,	147	147
Brighton,	77	65
TREMONT CITY,	182	182
Concord,	364	364
Westville,	178	178
Terre Haute,	122	122
TROY CIRCUIT:		
Bethel,	172	172
Raper,	172	172
Casstown,	271	235
YELLOW SPRINGS,	550	550
Emory,	125	125
Old Town,	80	80

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COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE American Bible Society is one of our most important missionary organizations. Its operations are vital to all other forms of missionary work. It furnishes our missionaries in every land with Bibles in every language, and there is no other organization to do this work. Therefore, this Society is indispensable.

According to its present arrangements, every dollar that is contributed to this work by our Churches, or by individuals, goes directly to printing and circulating the Holy Scriptures, as all salaries and other expenses of administrative officers are met from other sources.

We congratulate the Churches of this Conference on the important advance they are making in contributions for this cause, and, in view of the urgency of the case, especially the large outlay that is necessary to meet the demands in our new possessions, we earnestly request them to increase more largely still these contributions. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we request our Presiding Elders to apportion to the respective charges, for the American Bible Society, one-eighth of the amount apportioned for Missions. This, when fully met, will be but about one-half as much as we formerly paid for this great work.

2. We rejoice that the Rev. John Pearson, D. D., Field Agent of this Society, has met with glad reception in all other denominations as well as in our own, bringing success to this cause and honor to this Conference.

3. We recommend the pastors to write Dr. Pearson at the Roanoke, Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio, for leaflets and other literature for personal use and also for distribution in the congregation. We cordially recommend that the presiding Bishop reappoint him to the same office.

JOHN WILSON, *President.*

J. F. MCCOLM, *Secretary.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

WE would report that the following accounts have been before us for examination and are correct: Conference Treasurer, Treasurer Conference Trustees, Treasurer Mears Bequest, Treasurer Board of Stewards, Treasurer American University, Treasurer Publishing Committee. Also account of Treasurer of Board of Stewards in matter of distribution of West Fund for years 1899-1900.

W. J. BAKER, *Secretary.* G. P. AUSTIN, *Chairman.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE magnificent work done by our Board of Church Extension calls for unanimous recognition by our great Church.

When we remember that four hundred and nine churches in different parts of our great domain were built or aided by the Church Extension Society during 1900, we feel that the following are but a reasonable expression of our loyalty to this great work:

1. We regard the Church Extension Society as one of the greatest workers in our Church in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom among us.

2. As a great and beneficent agent in the sparsely-settled portions of our country it is without a peer.

3 In view of the work already done by this Board, we pledge ourselves, as a Conference, to do all we can to give this Society the funds it asks for and so much needs to carry forward its work.

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion, with care, the sum asked to the several districts and pastoral charges, so that a systematic effort may be made by the pastors to raise the full amount.

F. M. CLEMANS, *Secretary.* G. W. VORHIS, *President.*

CHURCH INSURANCE.

WHEREAS, There are a great many of our churches and parsonages that are not insured, and the trust committed to the trustees is thereby neglected and great risk incurred; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge upon the trustees of all our churches and parsonages the imperative necessity of insuring at the earliest possible moment. We also request our Church officers, when insuring, to carefully consider the claims of the Mutual National Church Insurance Company, of Chicago, Illinois, organized in pursuance of the action of the General Conference. H. W. BAILEY, *Secretary.*

DEACONESS BOARD

THE number of institutions under the control of this Board is two, the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital and the Home for the Aged, at Yellow Springs, Ohio.

We beg leave to report that the deeds and charters of these institutions are vested as follows:

PART I.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home property, on Mt. Auburn, known as Christ's Hospital, is vested in the following Trustees: John M. Walden, John Pearson, Albert Nast, Benjamin R. Cowen, and Charles A. Ault.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, on Wesley Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, is held under a five years' lease, from date of November 24, 1897, the rental being donated by James M. Gamble, the taxes remitted by the State.

PART II.

The title for the property for the Methodist Home for the Aged, located at Yellow Springs, Ohio, is vested in an inter-Conference corporation, is free from debt, and insured for $3,000, which will be increased to $5,000 soon.

The Institution is operated by four devoted women, who work on the deaconess basis, all of whom, we hope, will be ready for license and consecration in time.

An appeal is made to Ohio Methodism by the Board of Trustees asking for the observance of Old Folks' Day, sometime in October, in the interest of this Institution. This we urge upon the attention of our pastors and people. We approve of the request of said corporation for the reappointment of H. C. Weakley as its President.

This Home will have no connection whatever with any other Deaconess Home or other organizations. The present number of deaconesses in all of these institutions is fifty-two, who are employed in nursing the sick and various forms of visitation.

The amount of money received for these institutions during the year is as follows:

Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital	$37,159 71
Disbursements	32,309 21
Methodist Home for the Aged and total receipts from all sources	$10,726 19

Disbursements:

To the Endowment Fund	$2,500 00	
To the Sinking Fund	4,044 00	
To the Home Property Fund	1,000 00	
To the Current Expense Fund	3,182 19	
		$10,726 19

Our Board convened in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 12, 1900, at which time the following-named persons were licensed as deaconesses, and were consecrated by Bishop John M. Walden, at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, Sabbath, October 21, 1900, at 2.30 P. M.: Miss Mary E. McEwen, Miss Anna F. Hare, Miss Ellen M. Aydelotte, Miss Lulu B. White, Miss Eula Key Lee, Miss Amanda Longbrake, Miss Julia Bedier, Miss Olive Marshall, Miss Ida L. Hoer, Miss Caroline Dan, Miss Dora Haines, Miss Florence M. Deaver, Miss Flora A. Faber, Miss Charlotte Kerans, Miss Linnie E. Terrell, Miss Minnie K. Nichols, Miss Anna L. Franke, and Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes.

This Board heartily indorses the appointment of the Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association.

JOHN W. GADDIS, *Secretary.* L. E. PRENTISS, *President.*

DEACONESS WORK.

THE names and work of the licensed deaconesses in the Home and Hospital, together with the receipts and expenditures of the Association, may be found in the Twelfth Annual Report of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association.

It is important that attention be called to the fact that the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association is in no way connected with the work of the Methodist Home for the Aged, at Yellow Springs. When the work was started at Yellow Springs it was under the

auspices of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home. There was an agreement to send two deaconesses to care for it. It was found impossible to carry out these plans. The Home is not now under deaconess management. This statement is made that confusion may be avoided. There is no intention to antagonize the work for the Methodist Home for the Aged.

Increasing need exists of emphasizing the work of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association. There is a prevalent impression that the Deaconess Home belongs mainly to Cincinnati. Some believe it was founded as a memorial institution; hence, do not have a deep interest in its perpetuation. The Home was made possible by the generosity of a Methodist family of Cincinnati, but it was never intended as a monument. The name was given by the Association, unsolicited by the family and despite their protest. A position of indifference on the part of the general public affords small encouragement to men of benevolent impulse. Larger generosity is demanded because the multiplication of hospitals is limiting the patronizing territory.

There are twenty-nine hospitals in the territory, formerly all dependent upon Christ's Hospital.

About fifty per cent of the work of Christ's Hospital is free. It is officially stated that the free service of the Laura Memorial Presbyterian Hospital, of Cincinnati, somewhat similarly situated, does not exceed fifteen per cent. Other Cincinnati hospitals are limited in their gratuitous services to the city. Christ's Hospital has a limitless field.

The pastors in this Conference must provide for the work of the Institution. The people ought to have the privilege of hearing the presentation of the claims of this work. Our pulpits should be open to the new Corresponding Secretary.

We recommend that the Board for Deaconess Work be constituted as follows: One year—J. A. Story, Robert Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Walden; two years—L. E. Prentiss, James N. Gamble, Mrs. T. H. Pearne; three years—C. L. Greeno, E. L. McLain, and Mrs. W. B. Shattuc.

We recommend the appointment of the Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association.

Part II.

THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED.

We express our approval of this phase of deaconess movement, requiring, at it does, the highest form of Christian consecration.

We note that the work has done something for the unification of Ohio Methodism, as attested by the appointment of members of the Board of Management by five Conferences, and the endowment, in perpetuity, of free beds by friends in three Conferences.

We recommend this benevolence to the men of means in our Church, as well as to our general membership.

We nominate for a term of three years, as a representative of the inter-Conference corporation in charge of this Home, the Rev. J. P. Porter, D. D.

We recommend that the request of the inter-Conference Board be heeded for the observance of Old Folks' Day as the time for the presentation of this cause to the Church.

We approve the request of the inter-Conference Board for the appointment of the Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as President of the Home.

J. W. Gaddis, *Chairman.*

M. B. Fuller, *Secretary.*

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EDUCATION.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

ACTING under the instructions of the Conference, given at its last session, that "we do hereby recommend the Trustees of the Hillsboro College to transfer the title to the grounds and buildings of the said Hillsboro College to the Board of Education of the Hillsboro Special School District for school purposes, upon such terms as they may deem wise, the Trustees made said transfer.

However, it was later ascertained that, in so doing, the Trustees had exceeded their authority as defined in the charter of said college. The transfer, therefore, became void, and the property remains in the control of your Trustees, as though no transfer had been made. Suffice it to say, the plans are under way by which, when fully consummated, it is believed the transfer may be legally made, and the wish of the Conference, as already expressed, be carried out; and to this end we recommend the election of the following Trustees for the ensuing year: George W. Barrere, Dr. W. C. Duckwall, John McCoppin, George W. Miller, D. M. Barrett, P. N. Wickerham, Dr. C. C. Leightner, and J. R. Head.

2. We do hereby appoint the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, the pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, and Frank G. Mitchell a Commission to co-operate with the Trustees in making said transfer.

3. We further recommend the Trustees and instruct the Commission, in making the final disposition of the endowment funds of said College, to carefully consider the contribution of $5,400, made by the Conference to the payment of the College debt and claims in equity in the assets of said institution, after disposing of the realty as already provided for.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Ohio Wesleyan University stands first among the educational institutions of our Church.

The last scholastic year was one of almost phenomenal success in all departments. The enrollment was 1,358. The degress conferred were 159. The endowment fund was increased, by bequests, general gifts, and funds, subject to annuities, to the amount of $284,000.

The religious condition of the University has kept up to the former standard, and the methods used for bringing students under the best religious influences are more efficient than ever before. Many of the students are earnest in their preparation for the foreign mission field.

Seven of the last two classes are now in the Government educational work in the Philippines, and four more are under contract to go.

We are glad to give our approval, year by year, and even more heartily, to the administration of President James W. Bashford, D. D., LL D. We call the attention of our people to the full significance of the efforts made by other universities to secure Dr. Bashford's services, and heartily appreciate his desire to remain with the Ohio Wesleyan, and we pledge him our earnest support in sending students and securing money.

We recommend the re-election of Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL D., as a Trustee for another term of five years.

We recommend the appointment of Professor J. W. Magruder to the Chair of Sociology in the University.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

The eye of the Church is upon her schools of the prophets. They are regarded with jealous care. We desire to see them splendidly equipped with men and means for training a host of young men for the Christian ministry. The Church should deal with these institutions with a liberal hand. We would emphasize the fact that we do not need new schools as much as the enlargement and strengthening of those already established. We urge upon young men who expect to enter the ministry, not only the privilege, but the duty and necessity of availing themselves of the help thus offered. Time spent here is time saved, not lost. The very fact that the Church has founded these places of learning is a providential indication to the young man who is conscious of the first stirring of the spirit of prophecy within him. What the Church reaches out her hand to give, he should gladly receive.

The Cincinnati Conference Visitors appointed to Garrett Biblical Institute are the only ones to report to this Committee. The outlook at this school is highly encouraging. The funds are increasing, so that in this particular Garrett will stand first of all. The Faculty is a tower of strength, and students who have such instructors are fortunate indeed. All our schools are well provided for in this respect.

We believe that no more conscientious and loyal men are to be found in our Church than those who compose the Faculties of our schools of theology, and we confidently commend our young men to their care.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We record with great pleasure our appreciation of the work that is being done by the Board of Education in assisting so many consecrated young men and young women in securing a higher education for their life-work.

Since its organization, in 1873, it has aided more than 10,000 students.

The Twentieth-century Movement will greatly promote the efficiency of many of our institutions, and this Church can do no wiser thing for herself than to add many millions to their endowment.

We are gratified to report an increase in the Conference contributions this year to this work, and urge that every pastor call the especial attention of his people to this worthy cause, that the collections may be as large as possible.

We recommend that every charge observe Children's-day faithfully, according to the Discipline, especially seeking the threefold object; namely, money for our students, students for our colleges, and all for our Master.

We believe the Children's-day exercises prepared by the Board of Education to be better adapted to our Sunday-schools, and better fitted to promote the objects for which Children's-day was instituted, than any other exercises likely to be obtained.

We call especial attention to the *Christian Student*, and ask for large subscriptions to it. The price is now twenty-five cents a year.

The Corresponding Secretary requests that all preachers send at once to him the names and post-office addresses of their Sunday-school superintendents.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

In the Woman's College of Baltimore, Methodism possesses what President Eliot, of Harvard, calls "the best equipped college for women in the United States." Its large and modern halls of instruction and administration, its college homes for resident students, carefully built

after comparison with the best institutions in the land, its well-furnished gymnasium, its commodious chapel, its studios and laboratories and collections, its large and carefully-selected Faculty, its many courses of study, its endowments and scholarships and fellowships, the high standard of work required by its students, the lofty Christian ideals maintained by its trustees and teachers, the moderate cost at which its superior advantages are offered, all commend it to the most hearty support of those who wish to secure for the young women of to-day the best possible education that the age can afford.

C. L. CONGER, *Secretary.* A. C. TURRELL, *Chairman.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

WE rejoice at the continued prosperity and aggressiveness of this branch of work in our beloved Church, believing that the League has successfully enlisted under its banners many that would not otherwise have been reached; also, that it has aroused an increasing interest among our young people in the religious and benevolent enterprises of the Church.

We would express our confidence in the future of this great organization. As evidence of our faith we record with pleasure the large attendance, religious enthusiasm, and deep moral earnestness manifested in the recent San Francisco Convention, and accept it as an earnest of greater efficiency in every good work of the League. We would also call attention to the successful efforts of Rev. Earl Taylor in awakening devotion to the great missionary enterprises of the Church.

We would not, however, be content with present achievements, but desire to urge a pressing forward. To this end we would encourage greater diligence in the organizing of Junior Epworth Leagues and in the careful training of the Juniors in the way of faith and knowledge. We would also invite the more unanimous attendance of all Leaguers upon the various means of grace connected with the Church, especially bespeaking their hearty support for the pastor in the evangelistic services. We suggest that the pastors be careful to cultivate congenial relations with the League, attending the meetings of the Cabinet, to the end that our young people may learn a deeper spirituality and greater usefulness in Christian work. We pledge ourselves anew to seek the larger circulation of our splendid League paper, *The Epworth Herald*, the books of the Reading Course, and other literature of the League.

We heartily indorse the idea of instructing our young people concerning all the benevolent enterprises of the Church, but we deprecate any and all attempts to make the League an agency for the collecting of benevolent funds. We recommend, however, a continued and more emphatic inculcation of the tithing principle.

We especially urge our Leagues to a vital participation in all matters of local reform, such as suppression of improper literature and sale of cigarettes to boys, elevation of the Sabbath, the greatest possible restriction of the liquor-traffic, and the abolishing of slot machines and all such gambling devices. We rejoice that the League does not lower its standard upon the matter of the questionable amusements discountenanced by our Church.

We recommend a more general recognition of Christian duty in the observance of patriotic holidays and the rescuing of these sacred occasions from the baneful grasp of intemperance and irreverent frivolities.

We believe that the League has by no means reached the flood-

tide of its holy influence, and that a ministry more penetrating, persuasive, and uplifting lies before it, to be realized through steadfast loyalty to its noble principles and hearty devotion to its Master and King.

O. M. SELLERS, *Chairman.*
E. H. CHERINGTON, *Secretary.*

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has strong claims on the Cincinnati Conference. Here it was born and nurtured by Dr. R. S. Rust in his prime. Here the headquarters are established, and here the secretaries live and give us the benefit of their gifts and society. Here its funds are concentrated and disbursed. We should be in the van and show the Conferences that we appreciate its influence on local Methodism and commerce.

The trade of Cincinnati is largely with the South. Two great arteries of steel carry the life-blood of its commerce to the heart of the South and the shores of the Gulf. Another stretches eastward through the Virginias to the Atlantic. The area covered by our trade is the ***habitat*** of the beneficiaries of the Society. Ignorance is a great waster and pauper patron of trade and travel. Intelligence promotes consumption. If there were no higher motive than that suggested by political economy, which is the science of selfish interests, we should enlarge intelligence and refinement to increase demand for the products of our skill and industry of shop and field. The Conference last year raised but one-third and a trifle more of its assessment. We owe the South endeavor and means to protect the suffrage we conferred on a vast ignorant population. Suffrage once conferred can never be recalled. It may be somewhat restrained by property and literary qualifications; but ignorance with money, and intelligence with vice, are as dangerous as pauper illiteracy and immorality. We owe effort to reduce to a minimum Negro illiteracy and vice as an atonement for the slavery we entailed by promoting and permitting it. We brought them here in chains, and perpetuated their savagery by withholding from them the means of civilization. We broke their fetters, and introduced them to the responsibilities of citizenship without preparation to meet the new conditions.

The influence of this Society has been the most powerful factor in the regeneration of the race. What has been done is an augur of what may be accomplished. It has been demonstrated that the Negro is capable of and ambitious for improvement. He is winning the respect of the whites by using the facilities philanthropy and patriotism are furnishing for his elevation. The race has furnished the professions with noble specimens of manhood. Scions of this stock have seized the harp and pencil, and entranced ear and eye with muse and chrome. The Negro is the mechanic of the South, while the North has closed the door to apprenticeship through the prohibition of trades unions. North and West, only as a laborer and servant, can he find employment. No Western State invites him to her fields. Barriers are built to corral him in the South. There field and factory and mine are open to his occupation. The South will assimilate the Negro into her industrial prosperity. Neither race desires amalgamation. Each is learning to be proud of an autonomy that will be emulous rather than aggressive. They will no more quarrel than would a statue of marble with a statue of ebony. Both can be graceful without being graceless. Each would shatter in the effort to mount the pedestal of the other. When the Negro ceases trying to comb out the kinks, and is proud of

the curl of his hair, then he will conquer a self-respect that will compel the recognition of his merits.

There is no race problem threatening the perpetuity of the Republic, save that which ignorance, without regard to color, makes everywhere and everywhen. Anarchy, hunting Presidents for game, is far more to be dreaded than the sporadic assailant of chastity. During the Civil War Negro slaves kept the homes of their absent masters with the faithfulness of Prætorian guards. In these piping times of peace, at an Exposition of the progress of civilization, anarchy rewards the confiding Magistrate, with cordial hand extended to grasp the horny hand of toil, with pistol and bullet. The problem we are to solve is nearer Buffalo than Charleston. It was a Negro who threw himself afront our Chief Magistrate to protect him from the assassin—the Winkelried of our day. It was a Negro who, with his comrade, was caught by steam in a boiler they were repairing, who said to his fellow as he stepped aside from the manhole, "Go first; you have a wife and children!" Are such Negroes worth saving? Is a race capable of such self-immolation to be despised because of a black skin? The color of such souls, in the sight of God, is as radiant as the sheen of archangels.

Save Sambo, and we save Uncle Sam. The industrial Negro is sequestered on the plantation, in the mines. The black man, with the hoe and hod, the trowel and tumbrel, the plane and plow, the arithmetic and mortar-board, is busy shaping the South for the conquests of peace. The loafer seen about the stations and saloons by the tourist is no more the real Negro than the tramp is the industrial citizen, or the bummer the soldier of the vanguard.

Let none despair of the Republic because of the Negro. Give him the schoolmaster and the New Testament, and he will bulwark the Nation with his black breast. The two disturbing elements to be eliminated are whisky and the jealousy of vulgar whites enraged by the overthrow of the aristocracy of color.

Leave the races to work out their own destiny, free from the craft of demagogues, and each on its own basis will assert his racial pride, and draw a line which neither will be willing to pass, because each will esteem his race the better of the two.

The Society is not aiming to make doctors, lawyers, dentists, though it furnishes facilities and supports schools on especial endowments to prepare the ambitious for the learned professions. It is seeking to educate—to lead out and forth the mind to the perception, approbation, assimilation, and application of truth, to make men and women. It perceives that the mind is not a vase to be filled with extracts and essences, but a living organ to be developed—to think God's thoughts after him, to trace the Divine order in the creation, to mold the inner nature in the matrices the great Pattern-maker has fashioned. It aims to make hoes and plowshares, saws and lathes, trowels and plumblines think. It would shape no architectural conceits in *Frere* stone, but would square and sculpture ashlars from granite crystallized by central fires. Pietro di Medici received the approbation of all artistic genius by consenting to erect a palace of ice. It would work no perishable material into forms of finished beauty. It would build of crimson-veined marble cut from the quarries of the human heart, the blocks of which are eternal. It regards cunning brains and crafty hands as of more value than gold and gain. It esteems "the riches of the commonwealth as free strong minds and souls of strength." It would fortify the pupil against the specious censorship of Higher Criticism, and make faith flexible by drilling into the intellect the postulate, that every fresh cosmical fact demands a Biblical construction in correspondence with that which can not be denied. It would make a symmetrical manhood and womanhood that will "stand four square to every wind that blows."

It would make a seer of the black Sphinx. It would turn out of its brain-factories the skilled hand, the regenerated heart, and the horoscopes in which hope reads the progress and powers of future science and industry. It would indulge no alchemistry to change the Ethiopian skin and the leopard spots, but take the material God in the diversifying of races made, and weave into light the rays the prism unravels. It realizes, as the Rosicrucian of old, that no art of pedagogic chemistry can take from the crucible more gold than is put into the retort. It is patiently engaged in an evolutionary process that requires time to bring to completion. For vindication it points to fields, mines, and shops. It sows violets and reaps corn, and in the plodding now plants "the Great Hereafter."

It directs its wand to the degraded fetish-worshiper of South Africa and Asiatic Sulu, and, reversing the rod, directs the eye of observation to Booker Washington and Mason. It supplies teachers and preachers to multiply themselves in schools and pulpits. Its demonstration of utility is its deeds. The South is not delinquent, but delayed and overwrought. It hails the help of this Society, and the values it confers give encouragement to reduce the ignorance of its enfranchised menace. The South is rising up, and is annealing its industrial implements with the same metal in its plows and planes and exploring drills that it put into its sword. It is, by bringing machinery and mechanics to the fields of production of the raw material, gradually turning New England into a school and summer boarding-house. With its imported artisans and machines it is geographically transforming politics. Within the life of the veal of this Conference they will see the East a blatant propagandist of free trade, and the South the bugling stalwart of a protective tariff. The intermarried North and South, the intermingled interests of partnerships are tying the sections together with ribboning rivers, and the flux of blood, Puritan and Cavalier, Plymouth and Jamestown, is riveting the erstwhile alienated peoples with the iron of their mountains and the steel in their blood.

Let no casuist dream of the provincializing or deportation of the Negro; but let the hopeful augur see the rising of a new stock, and co-operative races bound by ligaments time will strengthen, and reason and religion crown with fadeless laurels. Standing between the ivory gates of memory and hope the new Isaiah will translate the prophecies of the old into enduring facts as perennial as the healing leaves of the Tree of Life. Onward and upward the bugle calls from the van of progress, and we have but to keep step with Providence to see every hill of difficulty surmounted and every peril of the alarmist left with the clouds below.

"Whate'er of good the old time had is living still," and the future advances to meet the onmarching present to make the gate of the twentieth century a portal of triumph. America's drumbeat now greets every rising sun, and the folds of our starry flag float around the globe in the light of a ceaseless morning. The Republic will digest its diverse material, and the Western Hercules that European despotisms sought to strangle in its cradle will achieve its twelve gigantic tasks and be the Titan of Empire when "heaven's last thunder shakes the world below."

The Gospel of Good-will will translate the Golden Rule into Constitutions and laws, and the lyncher and anarchist will be swallowed by the gulf of oblivion. Pessimism will become a desiccated cadaver, and the Optimistic spirit will paint the heavens with blue, turn the gold of the sun into stars, string the white clouds into the listed stripes of our victor-banner, and the blood of our heroes shall be the red interlacing of the celestial flag of the transfigured Red, White, and Blue. Keep heart and hope, and every martyred President will plant the scarlet seed from which patriot harvests grow.

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W. P. Thirkield is our own son, whom we cherish with paternal pride. Though most of his life was spent in a seminary for fitting colored preachers for their pulpits at the Capital of the Empire State of the South, his name there is as precious spikenard. His words are as the dew of Hermon, and slip into the ear and heart as the crystal nectar of the morning into the calyx of flowers. Had we always had such representatives as Rust and Thirkield, the Society had never been charged with political partisanship, our Churches had never been turned into political clubrooms, and our pulpiteers known missionaries of sectional hate.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason is a noble specimen of his race, unadulterated by an infusion of white blood. He is no piebald mongrel, but a pure African. His words are gracious—"seasoned with salt"—and he has the right of way throughout the South. He stands abreast with Booker Washington as a wise leader, and enjoys the esteem of Southrons.

Resolved, That we will justify the pride we feel as the source and seat of the parental Society, as the home of its genial Secretaries, and that we will exhaust our effort in the aim to bring our colors up to the assessment, and in advance of "the firing-line."

Resolved, That a brother be designated to bring this report and its purposes seasonably to the attention of our pastors, and to urge them to diligence in changing the *bravura* of our words into the Epiphany of accomplished fact.

Resolved, That, without limitations as to geography and race prejudice, we lament and protest against all lynchings and assassinations, whether the victim be the Chief Magistrate of the Republic, or the defenseless Negro fired by illicit passions, and we wilt stand for the process of courts against summary vengeance inflicted by crazy anarchists or unreasoning mobs.

J. H. Lease, *Chairman.*

Howard Henderson, *Secretary.*

MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions desire to submit the following report:

1. We are devoutly thankful to God for the blessings that have attended the labors of our missionaries in the various fields in the past year. We are assured that in the fulfillment of the Word of Inspiration their labors have not been in vain.

2. We are thankful that God in his goodness has granted unto them in such a goodly degree health and strength, and permitted them to do so much service for the cause they love, and for which they have given up all.

3. We rejoice in the success that has attended the labors of our Secretaries and Missionary Bishops, and especially of our beloved Bishop Thoburn, whose coming to us is ever a benediction, and whose words are always an inspiration; and we earnestly pray that God will spare him to the Church for many years of successful service.

4. We deeply sympathize with Bishop Thoburn in the sad bereavement he has so recently sustained, and pray the God of all Comfort to sustain him, as he alone can do.

5. While we lament the loss that is ours in the death of Bishop Parker, we rejoice in the noble work he has done, in the souls he has led to Christ, and in the triumph that is his, for we are assured that, being faithful to God in this life, he has at last come to his coronation.

6. It is with glad hearts that we note that the clouds are beginning to lift that overshadowed our work in China, and the outcome is much more hopeful than one year ago.

There is hope for pagan China. With religious toleration granted, and proper protection for our missionaries, we confidently expect great things for China; that soon this spiritual wilderness shall be made glad, and this desert shall blossom as the rose.

7. We are greatly rejoiced at our great and unprecedented success in India and Japan, and pray that God will move upon the hearts of the people, cause pocketbooks to open, that the necessary funds may be had for sending workers into these and other fields. To this end let us labor and give.

Conclusion: God still is; his power is all-sufficient; the task is not too great; we have the men and the money; God has the power. The unsaved world furnishes the opportunity and obligation. Let us bring all these together. God will give the result. We rejoice in the victories of the past. We are encouraged by the blessings of the present. We are hopeful of greater things for the future. Africa, China, India, the unsaved world belongs to God. He must have his own. God hasten the day when all shall know him and rejoice in his salvation!

J. D. DARLING, *Secretary.* J. L. SHIVELY, *Chairman.*
W. A. ROBINSON.

PARSONAGES

EVERY charge ought to provide a comfortable and convenient parsonage for the pastor. Every pastor ought to take good care of the parsonage. A good and convenient parsonage is a credit to the people. To take care of it, to see that the parsonage is made attractive, is the duty of the pastor. We recommend:

1. That, where there is not a suitable parsonage, one can be secured as soon as possible.

2. That it is wiser and better to build a new parsonage than to purchase an old property not suitable for a parsonage, even though the price is low.

3. We recommend that more earnest attention be given to this subject by pastors and people.

4. We recommend that each pastor see that fruit and shade trees are planted in the parsonage yard and garden, so that the parsonage will be supplied with these very desirable things.

Respectfully submitted. D. A. MCCOLM, *Chairman.*
EDWARD MCHUGH, *Secretary.*

J. MCK. SHULTZ, W. A. WIANT,
C. H. HAINES, GEORGE V. MORRIS,
GEORGE H. SMITH, WILLIAM D. ENGLISH.

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.

THE Book Concern is of united interest and importance to both minister and layman. To it we look for good, wholesome religious literature for our pulpits and our homes; to it we look for Sunday-school and Epworth League helps and supplies; to it we look for help in the support of those servants of the Lord Jesus Christ who have borne the burden and the heat of the day until they could no longer bear the responsibilities of their office and ministry; to it we look for much that contributes to the success of pastors in soul-winning and people in advancing the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We note with pleasure the management of the Book Concern, the improvements, expansion of business, the increased dispersion of in-

structive and elevating literature, and the declaration of increased dividends from year to year.

While a slight decrease marks the sales of the Western House, there is an increase in the sales of the Eastern House, amounting to a net gain of $59,128 over and above last year.

We would therefore urge all pastors to push the subscription for *Advocate, Epworth Herald,* and sale of books.

We would also urge all pastors to give explicit information to our people concerning the needs, uses, and benefits of the Book Concern, and insist on their patronage and royal support.

J. H. McNARY, *Secretary.* G. L. TRAVIS, *Chairman.*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report:

Last year we tried to accomplish three things, viz.: To issue the Minutes quickly after the adjournment of Conference, to increase our subscription list, and to pay expenses. We succeeded in the first, for we broke the record and mailed the Minutes within fourteen days after Conference closed. In the second we failed; that is, *you failed,* for we had seven fewer subscribers than the year before. In the third we also failed. How could it be otherwise, for we increased the size of our edition, and the extra speed brought extra expense, with less income from advertisements?

Now kindly look these figures in the face, and this year make your subscription generous. Plan to take more than you can barely sell, but give the Committee an extra lift, and give away some of the Minutes to people in your charge who are too poor to buy, and get the comfort which comes from a double generosity.

RECEIPTS:			
From Conference Treasurer	$11 61		
From Conference Stewards	5 00		
		$16 61	
From Advertising in Minutes (net)		168 00	
From sale of Minutes		131 44	
From sale of Minutes, due and good		126 19	
Total Receipts			$442 24
EXPENSES:			
On Conference Account, Secretary for Stationery, Postage, Express, etc.	$8 75		
On Conference Account, T. H. Pearne, Twentieth Century	10 00		
On Conference Account, C. L. Conger, Examining Board	1 50		
		$20 25	
Jennings & Pye, Printing Minutes		423 88	
Publishing Committee Expense		26 51	
Total Expenses			$470 64
Loss on the Year's Business			$26 40

Nevertheless, we are not discouraged, and are trying to send out the new Minutes within ten days after the adjournment of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

D. L. AULTMAN, *Secretary.* S. O. ROYAL, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we have had great pleasure in greeting and associating with our President, the Rev. Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D. D., in this his first official visit to the Cincinnati Conference; that we have been profited by his Conference sermon and his address to the ministers; and that we will cherish the memory of his genial spirit, and courteous, kindly administration through the coming years; and that we have greatly enjoyed and profited by the presence and addresses of Bishop Thoburn during his visit to us at this session.

2. That the thanks of the Conference are hereby expressed to the Official Board and congregation of Grace Church, Dayton, for their thoughtful and timely invitation to the Conference to hold its session in this Church, and for the ample provisions made to accommodate the Conference and furnish every facility for its business.

3. That the thanks of the Conference are hereby expressed to the members and friends of our own denomination and of sister Churches for hospitality and Christian fellowship.

4. That we thank Rev. C. W. Gullette, D. D., the pastor of Grace Church, and Rev. H. L. Corbet, his assistant, and the pastors of the other Methodist Churches of Dayton for the care with which they have provided for the comfort and pleasure of the members of the Conference and its guests.

5. That we express our high appreciation of the courtesy of the pastors and officers of the Dayton Churches in having opened to us their pulpits and church rooms.

6. That we thank the publishers of the daily papers of Dayton and Cincinnati and other cities for having given so promptly and generously to the public fair and careful reports of the proceedings of the Conference.

7. That we thank the committee who have so beautified the Conference room with flags, flowers, ferns, and palms during our session, and that we thank the organist and accompanists and solists who have favored us with music.

8. That we thank the Secretary, the Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference and their assistants for valuable services.

9. That it has given us unfeigned pleasure to have with us so many itinerant sisters, wives, and widows of ministers; and the noble leaders and talented speakers of the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies at this session of our Conference.

10. That by her generous entertainment of the Cincinnati Conference twice within two years; by her broad streets, her beautiful river, her soldiers' monument, her business enterprise, her commodious homes, her cultured and Christian society, and her noble hospitality, Dayton has endeared herself to us, and will always live in our thoughts as the Gem City of the Buckeye State.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary.* S. B. TIMMONS, *Chairman.*

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

IN the matter of Sabbath Observance we have good reasons from various quarters for encouragement and increasing inspiration to labor for the glorious institution, upon which hangs so much of our intellectual, social, and national welfare.

Intelligent regard for the honor of the Christian Sabbath is no small part of the present general progress in enlightenment and of the growing amelioration of the human condition.

A literature, both periodical and monographic, has gathered about

it clear and strong in its advantage of the Divine sanctions of the day, fascinating in its array of historic and scientific corroborations thereof, and irresistible in its appeal to common sense, moral obligation, and personal interest.

Societies, composed of the most influential Christian leaders of the land, represent the sentiment of American Christianity in organized form, working with tireless effort to secure to every class and every citizen the inalienable right of a weekly rest, which the Almighty has bestowed. We recognize and commend the protest of organized labor against Sunday labor and its expression against the Sunday opening of the Ohio State Fair.

It must not, however, be overlooked that great dangers menace this cause, and unholy influences thwart many of the best efforts of its advocates.

The Sunday newspaper, the open store, the masked battery of the saloon, huge corporations whose heads are seen in the sanctuary on this day while their long train of enforced and weary labor trails over the land, are chief among the perils of the Christian Sabbath. To these we must add the danger from that incessant stream of foreigners, for the most part godless and ignorant, crowded out upon us from that Continental civilization where neglect of the Sabbath is a chief curse. And last, but not least, we must confess with shame that the most insidious of all its foes is in that, by no means, small class of Church members with whom the Sunday newspaper has usurped the place of the Bible and religious literature, and who seem without conscience as to the unnecessary Sunday travel, correspondence, and work.

In view of these dangers, we urge renewed effort on the part of the ministers, Sunday-school teachers, and League leaders. We appeal to these and the Church generally to take a more decided stand for the honor of the Sabbath as God's day, and for its utility and blessing as man's day.

With kindly persuasion, yet with earnest warnings, careless Church members should be made to feel the stern and jealous, yet infinitely affectionate, decree of God, as voiced in the law of Moses and sealed by the sanction of Jesus.

The ignorant stranger must be enlightened, that he may see his right, his privilege, and his interest in the appointed day of rest.

The commercial disregard of the command of God and needs of men must be corrected by enforcement of present law and further legal enactment where necessary.

We urge upon all responsible a close and continued co-operation with the Sunday League of America, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the American Sabbath Alliance, and other organizations, which are doing so much to arouse the public conscience to create a healthful sentiment and to influence legislation in this matter.

We also urge that special attention be directed to the instruction of our children and youth in the sanction and the benefits of this day.

Every Christian home should make Sunday the most attractive day of the week. Our depositories teem with literature, which, at small expense, can be obtained—Bible stories, picture papers, and books, which can make Sunday a delight.

No Christian can urge the excuse of other work from the duty of making Sunday a benign and holy influence upon the children in the home.

"By all we hold dear we owe it to them to build within their impressive minds a bulwark against the encroaching tide of godless sentiment, by good example, by wise teaching, and by an influence which in time to come shall be a happy remembrance of sacred Sabbath time, woven like golden threads through all the cherished memories of home."

F. C. ENGLISH, *President.*

JOHN J. MCCABE, *Secretary.*

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL REUNION.

YOUR Committee to whom was referred the subject of the possible union meeting of the Ohio and the Cincinnati Conferences at the sessions of 1902, in celebration of the semi-centennial of the separate existence of these bodies, would respectfully report, that the relations existing between these bodies have always been fraternal and intimate; that there are four surviving members of the old Ohio Conference who are members of the Cincinnati Conference; viz., W. H. Sutherland, James T. Bail, J. F. Loyd, and M. P. Zink; that there are eight survivors who are members of the Ohio Conference; viz., S. C. Frampton, J. H. Creighton, Jacob Adams, James Mitchell, J. R. Prose, W. S. Benner, and Ancie Brooks, and one member, Dr. Cyrus Brooks, residing at Minneapolis; that a reunion meeting of the two bodies—either by a mass-meeting or by fraternal delegates—is feasible and desirable. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That a Standing Committee of five be appointed, with power to act; that such committee be instructed to correspond with a like-committee to be appointed by the Ohio Conference, and to cooperate with such committee in making and carrying out such plans as may be agreed upon by such joint committee.

2. That if it be found feasible, it would be well for the two Conferences to meet in contiguous cities, and for the Bishops to fix the time of meeting of the two Conferences on the same week.

Your Committee would respectfully present the names of D. W. Clark, C. W. Barnes, D. J. Starr, V. F. Brown, and F. G. Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted. W. H. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*
D. J. STARR, *Secretary.*

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

SHOULD a stranger have entered this beautiful house of worship and heard the glowing reports from our beloved chief pastors, he would have departed a confirmed optimist. The Church of God was never so efficient as she is to-day.

To the cry that crime seems to be on the increase—that evil is intrenched in high places, and that the hosts of darkness are legion—we reply that these are but half truths. The Church has expanded into world-wide proportions, and she has the might of her unconquerable Lord. The gospel Banyan-tree has taken root in other soils than that of Palestine. It has begun to fill the earth. True it is that we often hear the cry of coldness—formality—lack of zeal, worldliness, and religious declension. The fathers, we are told, surpassed us in religious fervor and devotion. Our answer to these charges is that religious life is changing more in manifestations than in essence. It is taking on new forms. The old bottles are no longer fit for the new wine. Excessive demonstrativeness has been superseded by more loyal service and by better living. Jesus was never so firmly seated on the throne as now. "Christianity has never stood for so much in ethical ideals and authority."

To reach the masses, that ever-perplexing problem that will not down, the Church has not only become the dispenser of salvation, but institutional in her methods. With her Divine Master, she realizes physical hunger must be appeased before there can be a craving after righteousness. Never before did the parable of the Prodigal Son mean so much. Like St. Francis de Assisi, she has seen the filthy, famishing

beggar transformed into the beautiful Christ. The words of Matthew, "I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took me not in; naked and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison and ye visited me not," have driven the Christian from his monastery of idleness, and have made him like unto one of whom it was said, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

Despite the apparent lack of zeal, how bright are the signs of promise! The time was (and that not far distant) when many professed Christianity at the shrine of Bacchus—when he who should dare to lift up his voice against this curse was pronounced a fanatic. Those times are gone, never to return. Public sentiment, saturated with the Christian spirit, has pronounced "*Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin!*" against the traffic. The doors of the Church swing both ways—inward for the drunkard and sot seeking salvation; outward for the drink manufacturing aristocrat seeking the respectability of its folds. Nor is she choice in the use of her weapons for the defeat of this nefarious evil. Nonpartisan in principle, she says, "God bless you!" to all legitimate efforts put forth for its overthrow. The dark clouds of an unpromising past, which have so long obscured our sky, are but the harbingers of victory, and the trumpet notes of the hymnologist should inspire every child of God.

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head."

That the Church is on the eve of a glorious and widespread revival there can be but little doubt. All God-given signs point to the refulfillment of the promise of the prophet Joel: never were there so many who loved our God and his Son Jesus as now. Statisticians tell us that in the great Methodist family alone there are 30,898,528 adherents, and that if Christianity should continue to gain ground in the next century with as great rate of progress as in the past, Jesus Christ would be enthroned over the millions of the Orient, the Occident, the Arctics, and the Tropics. Truly,

"Zion stands with hills surrounded,
Zion kept by power divine:
All her foes shall be confounded
Though the world in arms combine.
Happy Zion,
What a favored lot is thine!"

EDWARD MCHUGH, *President.*

GEORGE B. SHANOR, *Secretary.*

E. T. LANE, H. A. M. HENDERSON,
J. H. MCNARY, J. W. BASHFORD.
JAMES E. GILBERT.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

1. IT has been said that the Sunday-school is the nursery of the Church. This being the case, then the Sunday-school is one of the most important factors in the Church work. From this nursery must come many of the future citizens of the country—most of the pastors, officials, and the working force of the Methodist Church.

2. Since this is the case, great care should be taken by the Church to see that the Sunday-school is properly managed. Godly men and women should officer the school. Teachers who are consecrated Christians, thoroughly imbued with the spirit and doctrine of the Methodist Church, should be placed over the children and young people.

3. If we are Methodists, we should have Methodist Sunday-schools. We should teach our children by precept and example their duties regarding the Sunday-school. We should strive to lead the young people and children of our school to Christ, and then train them for the work of the Methodist Church. We do not want narrow bigots; but we want broadminded, intelligent young people. To accomplish this end, we want to use our Methodist literature.

4. We want to teach our people to give financial support to the various enterprises of the Church. Here in the Sunday-school is the place to give them practical and theoretical lessons in giving. We can accomplish much for the Church of to-morrow by teaching the important lesson of giving in the Sunday-school of to-day.

W. E. SPURRIER, *Secretary.* WALTER S. GRAY, *President.*

TEMPERANCE.

YOUR Committee desire, by this deliverance of sentiment and conviction, to promote the cause of temperance and prohibition so as to bring on the much desired time when the saloon *shall go.*

We recognize the strength of the foe we have to oppose. We see how the liquor-traffic is able to put into the pro-liquor war millions of dollars made by its unholy business. We recognize its power in politics, in controlling the votes of politicians. We are also well posted as to the unscrupulous disregard of all law, human and Divine, which characterizes the traffic. We are as sure as ever that it is the unrelenting foe of all true religion and reform, and will not stop even at the overthrow of the Church if it be found necessary to promote its political and financial supremacy. We therefore recommend the following:

1. While we know the power of our foe, and his resources for financial and political power, we are not dismayed, but are hopeful of an early overthrow of the giant enemy.

2. We desire to reaffirm the deliverance of our last General Conference upon this subject, as well as that of our Bishops in the Episcopal Address.

3. We insist that it is the duty of all Methodists to practice total abstinence from all intoxicants.

4. We rejoice in what the various organizations are doing to promote this work, such as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-saloon League, and all others calculated to build up temperance sentiment. We especially commend to our Churches Rev. F. M. Clemans, of Dayton, Ohio, who has labored so efficiently as superintendent within our bounds, as well as Dr. Moore, who was recently appointed to the superintendency of Cincinnati District Anti-saloon League.

5. We plead with our legislators at the coming session of our Legislature to pass "the Clark Local-option Bill," and thus give to municipalities and wards of municipalities, as well as townships, the privilege of expelling the saloon from their midst.

6. We rejoice in the victories which have been won so recently in parts of our Conference by the united effort of the people without regard to party or Church affiliations.

7. We rejoice in the passage of the Anti-canteen Bill by our last Congress, but deplore the efforts now being made for the reinstatement

of the canteen. Surely our great Nation will take no backward step in this regard, when all the great nations of the world are looking to the abolishment of the liquor-traffic in their armies.

8. We recommend:

(1) That at each session we continue to hold anniversary meetings in the interest of temperance and prohibition.

(2) That the fourth Sunday in November be observed in all our Churches as "Temperance Sunday."

(3) That we do all we can to awaken in our Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues and Junior Leagues an increasing interest in temperance.

(4) That we are expecting much from "The Permanent Committee on Temperance" appointed by our last General Conference, and are glad of the appointment of Dr. A. B. Leonard on that Committee.

(5) That we urge our schools in both city and country to give careful attention to "Scientific Temperance."

(6) We urge our Church papers to give greater attention to this great reform.

(7) We urge our ministers and members not to give their presence and support to social clubs where intoxicants are dispensed.

Finally, having been requested by a Committee of the National Anti-saloon League to send delegates to a Convention which is to be held in Washington, D. C., early in December, we recommend that Dr. F. M. Clemans be selected to represent this body in that meeting.

C. L. MYERS, *Chairman.*

TRACT SOCIETY.

WE recognize in the Tract Society one of the important agencies of our Church for the promotion of its spiritual life. It distributes large numbers of tracts among the soldiers and sailors and in public institutions wherever access can be obtained, giving away annually more than ten million pages of literature.

It undoubtedly serves as a great evangelizing power. We therefore recommend that our pastors make a more liberal use of tracts in their work, and that a liberal collection be taken for this Society.

H. G. CURLESS, *Secretary.* C. T. CRUM, *Chairman.*

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V.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*	G. W. DUBOIS.	W. H. WEHRLY.
CHARLES L. CONGER, *Registrar.*	J. A. STORY.	J. A. WHITE.
W. A. ROBINSON.	J. P. PORTER.	A. C. TURRELL.
C. M. VAN PELT.	J. E. ABRAMS.	A. B. AUSTIN.
	U. G. HUMPHREY.	M. B. FULLER.
	G. V. MORRIS.	

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Extemporaneous Oratory, *Buckley;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus;* Essays and Syllabi, Class of Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Outlines of Bible History, *Hurst;* Essays and Syllabi of Candidates for Admission.

Section 3. G. W. DUBOIS.—English and American Literature, *Beers;* Sermons and Syllabi, Class of First Year; Sermons and Syllabi, Class of Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren;* Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren;* The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell;* Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, *Walker.*

Section 5. J. P. PORTER.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Christian Purity, or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster;* Essays and Syllabi, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. ABRAMS.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley.*

Section 7. U. G. HUMPHREY.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* Students' American History, *Montgomery;* Introduction to the Gospel Records, *Nast.*

Section 8. G. V. MORRIS.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler;* Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 10. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches; Life of John Wesley, *Telford;* Systematic Theology, *Raymond.*

Section 11. A. C. TURRELL.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd;* Primer of Psychology, *Ladd;* Larger Catechism, *Nast;* Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Syllabi of Local Preachers.

Section 12. A. B. AUSTIN.—Introduction to Sociology, *Fairbanks;* History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vol. I, *Stevens.*

Section 13. M. B. FULLER.—Introduction to Holy Scriptures, *Harman;* Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*; History of Methodism (abridged), *Stevens.*

Section 14. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900; Digest of Methodist Law (edition of 1900), *Merrill.*

c. EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATIONS will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, December 5, 1901, and June 26, 1902, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1902.

Examinations in December will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Christian Purity; or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 1, 2), *Broadus;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Parts 1–5).

SECOND YEAR.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 3–5), *Broadus;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Part 6 to end).

THIRD YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren;* History of the Christian Church, Vol. I, *Hurst;* Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren;* History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst;* The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell.*

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

d. CLASSES.

FOURTH YEAR, 1902.—Henry C. Hutchinson, ... Deacon.
THIRD YEAR, 1903.—Charles P. Pumphrey, ... Deacon.
Wilbur E. Hammaker, ... Deacon.
John F. Chenoweth, ... Deacon.
SECOND YEAR, 1904.—William W. Reeves, ... Elder.
FIRST YEAR, 1905.—Asa J. Kestle.
Charles J. Moore.
Edward W. Lutterman.

VI.

Miscellany.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

Of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference.

Funds invested:		
Little Miami Railroad Bond	$1,500 00	
Interest-bearing Notes	5,950 00	
Lot in Madisonville	70 00	
		$7,520 00
Debts:		
To Preachers' Relief Society		500 00
Total Funds		$7,020 00
Interest received for the year:		
On Little Miami Railroad Bond	$126 00	
Building and Loan Association	68 00	
On Several Notes	260 25	
		$454 25
Paid out during the year:		
Expense of meeting of the Board	$11 00	
Traveling expenses, stationery, and stamps	8 00	
Taxes on Madisonville lot	1 00	
Board of Conference Stewards	434 25	
		$454 25

"Correct."—Conference Auditing Committee.
J. P. PORTER, *Secretary.* H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*

Organization of the Board: H. C. Weakley, President; A. N. Spahr, Vice-President; J. P. Porter, Secretary; J. T. Bail, Treasurer. Other members: J. A. Story, F. G. Mitchell, E. T. Wells.

BISHOP J. M. THOBURN.

YOUR Committee appointed to prepare a minute relating to Bishop J. M. Thoburn, D. D., beg leave to submit the following:

We believe in the righteousness of a proper recognition of consecrated ability and eminent service, wherever found in the kingdom of God, and in extending sympathy wherever hearts are smitten with sorrow.

Therefore the Cincinnati Conference, with pleasure, makes appreciative mention of the distinguished abilities of our beloved Missionary Bishop. We would recommend and emulate his deep piety and eminent services in the cause of Christ and the Church of his love.

As a missionary, he has been pre-eminently a soul-winner. As a Bishop, he has shown himself resourceful, a skillful organizer, an indefatigable worker in the great field assigned him by the Church, a wise executive, and a faithful preacher of the Word.

We deeply sympathize with him in the impairment of his health, and unite to pray that it may be fully recovered. We deeply sympathize with him in the afflictions that have befallen his beloved wife, who has walked, in affection and helpfulness, by his side for so many years, and devoutly pray for her complete recovery.

And now, our hearts smitten with the same sorrow, we extend to him and his family most sincere and tender condolence in view of the recent death of the beloved and honored sister, Miss Isabella Thoburn, in the far-away land of the Veda, a woman of excellent presence, modest in bearing, with a consecrated heart and life. She had eminent abilities for the work of a missionary, excelling in teaching, organization, and administration.

Around her name gathers a beautiful halo, arising from the fact that she was the first missionary sent out by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and it will shed light upon her grave through coming centuries. She was called suddenly from labor to reward.

We sit down by the side of our beloved Missionary Bishop, mingle our tears with his, "commend him to God and the Word of his grace," praying that there may be added to him other years of active usefulness in the Church of God.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. RUNYAN,
R. S. RUST,
W. A. ROBINSON.

CINCINNATI MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Cincinnati Missionary Society has just closed one of the most satisfactory years in its history. It has been well equipped and has kept every branch of its work well in hand.

Your Conference discontinued Camp Washington as a charge last year. The Society owns the church property. At the request of the membership, it was organized into a mission, under the supervision of layman, assisted by a deaconess. Every branch of the finances has been thoroughly managed, and there is a balance in each treasury, with all bills paid. The average attendance upon the Sunday-school for the year was 140; upon the Sunday evening gospel meeting, 52; and conversions have been reported. A general good feeling seems to pervade the membership. Courage has been restored to such an extent that Conference relations will again be sought and re-established.

The experimental mission work of the year has been the formation of Bible clubs. The territory of non-church-goers was selected. A house-to-house visitation diagnosed the religious status. The theory of operation was to form three or four neighbors into a club with a weekly meeting in the homes for the study of the Bible, and to form as many clubs in a street as possible, and to then bring the clubs together, two or three at a time, and, finally, to mass them into a mission organization. A deaconess rendered intelligent service in carry-

ing out the idea, and succeeded in forming five clubs; but ill-health took her out of the situation, and it was impossible to replace her. The work was not fruitless, for one woman, on her deathbed in a hospital, called for the deaconess, and said to her that the Sunday afternoon meetings brought to her a cheer and encouragement that made them the most pleasant recollections of religion.

The indebtedness of the Society was reduced $475 by economical management of its expenses, leaving a balance of $1,723.86.

The missions of the Society have all done considerable work. The following table shows the record:

MISSIONS.	MEMBERSHIP		Sunday-school Average,	Conversions,	Value,	Indebtedness,	IN CHARGE OF
	Full,	Probationary.					
McMicken,	69	43	94	25	$900	.....	T. S. King.
Freeman,	83	35	83	101	1,200	.....	W. H. Gilson.
Madison,	31	4	100	.....	4,500	.....	J. F. Chenoweth.
Neave St.,	70	24	82	25	.....	.....	I. D. Jones.
Italian,	9	10	.....	6	3,600	.....	G. B. Castellini.
Camp Washington,	92	5	140	9	3,000	$2,800	H. B. Patterson.
Total,	354	121	499	166	$13,200	$2,800	

The Gospel Wagon was handled by your Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D. He reports 32 meetings held; audiences aggregating 11,050; professions of conversion, 120; that the messages were received with attention that indicated a wider interest than the public professions made; and that the ministers of the district gave him generous support.

This has been a good year.

Yours respectfully,

J. R. CLARK, *Superintendent.*

HOME FOR THE AGED.

YOUR Committee to consider the legal standing of the Old People's Home at Yellow Springs would report as follows:

Under the provisions of the Discipline, paragraph 205, section 3, there may be a variety of deaconess institutions, termed Homes, Hospitals, Orphanages, and Old People's Homes. The new chapter declares (paragraph 209, section 3) as follows:

"3. The provisions of this chapter shall not disturb existing Homes or institutions now being operated for the deaconess work, nor exclude any societies or associations now engaged in deaconess work, but authorizes any of these to employ deaconesses and establish and operate Homes and institutions for the deaconess work of the Methodist Episcopal Church according to the provisions of this chapter."

We find that in May, 1900, when the General Conference convened, the Home for the Aged at Yellow Springs, Ohio, was an existing deaconess institution, and therefore is endowed with all the authority given in said chapter.

J. A. STORY, *President.*

M. E. KETCHAM, *Secretary.*

F. G. MITCHELL,
GEORGE DUBOIS,
WILLIAM RUNYAN.

IMMORAL LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, The publishing and circulation of vile literature and obscene pictures are amongst the most effectual means for the perversion and destruction of the youth of our land; and

WHEREAS, There exists at Cincinnati the Western Society for the Suppression of Vice, which, with its co-ordinate branches, arrests and sends to the penitentiary, or heavily fines, every ten days, some miscreant found engaged in this nefarious business; therefore,

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference commends and indorses this good work, and will co-operate, so far as we may, by furnishing to Mr. J. D. Hearne, President, or Mr. E. W. Mullikin, Secretary, so far as we may be able to do so, information for the detection and punishment of such corrupters of Society.

J. T. BAIL, D. J. STARR,
W. A. ROBINSON, C. L. CONGER,
H. W. BAILEY, FRANK G. MITCHELL.

JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

Report of the Trustees for the year ending August 31, 1901.

FUNDS invested by the Trustees	$7,723 86	
Cash on hand uninvested	26 14	
		$7,750 00
Receipts:		
August 31, 1901.		
Cash receipts from interest on bonds and notes from September 1, 1900, to August 31, 1901		$531 44
Disbursements:		
August 31, 1901.		
Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher on file	$61 00	
Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher on file	61 00	
Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher on file	122 00	
Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society, per voucher on file	122 00	
Safety Deposit Box in Central Trust and Safe Deposit Company	5 00	
		371 00
Balance on hand for distribution		$160 44

We certify that the above is a true statement of the account for the past year.

Respectfully,
J. R. CLARK,
JOHN PEARSON,
Trustees of the John Mears Bequest.

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PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

Report of H. C. Weakley, Treasurer.

RESOURCES.

Real estate	$33,269 49	
Bills receivable	20,541 74	
Cash on hand	195 09	
		$54,006 32

LIABILITIES.

Capital account	$53,916 32	
Bills payable	90 00	
		$54,006 32

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, September 1, 1900	$1,097 71	
Chalfant Estate	1,315 94	
Rents	691 57	
Interest	980 60	
Donations	25 00	
Membership fees	106 00	
Loans	9,434 60	
		$13,651 42

EXPENDITURES.

Donations	$410 00	
Expense	311 33	
Loans on notes	12,735 00	
Cash on hand	195 09	
		$13,651 42

ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Taxes		$187 60	
Repairs		31 08	
Insurance		32 80	
Committee work:			
M. E. Ketcham	$10 65		
J. R. Porter	10 90		
D. L. Aultman	13 00		
H. C. Weakley	10 20		
		44 75	
Value for books		5 50	
Record book		1 00	
Revenue stamps and checks		1 05	
Conger Committee expense		6 80	
Recording deed		75	
			$311 33

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Rev. H. C. Weakley, Treasurer of the Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference, beg to report that all notes, deeds, mortgages, vouchers, receipts, and expenditures have been examined, together with the books and minutes of the Secretary, and the same have been found correct so far as we are able to judge.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. STORY,
W. H. WEHRLY,
R. E. SMITH.

SUNDAY OPENING OF THE STATE FAIR.

WHEREAS, The management of the State Fair has decided to open the exhibition on Sunday, we want to express, as a Conference, our strong disapproval.

First. We believe the opening is opposed by the law-abiding and self-respecting body of our citizens.

Second. That to break down regard for the Sabbath is to endanger all our institutions that foster moral and good citizenship.

Third. That the claim that the Fair is opened on Sunday in the interest of "the laboring class" is specious and misleading.

Fourth. That no interest of the State can be protected by stultifying the public conscience or corrupting public morals.

Therefore, we will do all we can to lead our people to stand firm for the observance of the Sabbath-day as the strong support of our civilization, and to oppose, by example and practice, the Sunday opening of the State Fair.

WILLIAM RUNYAN,
J. W. PETERS,
C. W. GULLETTE,
Committee.

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat,	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky., ...	W. McKendree, . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . Enoch George, .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O., ...	Enoch George, . W. McKendree, .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule, ...	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . W. McKendree. .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	J. Emory, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., ...	O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., ...	B. Waugh, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., ...	E. Hedding, . . . J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... L. L. Hamline, .	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	E. S. Janes, . . . T. A. Morris, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . .	T. A. Morris.	J. M. Trimble.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1852	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856	October 1,	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865	August 30,	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866	August 29,	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867	August 28,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868	August 26,	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869	August 25,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870	August 24,	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871	August 30,	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872	August 28,	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873	August 27,	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874	August 26,	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876	August 30,	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887	August 31,	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890	August 27,	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892	August 31,	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893	August 30,	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895	August 28,	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897	September 1,	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.
1898	August 31,	Xenia, O.,	John H. Vincent,	Stanley O. Royal.
1899	August 30,	St. Paul, Dayton, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1900	August 29,	Hillsboro, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1901	September 5,	Grace, Dayton, O.,	Jas. N. FitzGerald,	Stanley O. Royal.

VII.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY. Conference.	ENT'D MINISTRY. Y'r.	Elected Bishop.	REMARKS.
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1735	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1791	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Phila.	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Phila.	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Waagatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1853	Vermont	1857	1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky,	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James P. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.,	...
Thomas P. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 31, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Age.
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	 1864	63	31
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1850	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference	Time of Death.	Age	Years of Ministry	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference	Time of Death.	Age	Years of Ministry
James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	Thomas Lee, . . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	J. W. Keely, . . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
M. G. Purkiser, .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
E. House, ...	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	L. F Van Cleve, .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	G. W. Kelley, . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	W. E. Hines, . . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	W. N. Williams, .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
Samuel Brown, .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	A. U. Beall, ...	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
Wm. H. Lawder, .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	T. S. Cowden, . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
Elijah H. Field, .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	Henry Stokes, . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Alex. Meharry, .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	Benj. Glascock, .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	W. B. Jackson, . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	W. R. Webster, .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	I. C. Page, ...	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
John F. Wright, .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	Jas. Murray, . . .	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Wm. H. Miesse, .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	Mighill Dustin, .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
John Barton, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
Herman Lüders, .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	W. L. Hypes, . . .	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
David Warnock, .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	E. C. Smith, . . .	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
James Kendall, .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	Henry Miller, . .	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
George C. Crum, .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	W. J. Quarry, . .	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	Wm. Herr, ...	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
Charles Kalbfus, .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	J. L. Grover, . . .	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19	L. D. McCabe, . .	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
Willis M. Boyer, .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	Geo. T. Perry, . .	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Silas Bennett, . .	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
David Kemper, .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	Timothy Wones, .	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	Asbury Lowrey, .	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	Jas. Stephenson, .	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	F. W. Hypes, . . .	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48	Patrick Carland, .	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	M. Kauffman, . .	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Joseph J. Hill, .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
John C. Maddy, .	1852	Dec 12, 1885	63	33	John W. Cassatt, .	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38	Chas. H. Payne, .	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49	Wm. B. Moler, . .	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52	Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
David Whitmer, .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41	A. M. Griffith, . .	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64	Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	.	59
Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55	James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
I. S. Peregrine, .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37	William I. Fee, .	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51	James P. Shultz, .	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
M. P. Gaddis, . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50	David C. Vance, .	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51	J. H. Middleton, .	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43	John F. Marlay, .	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35	T. H. Pearne, . . .	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39	Thomas Collett, .	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
William Mahon, .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21	Adam Miller, . . .	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30					

Memoirs.

REV. JOHN HENRY MIDDLETON.

We, the spiritual sons of our departed father in the gospel, offer the following as our tribute of love to his memory:

The hosts of "God's thundering legion" are fast disappearing. Their warm hearts, clear heads, and ringing voices made them mighty. Each man—unique, original, and powerful—we sorely miss them in the crises of Church-life. John Henry Middleton, second son of James and Elizabeth Middleton, was born in Tioga County, New York, May 7, 1829, and died at Good Hope, Ohio, November 14, 1900. During Henry's infancy the parents brought him, with their elder son, Edmund, to a farm about four miles south of Greenfield, Ohio, and thereafter the family residence was unchanged. Here were born the sons—Jonathan, who died in infancy; A. Plympton; Homer Clark, now of the Cincinnati Conference; and Theron O.; and the daughter, now Mrs. Frances Smalley. Here died, in his twenty-second year, the firstborn, Edmund, a young man of great promise. The father was a local preacher, of pure life and unwearying activity; the mother was a saintly woman, and the children were early impressed with the value of a Christian experience. An octagonal building, known as "the Old Stone Schoolhouse," was a regular preaching-house for the community, and there the Revs. W. I. Ellsworth and M. D. Ryan held, in 1842, a remarkable ten days' meeting. More than one hundred people were converted and united with the Church, among the number being Henry Middleton, then a lad of thirteen. The joy of salvation was afterward lost for a time, but in 1851 it was fully restored, and never again disappeared. Several years were spent in teaching, and in 1856 Brother Middleton was admitted on trial by the Cincinnati Conference during its annual session in Ripley, Bishop Ames presiding.

REV. JOHN HENRY MIDDLETON.

He was ordained deacon by Bishop Janes in 1858, and was ordained elder by Bishop Simpson in 1860. July 2, 1865, he was happily married, by Rev. M. Dustin, to Miss Mary A. Wright, of Lynchburg, Ohio, who now survives him. His Conference appointments were: 1856, West Union; 1857, White Oak; 1858, Williamsburg; 1859-60, Bowersville; 1861, West Union; 1862-64, Lynchburg; 1865-67, Highland; 1868-70, New Lexington; 1871, Laurel; 1872-75, Clarksville; 1876-78, Lynchburg; 1879, Bethel; 1880, Goshen, 1881, supernumerary;

1882-84, Rainsboro; 1885, New Boston and Newtonville; 1886-87, New Moorefield; 1888, Felicity; 1889-90, Sinking Spring; 1891-92, Hillsboro Circuit; 1893, and until death, superannuated.

During the Civil War he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on the 22d of September, 1862, and was discharged, at Pocahontas, Tennessee, August 30, 1863, for disability. About ten years ago organic heart-trouble appeared, and the utmost quiet became necessary. Life's end was not unexpected, though unannounced. With other relatives and friends, Brother Middleton had gone to Good Hope, Ohio, to attend the wedding of his nephew, Mr. Harry Middleton, and Miss Vena Rogers. The ceremony was concluded, and our brother extended his hand, as if to receive the Bible which he was about to present to the couple he had just pronounced husband and wife, when he "was not, for God took him." There was no appearance of pain nor a struggle. His pastorates were uniformly successful. Great numbers were added to the Church, and his spiritual children vie with each other in their loyalty to Christ and to his servant, who led them to their Savior. At least sixteen of these became ministers, seven of whom are pastors in the Cincinnati Conference. The funeral services were held in the church at Greenfield, Ohio, November 16th, conducted by Revs. F. G. Mitchell, A. D. Maddox, C. H. Haines, R. E. Smith, E. Burdsall, W. B. Brown, G. P. Austin, and — .— Blair. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Greenfield. May the mantle of his loyalty, courage, and consecration rest upon each of us! A. D. MADDOX.

JOHN F. MARLAY.

JOHN F. MARLAY was a worthy son of a noted father. He was born in Harshmanville, near to Dayton, March 15, 1827. He died at his home in Dayton, Ohio, December 15, 1900, nearly to the end of his seventy-fourth year. He entered the ministry in the old Ohio Conference, on probation, in 1850, at the age of twenty-three, and he was an effective minister until the day of his death, a few months more than fifty years. His appointments have been as follows: 1850-51, on King's Creek Circuit, near Urbana; 1852, Collins Chapel, now Avondale, Cincinnati; 1853-54, Oxford; 1855, Franklin; 1856-57, High Street, Springfield; 1858-59, Troy; 1860-61, Wesley Chapel, Dayton; 1862-63, Park Street Church, Cincinnati; 1864, Secretary of the Christian Commission; 1865-67, Raper Church, Dayton; 1868-70, Hillsboro; 1871-73, First Church, Xenia; 1874, Eaton; 1875-77, Piqua; 1878-80, First Church, Urbana; 1881, Middletown; 1882-84, High Street Church, Springfield; 1885-89, First Church, Xenia; 1890-91, Wyoming; 1892-98, Presiding Elder of Springfield District; 1899-1900, Presiding Elder of Dayton District.

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He was pastor of sixteen charges; rather, of fourteen charges, for he served two of them a second time. His ministry has been confined to Southwestern Ohio, within the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference. Dr. Marlay sought no place. He gave himself to the Church to dispose of his services as it needed them most. He had no inclination to transfer; he had no need to transfer. The best charges of his own Conference were open to him,

and his heart preferred the field with which he was acquainted. His first friends were his latest friends. He was acceptable through all the years of his ministry. His preaching became more tender as his years advanced, and, as with his father, his influence and the love of the Church for him increased until the last. There was no deadline in Dr. Marlay's ministerial life. There was no declination in interest and care for the Church. He was a man of one work. One hundred per cent of him was devoted to the ministry. No other business intrenched on his profession; nothing decoyed him from his calling.

It is difficult to describe the man and the preacher, for the reason that he was free from peculiarities and devoid of extreme characteristics by which he could be designated from others. There were no idiosyncrasies that stamped him; there was no habit of body or mind that made him unlike the ideal man. There was nothing in his make-up that needed to be touched delicately or to have an embroidered apology woven for it.

His talent did not consist in one thing, which absorbed other virtues or atoned for many defects, but his glory was in the perfect symmetry of his nature and character. All departments of his manhood were perfectly adjusted, each was made for the other, and all his functions were in such exact poise that they did their work without friction. Like the universe, his powers performed their part without noise. In all his achievements there was not the indication of an effort. His thoughts were commensurate, his mind grasped at nothing; he seemed always to take that path beside which what he wanted grew, and just as he came along it dropped mature and beautiful into his thought plan. He could call all the stars in his intellectual sky by name, and they hastened to the place their lord assigned them. He wrote without effort; the words dropped from his pen ready for the press without rearrangement or correction. His sentences proceeded in logical order, the following exactly fitting the preceding, nor did the shadow of one obscure the radiance of another. His thoughts ran through them, limpid and unfettered, neither boiling nor frozen, but with a charming rhythm of appropriateness and consistency. He began his productions; he proceeded with them; he finished them. He knew when they were done, and contentment was his reward for them, and helpfulness was the treasure of those who heard them.

He made no attempt at eloquence, nor did he resort to fictitious earnestness or impulse to make a little go further, or make what was light weigh heavier. Truth from his lips went for what it was worth. He did not feel responsible for it, if it was clear. And it always issued so. I doubt if a cumbrous thought ever escaped his lips or pen. First of all, and above all, he made truth plain. There were no efforts at oratory; his impulses lay in the same plane with his thoughts, neither overmatched the other. His thoughts did not go out without the savor of his affections, nor did his emotions flow except in intelligent channels. How perfectly were his mind and his heart balanced, and in what beautiful harmony they dwelt and toiled through all the years of his service! Thus he husbanded his strength. His physical constitution was not rugged, though perfectly healthy. He was neither an athlete nor a slugger, yet few bodies ever gave more faithful service to a mighty brain and a noble heart than did his. Through the fifty years of itinerant toil there were but few instances where the body failed. Out of his good sense it had shelter and nourishment, from his affection it had compassion, and through the charity of both it endured to bear to humanity the rich harvest of a rare spirit.

Hundreds have hung upon his words with delight during his ministry. They had the marrow and fatness of the gospel in them. They were not the sweetbread of policy to tempt the appetite, but

the wholesome mixture of truth to nourish the hungry soul. People did not go into ecstasy over Dr. Marlay's preaching, but they went away determined to come again for a taste of what they could not do without. He seldom surprised his hearers; he never disappointed them.

He was a man of rare spirit. He was entirely free from prejudice; he was innocent of bias; his nature was an unhindering interpreter of truth and conduct, an unerring distributor of men and measures in the moral realm. His judgment was accurate, because of his broadness of knowledge, and because of the sincerity of his sympathy. He did not spend half his time in making mistakes, and the other half in mending them. He fully possessed the ground he gained, and fortified it against all marauders, and every position he took was made vantage ground for an attack on the next.

His heart was tender, courageous, and composed and competent; he gave the enemies of truth a hard battle, but the conquered and the penitent were welcomed as to a father's heart. Indeed, he had little of the characteristics of a warrior; he won for his Master with the weapons of intelligence and love. Hundreds have found the earthly fold through his shepherding, and hundreds have gone into the heavenly Church by his words and his ministry. How completely was he at home in the church! Everything went in harmony when Dr. Marlay presided in the sanctuary. Sincerity and sense were mixed in admirable proportion in his conduct of spiritual and ecclesiastical affairs. No blunders marred the services he conducted; no indiscreet word or act discounted the outcome of his ministrations—they were embellished with appropriateness.

Dr. Marlay was a noble man. For nearly fifty years he went in and out with the preachers and the people of the Cincinnati Conference, without even a word of censure as to his life or of complaint against his administration. He was a faithful pastor; his charges strengthened under his care; the interests of the Church were jealously guarded; the demands of his Conference were never ignored; his reports were always full and careful, and all over the Conference to-day the voice of sorrow is heard because they who loved him shall see him no more.

Dr. Marlay attended more funerals, perhaps, of his brethren, and more funerals in ministers' families, than any half-dozen other ministers of the Conference. His words were always judicious. The sketches he has written of his brethren have been models of literary art and filled with tenderest sympathy and unselfish appreciation. How he will be missed in his Conference! When any delicate matter was to be dealt with, Dr. Marlay was usually chosen to undertake it. His discrimination of the rights of men, his careful judgment as to what was fitting, his freedom from freaks of thought or impulse, always insured the Conference against anything undignified or offensive. He was a very rare man. How we shall miss him! Indeed, it seems to some of us as though we could not do without him. Who can fill his place? Who so wise? Who so versatile? Who so safe? But God has called him. We must let him go, and walk the rest of the way without him. O that his mantle might fall upon some worthy successor, who can be to the Conference in the next generation what Dr. Marlay has been to it in this!

He was with us at Oxford two weeks before his death in the sacramental service, and preached to us in the evening a beautiful and helpful discourse on the text, "O that I had wings like a dove, I would fly away and be at rest!" His spirit has found its "wings," and he has found the "rest." His family consists of Mrs. Marlay, three daughters, and one son. His home has been a very happy one, and his domestic life has been as beautiful as his ministerial.

Dearest brother, and friend, and servant of God, "good-bye, till the night is passed and the morning dawns."

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REV. THOMAS H. PEARNE.

THE REV. THOMAS H. PEARNE, D. D., was born in the city of New York, June 7, 1820, and went home to heaven from Cincinnati, June 1, 1901. His parents came from England and settled in New York, and through the influence of Methodist preachers were brought to Christ and received into the Methodist Episcopal Church. He received the advantages of early religious education. His father was a class-leader, a local preacher, and in 1832 entered the traveling connection, in which he continued thirty-six years, and at the age of seventy-four in triumph went to his rest.

At fourteen Thomas became a class-leader, at fifteen a local preacher, and a year later he entered Cazenovia Seminary under the charge of the Rev. Dr. George Peck, and zealously prosecuted his studies preparatory to his entering the ministry. At the age of nineteen he joined the Oneida Conference, and in 1841 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Soule, and in 1843 was ordained elder by Bishop Waugh. The first fourteen years of his ministry—from 1837 to 1851—were spent in Central New York and in Northern Pennsylvania, and these years of his early ministry are remembered as seasons of precious revivals and great ingathering of souls. In 1851 he was transferred from the Oneida to the Oregon Conference, and appointed presiding elder on Oregon District. Oregon Territory was at this time in danger of becoming a slaveholding State, as emigrants from the slave States were hastening thither in large numbers, and great credit was given Dr. Pearne for the wisdom and ability displayed in his paper and on the platform in defeating this purpose and plan, and in securing the enrollment of Oregon in the column of free States, and in sacredly consecrating its territory and citizenship to freedom.

Methodism in Oregon, led on by Dr. Pearne and his associates, turned the scales in favor of liberty, and human slavery was forever excluded from that beautiful country.

In 1865, Dr. Pearne was invited by Bishop Clark to accompany him South, to aid in the organization of a Conference in East Tennessee and take such work there as our Church might require. The Holston Conference was organized June 1, 1865, and Dr. Pearne aided in its organization, and was appointed presiding elder of the Knoxville District. During his term of service, amid opposition and peril, he rendered most valuable assistance in the reorganization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this territory. The information gained by him while in the South rendered his service of great value in conducting the affairs of our Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, as he has been a most efficient member and officer in it from its earliest history, and has generously devoted much time and effort to the advancement of its interests.

In 1874, Dr. Pearne was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, and was stationed at Grace Church, Dayton, where he rendered excellent service and was highly esteemed. He received a generous welcome to our Conference and to our best appointments in the pastorate and eldership. His devotion to the specific work of saving souls and of building up the Church of God—his love of pastoral service, his sympathy for those in sorrow, his deep-toned piety and spirituality, his familiarity with God's Word and his efficiency in defending it, his ability as a preacher of the unsearchable riches of Christ, and his interest in every enterprise pertaining to the glory of God and the welfare of man, won our appreciation, our confidence, and our affection, and placed him in the front rank among the heroes of this grand old Conference.

There was in Dr. Pearne a rare combination of ability and method exhibited by our fathers as a result of their training for their work, and that of their sons, secured by the advantages of the present age

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in preparation for the ministry. He caught the spirit, the experience, the zeal, and the practical training of the fathers, and added to these such discoveries and improvements as could be traced in their origin to heaven, and could be illustrated and defended by the inspired Word of God.

We have had very few abler defenders of the cardinal doctrines and policy of our beloved Methodism than was our departed brother. The influence of a religious home, his early training in Bible truth, the instruction of the class and prayer meeting, so firmly anchored him to the dear old "faith once delivered to the saints," that neither the boisterous waves of opposition nor the howling tempests of false doctrine could move him from the old foundations. He entered into a personal experience of the doctrines of the higher life, and illustrated his faith by heroic and self-sacrificing service in behalf of the world's redemption.

The time of our continuance here is rapidly drawing to a close. It is manifest that when one of advanced age leaves us, there should be no murmuring, but resignation, and even approval. When God takes away in early life a promising youth or a gifted minister, we may ponder this providence and seek light in the solution of this problem, and secure harmony with the mind and purpose of the dear Father; but in the case of our beloved brother, crowned with a life of great usefulness and honor, extended beyond the Scriptural limit of fourscore years, we should be resigned—have our will blended with the Divine—rejoice in his useful life and in his triumphant entrance into a mansion in his Father's house.

A source of consolation in our bereavement may be found in the assurance of an early reunion with our loved ones in heaven. The separation of kindred souls is only temporary. We meet again, not here, but over there. They come not back from heaven to us, but we go on to them. Many of us have more of our loved ones in heaven than here on earth, and there is no less comfort in going to the many loved ones in joy than in remaining here with the few in sorrow. One by one we pass over to the great assembly of the saved, loved ones accompany us to the brink of the river, angels escort us over the boisterous waves to the other side, and we are welcomed by angelic hosts and blood-washed saints.

There are valuable lessons connected with the life and work of our departed brother that claim a moment's consideration. First, his early conversion and entrance upon the life-work of a Methodist minister. He was reared in a Christian home under the influence of a mother's prayers and a father's counsels, where God and his work were recognized as authority in the adjustment of the duties and enjoyment of life. No wonder that under such influences the ten children of this home, in the first decade of existence, were all gathered into the fold of Christ and started in their life-work of usefulness.

A mother's influence in this impressible period of childhood is almost limitless. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. The responsibility of training and saving the children in the most hopeful period of probation must be more earnestly impressed upon our members.

The destiny of our Church and the triumphs of the cross depend upon it.

And, again, our brother's early entrance upon the ministry, and his continuance in it until the end of his earthly pilgrimage of more than fourscore years, is worthy of the highest commendation.

He was a man of one work, and that was the salvation of souls, the most exalted work in which men or angels have ever been permitted to engage. So fully was his heart set upon its accomplishment that he could not abate his zeal nor effort until God impressed upon him that

his earthly mission was ended, and that there was no more work here on earth for him to do. He acquiesced in his release from the toil and struggles of earth and in the successful completion of his earthly mission, and, with an unwavering faith in the power of the gospel which he had so long preached, and which had so long sustained and cheered him, and from his humble parish, his study, and the pulpit, he went in triumph to his heavenly home.

The burial service was a memorable one, rendered such by the presence of a large number of our ministers and official members, by the consoling and inspiring addresses of beloved brethren, by the especial baptism of the Holy Spirit moving to deep sympathy the audience, strengthening the faith of believers in the doctrines of eternal life, and comforting the bereaved family and friends with the prospect of a speedy reunion over there, where sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more. R. S. RUST, D. D.

REV. THOMAS COLLETT.

REV. THOMAS COLLETT was born September 8, 1824, in the Parish of St. Austell, Cornwall County, England. His father before him was a Methodist local preacher of the Wesleyan type, and his training in spiritual things was thus assured. When he was nine years of age, he, with his father's family, emigrated to this country and settled in Philadelphia, Pa. They remained but a few years there, and in 1836 they removed to Ohio, and settled near Waynesville, where he grew to manhood.

In his seventeeth year, under the ministry of Rev. Joshua Boucher and Rev. Joseph J. Hill, he became greatly concerned about his soul's salvation, sought and found his Savior, and on December 27, 1840, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church on trial, and for more than sixty years gave evidence of a clear, satisfying, and abiding conversion. The Church was quick to recognize his talents, and before his probation had expired he was made a class-leader. Being naturally a timid, retiring man, he entered upon his work with fear and trembling; but with great fidelity he gave himself to the work, and soon developed skill as a leader and trainer of the people. It soon became evident that his Master had called him to a larger sphere of usefulness, and in the spring of 1843 his pastor, the Rev. C. W. Swain, gave him license to exhort. His renewed license, bearing date of August 5, 1843, was signed by James B. Finley. On the 24th of January, 1845, in old Union Chapel, on Union Circuit, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of that charge, Rev. William H. Raper being the presiding elder, and on the following October he was sent by his presiding elder as junior preacher to Franklin Circuit. By a strange series of providences, he says, he was hindered from entering upon regular Conference work for several years. In 1849 he was ordained a local deacon by Bishop Waugh, at the session of the Ohio Conference held at Dayton, Ohio, and in 1854, Bishop Scott ordained him a traveling elder in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He joined the Ohio Conference on probation at Chillicothe in the fall of 1850. There were thirty-two in his class, twenty-nine of whom afterwards became members of the Cincinnati Conference at its organization, all of whom preceded him to the spirit world. At the organization of the Cincinnati Conference, in 1852, his lot fell with that body, and he continued in its unbroken fellowship to the day of his death. His appointments have been as follows: 1850, Franklin Circuit; 1851-52, New Burlington Circuit; 1853-54, Jamestown Circuit; 1855-56, Wilmington; 1857-58, Ladies' Home Mission, Cincinnati; 1859-60, East

Pearl Street, Cincinnati; 1861-62, Hillsboro; 1863-65, Troy; 1866-67, First Church, Xenia; 1868-70, High Street, Springfield; 1871-73, Raper, Dayton; 1874, St. John's, Cincinnati; 1875-76, Eaton; 1877-79, Greenfield; 1880-81, Winton Place: 1882-84, St. Paul's, Dayton; 1885, Middletown; 1886, supernumerary; 1887, St. Paul's, Springfield; 1888-1901, Financial Agent of the Preachers' Relief Society.

Brother Collett's domestic life was most fortunate and happy. His first wife was Miss Julia A. Fairholm, of one of the pioneer families of Waynesville, Ohio, by whom he had one daughter, now Mrs. Jabez Roberts, of Dayton, Ohio. While serving Franklin Circuit he became

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acquainted with Miss Harriet A. Deardorff, of Middletown. This acquaintance ripened into betrothal, and on the 14th day of July, 1851, she became his wife, and for fifty years shared with him the toils and cares, the joys and delights, of the itinerant life. On the 14th of this month they celebrated their fiftieth marriage anniversary. The members of his family were all present, and while he was not able to leave his bed, he recognized them all, and greatly enjoyed having them with him once more. From this time on he continued to grow weaker physically, but always seemed to recognize the members of the family until Thursday evening, July 18, 1901, about seven o'clock, when he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, and "he was not, for God took him." He leaves a widow, three children—Mrs. Jabez Roberts, of Dayton, Ohio; Mr. George Collett, of Springfield, Ohio, and Mr. C. E. Collett, of

Middletown—seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, on this side of the river, who hope to join him in the skies by and by. Thomas Collett was a loyal Methodist preacher, and always went cheerfully to his appointments. In 1882 he was sent to Huffman Avenue, Dayton, and when he reached that city he found that he had received an appointment without a society, without a church, and without even a lot upon which to build a church. With a determination to succeed, he secured a lot on the avenue, and at once proceeded to raise funds for a new church. He succeeded even beyond his most sanguine expectations, and during his pastorate of three years he built and dedicated beautiful St. Paul's Church. He left the charge at the end of his pastorate with nearly three hundred members and property valued at $22,000. In his diary he says that this was one of the greatest trials, and also one of the greatest triumphs of his itinerant history. As Middletown was an appointment on his first circuit, and as this was the home of his wife, he has been identified with the Methodism of this city for more than half a century. His ministry was accompanied with revivals of religion, and there are those in Middletown now who were converted and joined the Church under his ministry more than fifty years ago.

His funeral was held at his residence in Middletown, Ohio, and Heber D. Ketcham, A. N. Spahr, J. P. Porter, J. G. Vaughan, and D. Lee Aultman took part in the service. All that is mortal of Brother Collett was laid to rest in beautiful Woodland Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio, where he sleeps in hope of a glorious resurrection.

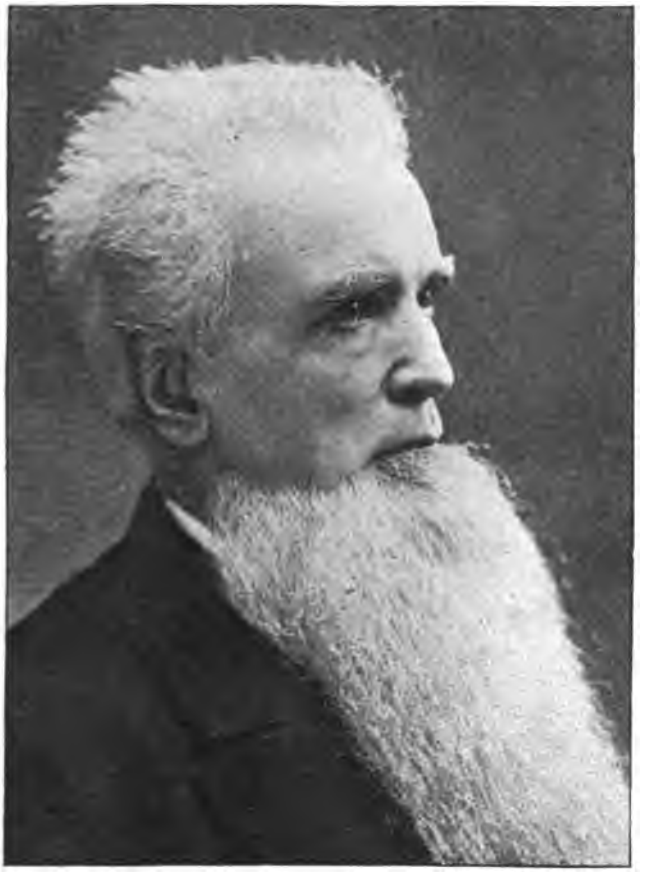
D. Lee Aultman.

REV. ADAM MILLER, M. D.

On Monday morning, July 29, 1901, Dr. Adam Miller, a veteran minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in Chicago. He was ninety-one years of age. He had had a notable career, particulary in connection with the founding of German Methodism in this country. He was born in the State of Maryland in 1810. His parents were members of the Omish sect of Mennonites, who moved, in his infancy, to the new settlements in Ohio. His father was converted on hearing a sermon by Dr. Charles Elliott on the "Day of Judgment." Through him Adam became religiously interested, and soon, under the direction of Joseph McDowell, his English schoolteacher, he professed the Christian faith, and united with the Methodist Church. He was licensed to exhort six months after his conversion.

In 1834 he fell in with Dr. William Nast, then a teacher in Kenyon College, and it was this distinguished man whom he got to translate into German our Articles of Religion, General Rules, and our Ritual. Shortly after this Dr. Nast was converted, and through his instrumentality the German Methodist Episcopal Church arose. Brothers Miller and Nast were intimately associated in work among the Germans in Ohio, and particularly in Cincinnati and vicinity. Brother Miller, seeing the necessity for those who could speak in German, studied the language for years to gain facility in preaching, and in this work Professor Nast was his efficient helper.

Adam Miller was one of the first to second Nast's appeal, which was strongly indorsed by the *Western Christian Advocate*, for a distinctive German literature and organ for the German Methodists. Out of this movement came the *Christian Apologist* and all the other papers, magazines, and publications in which this branch of our Church is so prolific. Brother Miller led, in the fall of 1841, in the building of the first German Methodist Church in Cincinnati. Its successor stands on the same site, in the very heart of the city, on Race Street, opposite Washington Park and Music Hall. He afterward went to Baltimore to open



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a German mission; but shortly after, since a number of native German ministers were arising to lead the Church, and since some throat trouble began to develop, he retired and adopted the profession of medicine. He lived to an exceptional age, and had seen most of his co-workers precede him to the other world. Not long since he printed some scientific papers, remarkable for their suggestiveness, which he had written when past ninety. Our readers will be interested in his own words:

"I commenced my ministry in the old Ohio Conference when I was twenty-one years of age. This was in the year 1831. This Conference at that time embraced a large part of the State of Ohio, all of the State of Michigan, and a large district in Western Virginia. The Conference this year was held in Mansfield, Ohio, and my first appointment was Nicholas Circuit, West Virginia. When I arrived there I found I had a large circuit to travel over, and twenty-nine appointments for preaching every four weeks. The appointments ranged from ten to fifteen and some twenty-five miles apart. At the close of the year I received fifty-one dollars for my year's work. I remained several years in this district, and in my fourth year I received only forty-five dollars for my year's work. In the fifth year of my ministry I was married to Miss Phebe F. Talmage, on the 15th of October, 1835. She is still living in her ninety-second year, but a great sufferer from an accidental fall a year ago. I need not relate the sufferings and conflicts we have passed through; but my thoughts linger with joy around the many pleasant things I have enjoyed in my long journey through life, and we highly appreciate the manifestations of kindness from friends in our old age. For more than twenty-five years past I have been a faithful student of scientific subjects, and my mental powers are now strong as ever. In my recent writings on different scientific subjects I do not claim inspiration, neither do I admit that it is imagination; but I do claim some kind of illumination by which I have uttered some great truths, that will be finally recognized as such in the future, if not at present. Yours truly, ADAM MILLER."

Thus closes a long, honorable, noble, and efficient life dedicated to Christ and his work.

MRS. BISHOP THOS. A. MORRIS.

SARAH A. BRUSCUP, daughter of John and Mary Bruscup, was born November 10, 1821, in Baltimore, Maryland. When she was about fourteen years of age she removed with her father's family to Troy, Ohio. After her mother's death her father removed to Xenia, Ohio, where the remainder of her youth was spent. The early years of her womanhood were spent in Springfield and Cincinnati. She was for several years a teacher in the public schools of Springfield, making her home with her sister, Mrs. Louisa Mullikin. In June of 1872 she was married to Bishop Thomas A. Morris, at the home of her niece, Mrs. William B. Moler. Two years later she was left a widow, and in 1876 became a member of the family of Rev. William B. Moler. Mrs. Morris remained with them through the remainder of their itinerant life, returned with them to Springfield in 1890, and resided here until her death. The youngest of a family of seven children, she had been for a year the sole survivor of her generation. During the years from 1876 to 1890 she was most successful in evangelistic work in Ohio and Kentucky, into which work she threw the energy of her life. In later years she took a deep interest in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, being the corresponding secretary of its First General Board, and

continued active in this work until a few years ago, when her health became so impaired that she had to learn the hard lesson of giving up the work she so much loved. Her last years of feebleness and enforced quiet were among the most trying of her life, the desire of her heart to reach out into religious and charitable work being as strong as it had been throughout all her life. During this time she was active, so far as her failing health permitted, in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and in charitable work which came within her reach. Each month brought increased feebleness and new lessons in patient waiting until the end came. She passed peacefully away March 13th, 7.40 A. M.

E. W. MULLIKIN.

MRS. GEORGE W. FEE.

MARY RICHARDS was born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1839, and in her nineteenth year was converted and at once united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1870 she was married to the Rev. George W. Fee, and at once entered into the life of a Methodist itinerant's wife, doing all in her power to make home pleasant and happy. Sister Fee was one of the best of women, very quiet and retiring in her nature, yet with an earnest love for the true and good and pure, as well as a longing to be of use and helpful in the winning of the world to Christ. Her home life was consistent with her profession. To those who entered it came the assurance that a Christian woman, a loving wife and mother, a good, kind neighbor, was its mistress. Her husband, her children, had confidence in her Christian integrity. Her friends knew her as one who could be trusted.

The last eight years of her life were years of affliction, because of diesase, years of weary waiting of folded hands, years of helplessness. Weaker and weaker grew the body; but was there ever one more patient, more submissive? For in all those long, weary years was the quiet, peaceful trust in the Christ that made those of us who entered the home feel that if could our faith and our patience be as hers, then would it be well to suffer as she did.

The end came on the 17th day of November, 1900, in her home in Mt. Orab, Ohio. The weariness, the pain, the trials were all past, and our sister was at rest.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. David W. Clark, and her body laid to rest in the Mt. Orab Cemetery.

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MRS. MARGARET W. ELLSWORTH was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, April 9, 1817, and died in Springfield, Ohio, May 12, 1901. She was the daughter of Samuel Williams, a soldier of the War of 1812, who later became connected with the Government surveys in the West, and came, with his family, to Cincinnati in 1829. Here the daughter was placed under the instruction of Mrs. Melinda Truesdale, afterward the wife of Bishop Hamline, and thus formed an intimacy which lasted throughout life. She was religious from childhood. In her earliest years she made the acquaintance of the pioneer preachers, who always found in her father's house a hospitable home. She was converted and united with the Church under the ministry of Edmund W. Sehon,

and knew such men as Quinn, Raper, Collins, Swayze, Durbin, Bascom, and Bigelow. Two half-brothers are living—Professor W. G. Williams, D. D., LL. D., of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and Professor Samuel W. Williams, A. M., Literary Editor at the Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati. In 1839, Miss Williams was married to Rev. William I. Ellsworth. For thirty-eight years she was his faithful companion and wise counselor in the ministry. He passed to his reward May 10, 1877. Six children were born to them, four of whom survive her. Under the ministry of her husband five thousand souls were brought into the Church. In all the fields of labor where Brother Ellsworth toiled she was his active helper and constant inspiration. They found peculiar joy in thinking of Dr. John F. Marlay as one whom they had received into the Church. Mrs. Ellsworth was identified with temperance work in the Woman's Crusade. Her life was singularly calm and beautiful, an inspiration to her pastors and a perpetual benediction to those around her. She was a constant reader of the Bible, of the Church periodicals, and Methodist biography and history, keeping well informed upon matters of Church and State. She brought to her friends the blessing of a cultivated and devout Christian mind, and enriched and encouraged every worker who knew her. She often thought that her work was done, as she could take no part in the public services in her later life; but her Heavenly Father knew, and called her not, till, after eighty-four years of faithfulness, he saw the finished work, when he opened the doors before her to other and fairer fields.

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2. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

3. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

4. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.

6. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

7. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

8. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

9. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.

15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

21. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

22. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

23. The presiding elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial,** and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

24. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 9, 1902.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 3-9, 1902, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

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"	Milton P. Zink,	P.	"	Charles J. Wells,	P.
1856	John Vance,	.....	"	Lafayette Young,	.....
1857	George M. Edgar,	.....	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.
"	William N. Maxey,	.....	"	Wm. M. West,	.....
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	James E. Gilbert,	.....
1858	Evan P. James,	P.	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.
"	George H. Dart,	P.	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	Lyman E. Prentiss,	P.
"	John W. Mason,	.....	1876	Wm. J. Baker,	P.
"	John L. Gregg,	P.	"	John H. Davis,	.....
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	"	John A. Easton,	P.
"	John G. Black,	P.	"	John W. Gaddis,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	James F. McColm,	P.
"	William K. Brown,	P.	"	Geo. M. Hammell,	.....
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	"	John C. Eckles,	P.
1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
1860	John M. Walden,†	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	P.
"	John H. Lease,	P.	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
"	George W. Fee,	.....	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	.....	"	Joseph I. Taggart,*	.....
"	Isaac W. Joyce,†	.....	"	James S. Ruggles,	P.
1862	Thomas J. Harris,	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	"	Davis W. Clark	P.
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	"	James W. Bashford,	P.
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
1865	Reuben K. Deem,	P.	"	Charles W. Rishell,	.....
"	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.
"	Wm. Runyan,	P.	"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.
"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	"	John A. White,	P.
"	Wm. T. McMullen,	.....	"	John A. Story,	P.
1866	John F. Hull,	.....	"	Eugene P. Edmonds,	P.
"	James P. Porter,	P.	1880	David A. McColm,	P.
"	Madison A. Richards,*	.....	"	Charles L. Conger,	P.
1867	Wm. P. Jackson,	P.	"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	.....
"	Samuel W. Carey,	.....	"	Charles W. Gullette,*	.....
"	John Pearson,	P.	1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.
"	Adam Bowers,	.....	"	Benj. D. Hypes,	P.
1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.	"	Edward T. Lane,	P.
"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	P.
"	John W. Peters,	P.	"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.
"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.	1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.
1869	Edward T. Wells,	P.	"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	.....
"	Carey T. Crum,	P.	"	Charles H. Haines.	P.
"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.	1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.
1870	J. Raper Hunter,	.....	"	Marion LeSourd,	P.
"	Richard H. Rust,	P.	"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
"	Jesse B. Young,	P.	"	Geo. S. Eastou,	P.
1871	Seren N. Marsh,	.....	1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
"	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.	"	James L. Glascock,	.....

* Deceased. † Honorary members. 1902

	MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.	
1884	John J. McCabe,	P.	1893	William M. Coffman,	P.
"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	Homer G. Curless,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,¶	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	George V. Morris,	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	"	John E. Beery,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	Albert K. Stabler,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	John Phillips,	P.
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	Henry C. Jameson,	.....	"	James D. Darling,	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.	"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.	"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.	"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.	1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	"	William M. Patton,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	Wm. C. Mitchell	P.
"	Wm. B. Brown,	P.	1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	"	George H. Smith,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.	"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	Charles Hartley,	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Ira Edgar Price,	P.	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	John H. McNary,	P.	"	Wm. D. English,	P.
1891	James W. Magruder,‡	P.	"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
"	James E. Abrams,	P.	"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.	1898	James A. Geissinger,	P.
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.	"	Archie W. Hook,**	.....
"	John P. Ninde,	P.	"	George B. Shanor,*	.....
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.	1899	Howard L. Torbet,	.....
"	James R. Hill,	P.	"	Henry C. Hutchinson,	P.
"	Wm. E. Spurrier,	P.	"	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.	"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	Philip Trout,	P.	"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,	P.	"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.	1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	William H. Spybey,	P.	"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	Charles F. Enyart,	P.	"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
"	William E. Putt,	P.	1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.	"	Samuel A. Keen	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	P.	"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.			

*Deceased. **Withdrawn.
¶Transferred to the Central Ohio Conference.
‡Transferred to the Maine Conference.

WALNUT HILLS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

II

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, September 3, 1902.

AT half-past eight o'clock this morning, the Cincinnati Annual Conference, having finished a half century of history, met at the Walnut Hills Church for its fifty-first session, with Bishop J. M. Walden, LL. D., in the chair.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, who was assisted by R. S. Rust, J. B. Young, Pastor of Walnut Hills Church; Davis W. Clark, Presiding Elder of this District; John Pearson, A. B. Leonard, and D. J. Starr, former Presiding Elders of this District; with C. W. Barnes, Heber D. Ketcham, and V. F. Brown, Presiding Elders. Two hundred and twenty-nine communicants participated in the service. The old Conference hymn—

"And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?"

was sung; during the last verse personal greetings with a general hand-shaking were enjoyed.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and a large number responded. (See Chronological Roll, p. 304.)

Elections.—Stanley O. Royal was elected Secretary, with the following assistants: D. L. Aultman, Merrick E. Ketcham, and J. R. Colley.

W. A. Wiant was elected Statistical Secretary. His assistants were C. C. Peale, C. P. Pumphrey, H. E. Armacost, D. G. Latshaw, and A. L. Brokaw. J. H. McNary was selected to have charge of the Circuit Salary Reports and the Twentieth-century Thank-offering.

C. W. Horn was elected Treasurer, with W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, and J. W. Patton, assistants.

Greetings to Bishop Walden.—D. J. Starr offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The President of our Conference has during his whole ministerial life been a member of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, and has gone in and out amongst us as a brother beloved, both as an associate pastor and since his consecration to the highest office in the gift of the Church, and has honored both the ministry and our Conference in his Episcopal administration in world-wide Methodism; therefore

Resolved, That it gives us very special pleasure to greet and welcome Bishop Walden to preside over the deliberations of the Cincinnati Conference at this the first session of its second semi-centennial; and that it gives us much joy to also greet and have with us at this session our beloved and consecrated sister, Mrs. Martha Walden, wife of the Bishop.

D. J. STARR,
R. S. RUST,
DAVIS W. CLARK.

On motion of H. C. Weakley, a Committee was ordered to correspond with Adam Bowers and J. W. Mason, who are not able to be present. (See page 312.)

William T. Perkins, a layman of the Walnut Hills Church, on behalf of the congregation, gave an address of welcome. Bishop Walden responded on behalf of the Conference.

Davis W. Clark announced the serious illness of Miss Mary Gamble in England, and moved the appointment of a Committee to cable to her and to her brother, James N. Gamble, the sympathies of this Conference. The motion was carried, and M. B. Fuller, D. G. Latshaw, and D. W. Clark were appointed the Committee.

On motions of D. J. Starr, the printed Rules of Order were adopted, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the seventh pew from the front, and the Program printed in the Directory was adopted, subject to such changes as the Committee on Public Worship might find necessary.

C. W. Blodgett and G. V. Morris were added to the Committee on Public Worship.

Standing Committees.—The list of Standing Committees nominated last year was read; the names of those unable to serve were noted, and the Committee on Nominations was directed to report substitutes at the afternoon session.

H. C. Weakley moved that the Standing Committee on Deaconess Work be dropped, and that the Conference Board of Deaconesses take its place. Carried.

A Standing Committee on Conference Relations was ordered.

On motion of John Pearson, it was directed that the Conference Deaconess Board be nominated by the Bishop and Presiding Elders.

The Thirteenth Question was taken up. The name of E. T. Wells was called, his character passed. He briefly addressed the Conference, requesting a supernumerary relation. By vote his request was granted.

Visitors.—The following visiting ministers were introduced to the Conference: H. C. Jennings, Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern; W. F. McDowell, Secretary of the Educational Society; Chaplain O. J. Nave, of the United States Army; Rev. Guy P. Benton, President of Miami University; John Shannon, Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Toledo; Joseph Luccock, J. D. Walsh, J. A. Colledge, A. Boreing, of the Kentucky Conference; I. F. King, of the Ohio Conference; A. R. Beech and C. W. Lewis, of the Indiana Conference; G. K. Morris and E. J. Moore, of the East Ohio Conference; C. W. Drees, of Porto Rico; D. C. Ridgway, St. Louis Conference; O. L. Seward, recently transferred from the Central Ohio Conference; and John Phillips, a recent transfer from the Kentucky Conference. Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Mrs. D. Lee Aultman, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, were also introduced.

On motion of A. N. Spahr, it was voted to meet at 1:30 P. M., and D. G. Latshaw was appointed to conduct the devotions.

E. T. Wells was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of J. P. Porter, a Committee of Five was appointed to consider a plan for the better support of superannuated preachers. The Committee appointed was as follows: J. P. Porter, M. E. Ketcham, D. Lee Aultman, H. C. Weakley, and John Pearson.

The Secretary read an invitation from the District Cabinet of the Epworth League for a boat ride on the river Saturday afternoon and evening. On motion of J. B. Young the invitation was accepted for the afternoon from two to six o'clock.

H. C. Jennings, Agent for the Western Methodist Book Concern, made a brief address, inviting the members to visit the publishing-house, and speaking of several books recently published, among which was one entitled "A Man for a' That," a member of this Conference (George V. Morris) being the author.

Communications.—The Secretary read by title a list of communications on general subjects unprovided for among the Standing Committees. Pending the question of the disposition of these papers the time for the morning session expired, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

AFTER a luncheon served by the ladies of the Walnut Hills Church, the Conference was called to order at half-past one, Bishop Walden in the chair.

The devotions were conducted by D. G. Latshaw, who read the second chapter of Ephesians and led in prayer.

The question pending at the hour of adjournment was taken up, and it was directed that the papers under consideration be referred to the Committee on Nominations with instructions to refer them to proper Committees, or nominate new Committees if necessary. They were also instructed to nominate a Standing Committee on Public Morals. (See page 312.)

F. G. Mitchell, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported changes in the Standing Committees. Their report as a whole was approved.

Transfers.—The following transfers were announced: John Phillips, from the Kentucky Conference; J. C. Eckles, from the Holston Conference; and O. L. Seward, from the Central Ohio Conference.

Conference Claimants' Funds.—A draft on the Book Concern was ordered for $579 dividend, and upon the Chartered Fund for $22, in favor of the chairman of the Board of Stewards, for the benefit of Conference claimants.

After calling A. B. Leonard to the chair, the Bishop introduced Dr. A. J. Reynolds, a retired Presbyterian minister.

On motion of the Secretary, the Statistical Secretaries were directed to add a column in their tabulations for the grand totals of all collections.

The Statistical Secretary called the list of charges, and pastors presented reports of statistics and collections.

R. K. Deem was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

On motion the afternoon session adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 4, 1902.

THE Conference opened at half-past eight this morning with a devotional service conducted by R. K. Deem, Bishop Walden being in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Statistical Secretary read the names of a few charges whose reports had not been received.

The Secretary called the roll of those not answering to their names yesterday. On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Thirteenth Question—"*Was the character of each preacher examined?*"—was taken up, and the Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, C. W. Barnes, was called, his character passed, and he read his report.

V. F. Brown, the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of his work.

Jubilee Greetings.—The Order of the Day, namely, the reception of delegates bringing "jubilee" greetings from the Ohio Conference, was taken up. Bishop Walden made introductory remarks concerning the relation of this Conference to the old Ohio Conference, referring to the memorable reunion at Chillicothe in 1864. He then introduced the delegation from the Ohio Conference, namely, Dr. Isaac Crook and Dr. Isaac F. King. William H. Sutherland, the veteran of the Cincinnati Conference, whose membership preceded its organization, was called to the

chair. J. T. Bail, on behalf of this Conference, spoke words of welcome to the visitors. A letter was then read from Joseph H. Creighton, D. D., of the Ohio Conference, whose membership in the Ohio Conference antedated the division. (For letters and addresses, see page 406.)

The addresses of Dr. King and Dr. Crook, which followed, were heard with the deepest interest and pleasure. Dr. Sutherland then briefly responded in apppropriate words. The song

"I love thy kingdom, Lord,"

was heartily sung, closing the special exercises pertaining to the jubilee celebration.

Visitors.—Chaplain Lozier, of Iowa; Levi Gilbert, D. D., Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate;* C. W. Rowland, a layman from Mount Lookout Church; Dr. N. Luccock, of the St. Louis Conference; Dr. J. A. Sargent and J. H. Carnes, of the Indiana Conference; W. F. McCauley, a Presbyterian minister; G. W. Arnold and M. M. Alston, of the Atlanta Conference; and E. L. Shepard, of the Kentucky Conference, were introduced.

Dr. Neely, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-school Union, was also introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the Sunday-school Union and the Tract Society.

The announcement was made that the sum of $1,930 was apportioned to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund. The Presiding Elders were instructed to distribute the apportionments of all benevolences among the districts.

The Committee on Memoirs was composed as follows: J. B. Young, H. D. Ketcham, G. S. Easton, Edmund Burdsall, R. J. Wyckoff, H. G. Curless, and D. J. Starr.

Two other Committees were appointed as follows: *To Correspond with Adam Bowers and J. W. Mason*—A. N. Spahr, H. C. Weakley, and J. P. Porter. *On Public Morals, Class 1*—W. H. Wehrly, R. J. Wyckoff, H. C. Middleton; *Class 2*—A. C. Turrell, D. G. Latshaw, S. G. Pollard; *Class 3*—M. B. Fuller, C. W. Blodgett, and M. LeSourd.

G. P. Austin was substituted for A. B. Austin, on the Board of Conference Stewards.

On motion of A. N. Spahr, it was decided to meet at half-past two o'clock this afternoon, to receive the Laymen's Association.

Chaplain Lozier was invited to conduct the devotional services of the afternoon.

On motion of William Runyan, Bishop Walden was invited to represent the Conference in an address to the laymen this afternoon.

The morning session adjourned with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

AT half-past two the Conference was called to order, and the devotional exercises were led by Chaplain Lozier.

The Chairman of the Laymen's Association, W. C. Wilson, of West Carrollton, made appropriate remarks, to which Bishop Walden responded.

On motion of C. W. Blodgett, a collection was taken for the janitor, and for other incidental expenses of the Conference, to be disbursed by the Treasurer of the Walnut Hills Church. The amount received was $28.58.

A. B. Leonard was called to the Chair.

D. J. Starr moved that the addresses of the jubilee session this forenoon be printed in the Minutes. The motion was laid on the table until to-morrow morning's session. The session then adjourned with the benediction.

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THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 5, 1902.

AT half-past eight o'clock, Bishop Walden called the Conference to order.

D. J. Starr led in a half-hour's devotional service.

The Tenth Question—"*What members have completed the Course of Study?*"—was taken up. Henry C. Hutchinson was called. The Registrar of Studies reported that he had completed the Course of Study, his character passed, and he was elected to elder's orders. After a report from the Registrar and Presiding Elder, C. P. Pumphrey was passed to the class of members in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Board of Stewards presented their preliminary report, which was read by J. E. Abrams.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. William Runyan presented his report as Presiding Elder of Milford District. D. W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, reported his field of labor. H. D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, read his report, and the character of each of the Presiding Elders passed.

M. P. Zink, one of the "charter members" of the Conference, was invited to a seat on the platform. Mention was made that R. S. Rust and S. B. Smith, though not members of the Cincinnati Conference that length of time, had been in the itinerancy for more than fifty years. The Secretary was directed to correspond with another of our "charter members," J. F. Loyd, absent on account of illness, and convey the greetings of the Conference.

Visitors.—The following visitors were introduced: J. C. Arbuckle, D. D., of the Ohio Conference; D. A. Hays, D. D., of Garrett Biblical Institute; W. H. Calvert, R. I. Watkins, and J. G. Dover, of the Kentucky Conference; F. G. Browne, Assistant Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate;* M. E. Nethercutt and M. S. Marble, of the North Indiana Conference.

Presentation.—A beautiful and valuable gold-headed ebony cane was presented to Bishop Walden, and a gold chain to Mrs. Walden, R. S. Rust making the presentation remarks on behalf of the Conference. Both the Bishop and Mrs. Walden responded with brief remarks of appreciation. All united in singing,

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

J. E. Beery was appointed to represent the *Methodist Review.*

On motion of E. S. Gaddis, the Presiding Elders were requested to present a summary of their reports for the *Western Christian Advocate.*

Dr. Jennings, the Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, addressed the Conference with regard to the publishing interests.

J. C. Arbuckle, D. D., was introduced as the representative of the Board of Church Extension, and he briefly spoke concerning that work.

The minutes of yesterday's morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

The motion of D. J. Starr concerning the publication of the addresses made at the jubilee service, was taken from the table;

thereupon it was voted that we request copies of the addresses of that occasion for publication in the Minutes, with such limitations of space as the Publishing Committee found necessary.

The following resolution, offered by C. W. Barnes, was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the crowded condition of our Conference, we request our presiding Bishop to recognize the principle of "equivalent transfer," if any ministers are brought to us from other Conferences for appointment to a pastoral charge.

C. W. BARNES,	WM. RUNYAN,	V. F. BROWN,
DAVIS W. CLARK,	JOHN A. STORY,	G. W. DUBOIS,
C. M. VAN PELT,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,	J. G. VAUGHAN,
A. D. MADDOX,	J. P. PORTER,	J. S. PUMPHREY.

Under the **Thirteenth Question**, L. E. Prentiss was called, his character passed, and, on motion of H. D. Ketcham, the Bishop was requested to appoint him Field Agent of the U. S. Grant University. He was then granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The report of the Sabbath appointments as arranged by the Committee on Public Worship, was read by J. B. Young.

M. LeSourd was appointed to lead to-morrow's devotions.

After singing the hymn,

"My faith looks up to Thee,"

Bishop Walden pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 6, 1902.

THE Conference was called to order this morning at half-past eight by Bishop Walden.

A half hour was spent in prayer and song, the devotions being led by John W. Gaddis.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Seventh Question—"*Who are admitted into Full Membership?*"—was taken up. W. W. Reeves was called. The Registrar reported his standing in the Studies, and, on motion, he was continued on trial in the Studies of the Second Year. [Under Question 5, (b).]

The Fifth Question—"*Who have been continued on Trial?*"—was taken up. Asa J. Kestle was called, his examinations reported, and he was continued on trial in the Studies of the Second Year.

Charles J. Moore was called, his examinations were reported, and he was continued on trial in the Studies of the Second Year, being conditioned on Harman's Introduction, and Systematic Theology.

E. W. Lutterman was called. Having not been before the Board of Examiners, he was continued on trial in the Studies of the First Year, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend one of our schools.

H. W. Bailey offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we request our young men attending school to furnish statements respecting their character, their standing in the school, and to the Registrar of the Board of Examiners and the Presiding Elders, of the Districts in which they hold their Quarterly Conference Relations.

The Eleventh Question—"*What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*"—was taken up. Recommendations were presented for Paschal A. Bright, Charles J. Kelch, Henry W. Gudgeon, and Wilbur E. Schriver. None of them having been before the Examiners on the Course of Study for Local Preachers, the Presiding Elders were permitted to withdraw their recommendations.

The Fifth Question was resumed. John F. Chenoweth and Wilbur E. Hammaker were called, represented by the Examiners and Presiding Elders, and were continued on trial, and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

A. B. Leonard, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference concerning the work of Missions, and the duty of pastors relating thereto.

On request of H. C. Weakley, the Board of Conference Trustees were permitted to retire for ten minutes.

R. H. Rust presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we express for Dr. Leonard our appreciation of his services rendered to the missionary cause, and pledge our co-operation and response to his request, and will do our level best for the interests of the great cause he represents.

The resolution was carried by a standing vote.

John Pearson offered the report of the Trustees of the Mears

Bequest for publication in the Minutes. He also presented the resignation of Jesse R. Clark, one of the Trustees. With regret the resignation was accepted, and W. F. Boyd was elected to fill the vacancy.

Bishop Walden announced that, for the first time in the history of this Conference, there was no class to be admitted to Full Membership. He then followed with some remarks on practical phases of the life and work of a Methodist minister.

Dr. D. A. Hays, a professor in Garrett Biblical Institute, addressed the Conference concerning theological education in general, and particularly in behalf of the Institute with which he is connected.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. The list of the effective members of the Conference was called, the character of each passed, and they answered the required questions concerning the collections. It being announced that A. W. Hook had withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, record was made accordingly.

The Bishop was requested to leave H. L. Torbet without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Philip Trout requested a supernumary relation, and it was granted.

On motion of the Standing Committee on Temperance, the Conference requested that G. L. Tufts be appointed an agent for the Anti-Saloon League.

R. J. Wyckoff and Creighton Wones were granted leave of absence on account of funerals.

W. P. Thirkield, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, addressed the Conference in the interest of his work.

W. A. Robinson presented a list of names of deaconesses for the renewal of licenses, and, on motion, they were renewed.

Visitors—The following visitors were introduced: J. H. Worley, Foochow; M. C. B. Mason, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; I. G. Penn, an Assistant Secretary of the Epworth League; and C. M. Melden, D. D., President of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.

An appeal in behalf of the Home for the Aged was made by H. C. Weakley, D. D., the Corresponding Secretary.

A letter was read from the Managers of the Ohio Peniten-

tiary, asking for the appointment of D. J. Starr, as Chaplain. The Conference requested the Bishop to make the appointment.

M. LeSourd was appointed to conduct the devotions Monday morning.

The time for the morning session having expired, the Conference adjourned with singing a verse of

"Nearer, my God, to thee,"

and the benediction by Bishop Walden.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 8, 1902.

THE Bishop called the Conference to order at half-past eight this morning.

M. LeSourd led the devotions.

The journal was read and approved.

The Twenty-third Question—"*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*"—was taken up. The list of superannuates was called, and they were continued in the same relation. (See page 330.) Those who were present made brief addresses. Letters were also read from Sylvester Weeks and J. W. Mason.

On motion of H. C. Weakley the Board of Stewards was directed to consider later information concerning the financial condition of J. W. Mason.

The Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, Dr. Levi Gilbert, addressed the Conference.

Bishop Walden called attention to the needs of A. D. Raleigh, formerly member of this Conference, now of the Montana Conference. On motion of H. C. Weakley a collection was taken in his behalf. The amount received was $60.

On motion of H. D. Ketcham, the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint D. L. Aultman Field Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, and asked leave of absence for him for the remainder of the session.

The Bishop presented for record the following:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies, *That in Cincinnati, on September 6, 1902, I, assisted by a number of Elders present, did ordain as* ELDER,

HENRY C. HUTCHINSON.

Given under my hand this seventh day of September, A. D. 1902.

John M. Walden

Bishop.

H. D. Ketcham offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby most cordially commend the plan for holding a great Missionary Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Cleveland, October 21–24, and would urge our preachers and people to attend the session.

We also rejoice in the restoration to health of Dr. A. B. Leonard, the Secretary of the Missionary Society, and trust he may be spared for many years to lead the advancing hosts of Methodism to increasing success in our great missionary work.

Also:

Resolved, That we desire hereby to express our appreciation of Rev. G. L. Tufts, who is just completing his third year in charge of the New Carlisle work, where he has had signal success. In response to the request of the Anti-Saloon League he feels that Providence is leading him into this new work. We therefore commend him as one of sterling character and genuine ability, and trust that great success shall attend him in his new field

On motion of J. B. Young, Miss May Pauline Abbott was granted license as a deaconess.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital addressed the Conference.

The Bishop was requested to appoint F. M. Clemans Agent of the Anti-Saloon League.

E. S. Gaddis spoke for the Epworth Heights Camp-Meeting Association, giving a plea for raising the debt and announcing a plan for the same.

John Pearson addressed the Conference in the interest of the American Bible Society.

C. W. Drees, D. D., Superintendent of Missions in Porto Rico, addressed the Conference.

Dr. H. A. Buttz, President of Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced.

The Order of the Day being the Memorial Service, hymn 998, beginning "I would not live alway," was sung. Heber D. Ketcham led in prayer. A brief memorial note concerning each of the deceased members of the Conference, with the deceased wives, was read. The memoirs were adopted, and the Committee was directed to prepare duplicates for the Minutes.

The memorial sermon was preached by George H. Dart from Job xiv, 14: "If a man die shall he live?" On motion of A. B. Leonard, it was directed that the memorial sermon be printed in the Minutes. (See page 425.)

It was voted to adjourn to meet at two o'clock, with intermission from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M., for the anniversary of Deaconess Work.

H. C. Middleton was granted leave of absence.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE Conference opened this afternoon, with A. B. Leonard in the chair. G. W. Dubois conducted the devotional exercises.

Lakeside.—M. E. Ketcham presented a communication from the Lakeside Camp-Meeting Association, and it was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of J. G. Vaughan, John Pearson, and J. S. Pumphrey.

C. W. Blodgett presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Public Morals:

Resolved, That the attention of the Conference having been called to the movement requesting His Excellency, President Roosevelt, to use his good offices to bring about a settlement of the contention involved in the coal miners' strike by arbitration;

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Committee on Public Morals for their favorable consideration, and with instructions to report on that subject. D. J. STARR, C. W. BLODGETT, A. B. LEONARD, E. P. EDMONDS.

F. M. Clemans presented the report of his work for the year as Agent of the Anti-Saloon League, and it was accepted.

Reports.—The following reports of Committees were read and adopted: That on Church Extension, on the Better Support of Superannuates, on Auditing Accounts, on Tracts, and on the Missionary Cause. (See Reports, pages 385, 404, 384, 397, 392.)

F. M. Clemans was excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Conference.

H. W. Bailey offered a resolution concerning the Missionary Convention to be held in Cleveland, and it was ordered appended to the report on Missions. (See page 393.)

The following was offered by G. W. Dubois, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship, who shall provide the program for the next session of this Conference, shall assign the Missionary Sermon to the evening preceding the day upon which the Conference shall convene. G. W. DUBOIS, J. A. STORY.

On motion of A. N. Spahr, a recess was taken until the close of the deaconess anniversary.

After the anniversary of the deaconess work, the Conference was called to order with A. B. Leonard in the chair.

The report of the Conference Stewards was read by J. E. Abrams, and it was adopted. Special directions were given the Stewards concerning the amounts to be paid to Mrs. Hall, Mrs. E. C. Smith, and W. M. West.

On motion, it was decided to take a special collection on tomorrow morning for Brother J. W. Mason.

Preachers' Relief.—J. P. Porter offered the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That we request the Committee on Public Worship for our next session of Conference, to assign the evening of Friday to a consideration of the claims of the superannuated preachers, their widows and children; the service to be arranged for by the Preachers' Relief Society.

J. P. PORTER, JOHN PEARSON, MERRICK E. KETCHAM,
S. O. ROYAL, J. F. MCCOLM, W. H. WEHRLY.
C. W. BLODGETT, J. G. VAUGHAN,

C. W. Blodgett read the report of the Committee on Public Morals, and it was adopted. (See page 394.)

D. J. Starr offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The National Prison Congress has set apart and requested that all the Churches in the United States observe the last Sunday of October as Prison Sunday, for the purposes of gathering and disseminating information as to the causes of crime, and the remedies for crime, and for the reform of criminals; therefore,

Resolved, That, so far as we may be able to do so, we shall observe the call in all our churches. W. A. ROBINSON, A. N. SPAHR, C. W. BLODGETT, J. T. BAIL, D. J. STARR,

J. F. McColm read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society. By invitation, Chaplain O. J. Nave, of the United States Army, spoke concerning the demand for the Scriptures, and of other evangelical opportunities in the Philippine Islands. The report was adopted. (See page 384.)

W. B. Brown read the report of the Committee on Sunday-school Cause, and it was adopted. (See page 395.)

A. B. Leonard asked leave of absence after this session, and his request was granted.

The Conference then adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference assembled at half-past seven o'clock this evening, and the service for the consecration of a class of deaconesses was held; after which, on motion, it was voted to adjourn until to-morrow morning.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 9, 1902.

AT the appointed hour, Bishop Walden called the Conference to order. J. E. H. Sentman led in a half-hour's devotional service.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Twenty-third Question—"*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*"—was resumed. S. W. Edmiston made brief remarks, and he was continued in the superannuate relation.

The Twenty-second Question—"*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"—was taken up. W. G. Warner, J. L. Glascock, C. L. Chapman, and D. S. Ewry were each given an effective relation. On motion, the Bishop was requested to appointed J. L. Glascock Conference Evangelist. G. M. Hammell was continued supernumerary.

J. E. H. Sentman addressed the Conference, asking for a supernumerary relation, and it was granted.

The Bishop was requested to appoint Jonathan Verity Conference Evangelist.

The Twentieth Question—"*Where shall the next Conference be held?*"—was called. A most cordial invitation from Wesley Chapel, Cincinnati, was presented by its pastor, Gervaise Roughton, and it was accepted by a rising vote.

Conference Claims.—On motion, the Presiding Elders were directed to apportion the amount to be raised for Conference claimants on the basis of eight per cent of the cash salaries of the preachers in charge.

Question Four—"*Who have been received on trial?*"—was called. Recommendations were received for Jacob J. Hawk, of Dayton; Charles J. Kelch, Dunkinsville; and James M. Bailey, of Mowrystown; and they were admitted on trial. Recommendations were also presented for Fred J. Reinbarth, of Gordon; Henry W. Gudgeon, of Williamsburg; and Wilbur E. Shriver, of Feesburg. After consideration, the Presiding Elders were permitted to withdraw their recommendations and employ them as supplies.

The Board of Examiners was authorized to give H. W. Gudgeon a record of his grades in the studies, for use in another Conference should he so desire.

Question Twenty-six—"*What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*"—was answered: $56,688.

Question Twenty-seven—"*What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*"—was answered: $10,050.

Question Twenty-eight—"*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*"—was answered: $6,878. (See Stewards' Report, page 368.)

Church Properties.—John Pearson presented the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the note and mortgage given by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Germantown, to secure the loan made to them by this Conference, September 2, 1889, the same being the proceeds of the sale of the abandoned property of the Farmersville Society, and that society not having reorganized, we now order the Treasurer to cancel the note, and return them in that condition to the Trustees of the Germantown Methodist Episcopal Church.

V. F. Brown moved the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the advice of this Conference that when church funds or trust funds are loaned, such funds should be secured by ample mortgage, and this requirement only conforms to the usage which generally prevails in regard to all such funds.

V. F. BROWN, DAVIS W. CLARK, WM. RUNYAN.
C. W. BARNES, HEBER D. KETCHAM,

At this juncture Bishop Walden called John Pearson to the chair.

The following, offered by C. W. Barnes, was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Conference that no pastoral charge has just reason to complain if the Bishop fails to appoint as pastor a member of the Conference, with family, unless it gives a support of at least $600 and a house. C. W. BARNES,
HEBER D. KETCHAM.

The officers of the Conference Historical Society were elected. (See page 298.)

The report of the Special Committee on Lakeside was read and adopted. (See page 403.)

C. W. Horn submitted the report of the Conference Treasurer, and it was adopted. (See page 367.) Concerning the undesignated contributions to the Twentieth-century Fund, both last year and this, it was directed that they be forwarded to the Treasurer of that fund in New York, for general purposes.

Dr. H. A. Buttz, President of Drew Theological Seminary, addressed the Conference concerning theological education, and concerning the school with which he is connected.

The following resolution, read by J. W. Bashford, was adopted:

Resolved, That we approve the record of service in the Cincinnati Conference of Brothers Henry W. Gudgeon and Wilbur E. Shriver, and that we recommend the Presiding Elders to employ them for further service so far as the needs of the Conference justify. J. W. BASHFORD,
J. A. STORY.

Statistics.—W. A. Wiant read in totals the report of the Statistical Secretary, and it was adopted. He was authorized to omit Tables No. 2 from the Minutes, except by district totals.

By vote, the Presiding Elders were requested to furnish their apportionments of benevolent collections for publication in the Minutes.

The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. The nominations of visitors to educational institutions were approved. (See page 299.)

The Bishop was requested by vote, to transfer Guy P. Benton to this Conference, and appoint him President of Miami University. He was likewise requested to appoint C. F. Enyart Professor in the Southwest Kansas College.

On motion of J. W. Bashford, it was resolved to continue to devote the collection for general educational purposes to the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The report of the Conference Deaconess Board was read, and after remarks by W. A. Robinson and H. C. Weakley, it was adopted.

The reports of the following Standing Committees were presented and ordered printed without reading. On Freedmen's Aid, Parsonages, and *Methodist Review*. (See pages 300, 301.)

The report of the Publishing Committee was read and adopted. (See page 393.) E. T. Lane offered the following, and it was adopted.

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee be requested to print in the Conference Minutes a map of the Conference territory.*

E. S. GADDIS, EDWARD T. LANE, J. ALLEN GEISSINGER,
S. W. BELL, R. J. WYCKOFF.

H. W. Bailey read the report of the Committee on Temperance, and it was adopted. (See page 395.) On motion of G. S. Easton, the Presiding Elders were directed to appoint the representatives called for in the report.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by W. M. Patton, and it was adopted. (See page 394.) The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the part relating to the St. Louis Exposition to the President of the United States.

The following resolutions were read by J. W. Bashford and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. James W. Magruder is now being transferred from the Cincinnati to the Maine Conference, to meet the demands of the Church in that field; and,

*It being impracticable this year, this will be postponed until 1903.—*Publishing Committee.*

WHEREAS, Brother Magruder has greatly endeared himself to us by his able pulpit ministry, his great efficiency in the pastorate, and his valuable services to the public as a leader in the discussion of great questions, and his useful services in the Ohio Wesleyan University; therefore,

Resolved, That we part from Brother Magruder as a member of our Conference, with great regret, that we assure him of our prayers, and that we will gladly receive Professor Magruder to our Conference at any time that he may come to visit us, or may return to us as a fellow-laborer.

JOHN A. STORY, D. J. STARR,
J. W. BASHFORD, H. C. WEAKLEY.
DAVIS W. CLARK,

Resolved, That Bishop Walden and the Presiding Elders of the Cincinnati Conference be the delegates to the coming Conference of the Ohio Church Federation.

JOHN A. STORY,
J. W. BASHFORD.

WHEREAS, We learn with regret of the transfer to another Conference of our brother beloved, Rev. Merrick E. Ketcham, and wishing to express our high appreciation of his fine ability in the pulpit, where he is at once spiritual, instructive, and attractive, and of his unusual ability as an organizer and general manager of all the interests of the Churches of which he is pastor—a man who has always attained a prominent position and much influence in the communities where he resides; therefore

Resolved, That we assure him of our high personal regard, and will welcome his visits or permanent return to our midst if, in the providence of God, he shall come to us again.

R. K. DEEM, J. W. BASHFORD,
D. J. STARR, H. C. WEAKLEY.

H. C. Weakley presented an abstract of the report of the Conference Trustees, and it was accepted and ordered printed.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Publishing Committee was directed to pay the traveling expenses of J. T. Bail and W. H. Sutherland to Zanesville and return, representing us at the Session of the Ohio Conference.

A collection was then taken for Brother Mason, and it was directed that all above $50 be deposited in the Publishers' Fund. The amount received being $73.80, the Publishing Committee moved to send $60 to Brother Mason. The motion was adopted.

Bishop Walden resumed the chair.

On motion of Gervaise Roughton, the sympathies of the body were expressed by a standing vote for W. H. Spybey, who now lies ill at home.

J. A. Story offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be extended, through our Presiding Bishop and Secretary, to the heirs of the late Rev. W. B. Moler, for their generous gift of $1,100 to the Conference Claimants' Fund.

JOHN A. STORY,
J. W. BASHFORD.

A letter was read from James N. Gamble, responding to the message of sympathy from the Conference.

Bishop Walden made a statement in regard to the consecration of deaconesses, and their relations to the work of the Church. He then announced the appointments for the missionary sermon next year. (See page 300.)

The nominations for Triers of Appeals, and other Conference boards were read and approved. (See page 300.)

General Conference, 1904.—D. W. Clark offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, In May, 1904, it will be a quarter of a century since the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the city of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is central in population and territory, unsurpassed in railroad, hall, and hostelry facilities, making it pre-eminently a Convention city; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is an important center of our denominational interests, being the seat of our Western publishing-house, the birthplace of German Methodism, the headquarters of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is confessedly a key situation in the mooted matter of organic union with the Church South; and

WHEREAS, The coming of the General Conference to Cincinnati is enthusiastically desired, not only by our own communicants, but by various civic and mercantile organizations, and the population at large, who will generously aid in the Guarantee Fund; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church does hereby unanimously join and concur in the invitation, and urgently entreats the Commission on Location of the Next General Conference, in view of the matters here recited, to name Cincinnati as its seat.

A. B. LEONARD, G. H. DART, DAVIS W. CLARK.
J. W. BASHFORD, J. P. PORTER,

Hon. D. D. Woodmansee was introduced, and by invitation addressed the Conference concerning this resolution. It was adopted by a standing vote.

On motion of C. W. Barnes, the Official Boards of the Walnut Hills Church, and other Churches which had assisted in enter-

taining the Conference were invited to the front, and were given the "Chautauqua salute."

Bishop Walden announced his decision in the case of the claims against the parsonage property at Winchester. It was that none of the societies forming a part of the old Winchester Circuit had a legal claim against the parsonage property.

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report, and it was adopted by a standing vote. (See page 394.)

Wm. Runyan, on behalf of the Presiding Elders, presented a resolution with regard to the administration of Bishop Walden. It was adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, We desire to express our appreciation of the painstaking care of Bishop Walden in the difficult and trying work of the Cabinet, and we desire especially to commend his care in preserving the equities between Conferences in the matter of equivalent transfers; therefore,

Resolved, That his administration in this particular will meet with general and most cordial approval and be an advantage in the future as well as the present session, and we hope that the Bishop's health may be preserved and that his life may be prolonged for many years.

DAVIS W. CLARK, C. W. BARNES, WM. RUNYAN.
HEBER D. KETCHAM, V. F. BROWN,

By a count vote of 53 to 57, it was decided that we do not publish a detailed missionary report in our Minutes next year.

On motion of J. T. Bail, it was voted that after the reading of the Minutes, and the announcement of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

After impressive remarks, the Bishop read the list of appointments, the hymn

"A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,"

was sung; the Bishop led in prayer, and the Conference of 1902 closed.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
J. C. Eckles, from Holston Conference; John Phillips, from Kentucky Conference; O. L. Seward, from Central Ohio Conference; H. C. Jameson, from Central Ohio Conference; Guy P. Benton, from Upper Iowa Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Jacob J. Hawk, Charles J. Kelch, James M. Bailey.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Edward W. Lutterman.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Wm. W. Reeves, Asa J. Kestle, Charles J. Moore.*
(*c*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.
(*d*) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—*John F. Chenoweth, Wilbur E. Hammaker.*

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—None.
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—None.
(*b*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
Charles P. Pumphrey.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR. — Henry C. Hutchinson.
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*
(*a*) As Local Preachers.—None.
(*b*) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*
(*a*) As Local Deacons.—None.
(*b*) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*
It was, in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*
Merrick E. Ketcham, to the Central Ohio Conference; James W. Magruder, to the Maine Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*
Joseph I. Taggart, Madison A. Richards, Charles W. Gullette, George B. Shanor.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*
None.

17. *Who have been Located?*
None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*
Archie W. Hook.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*
None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*
None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*
None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
G. M. Hammell, E. T. Wells, Philip Trout, J. E. H. Sentman.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
L. F. Young, J. F. Loyd, W. T. McMullen, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, H. M. Keck, W. N. Maxey, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, W. P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, Adam Bowers, L. O. Deputy, J. W. Mason, J. H. Davis, Sylvester Weeks, Charles H. Kalbfus, Charles J. Wells, J. McK. Shultz.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*
D. J. Starr, J. H. Lease, H. C. Middleton, E. McHugh, H. W. Bailey, Marion LeSourd, C. L. Conger.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*
See page 372.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*
$56,688.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
$10,050.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it bee Applied?*
$6,878.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
See page 332.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*
Wesley Chapel, Cincinnati.

1902

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder, 3.
220 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

CINCINNATI:

Asbury, ... W. H. Spybey, 5.
Avondale, . . . E. P. Edmonds, 4.
Christie, ... C. L. Myers, 2.
Clifton, ... *J. F. Chenoweth*, 1.
Columbia, ... F. C. English, 3.
Delta Avenue, . . . J. P. Ninde, 1.
E. Pearl Street, . . T. P. Walter, 2.
Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 5.
Finley, ... To be Supplied.
First Church, Northside, A. L. Brokaw, 1.
Linwood, ... To be Supplied.
McKendree, . . . J. C. Eckles, 1.
Mt. Auburn, . . J. A. Geissinger, 2.
Mt. Lookout, . . . G. V. Morris, 3.
Price Hill, ... S. W. Bell, 5.
Riverside and Camp Wash'gton, To be Supplied.
St. Paul, ... C. W. Blodgett, 3.
Trinity, ... M. B. Fuller, 2.
Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 3.
Wesley Chapel, Gervaise Roughton, 6.
Westwood, . . . D. G. Latshaw, 4.
York Street, . . Edw. McHugh, 5.
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, To be Supplied.
Carthage and Elmwood Place, S. G. Pollard, 5.
Cleves and Addyston, T. D. Moore, 1.
Delhi, ... J. R. Colley, 2.
Glendale, . . H. A. M. Henderson, 1.
Groesbeck, ... To be Supplied.
Harrison, ... S. B. Timmons, 1.
Hartwell, ... F. G. Mitchell, 1.
Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 3.
Madisonville, . . . W. A. Deaton, 4.
Miamitown and Mt. Hope, To be Supplied.

NORWOOD:

First Church, ... J. E. Beery, 3.
Grace Church, . . A. K. Stabler, 2.
Winton Place, ... E. Burdsall, 4.

R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. W. Bashford, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, Walnut Hills (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Avondale (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

W. K. Brown, Professor Miami Military Institute, St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of American Society of Religious Education, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and member of Westwood Quarterly Conference.

John Pearson, Field Agent of American Bible Society, Clifton (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

Edward W. Lutterman, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, ConferenceE vangelist, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

H. D. KETCHAM, . Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O., Dayton, O

Bethany, ... J. H. Lease, 3.
Camden and Somerville, C. T. Crum, 1.
Centerville, ... J. A. White, 3.
DAYTON:
Broadway, ... C. W. Elliott, 1.
Grace, ... H. C. Jameson, 1.
Homestead Ave., . W. G. Warner, 1.
Raper, ... J. J. McCabe, 5.
Riverdale, . *W. E. Hammaker*, 2.
St. Paul, ... J. G. Vaughan, 5.
Trinity, ... E. M. Ellsworth, 4.
Eaton, ... C. H. Haines, 2.
Ebenezer and Woodward Ave., O. L. Utter, 3.
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley, C. L. Chapman, 1.
Fort Jefferson, ... *J. J. Hawk*, 1.
Franklin, . . . Creighton Wones, 1.
Germantown, . . . S. A. Stephan, 2.
Gordon, ... H. C. Hutchinson, 1.
Hamilton, ... C. E. Schenk, 4.
Lewisburg and West Alexandria, W. C. Mitchell, 3.
Miamisburg, ... J. E. Abrams, 5.
Middletown, . . U. G. Humphrey, 2.
Monroe, ... Frank Leever, 3.
New Paris, ... To be Supplied.
Osborn, ... R. E. Smith, 3.
Oxford, ... C. M. Van Pelt, 1.
Port Union . . . . I. R. Marshall, 1.
Red Lion and Merrittstown, W. D. English, 1.
Seven Mile, ... O. P. Hoffman, 3.
Springboro and Lytle, J. W. Patton, 3.
Venice (Ross), . . O. D. Becker, 6.
Walker and Union (Oxford), *W. W. Reeves*, 4.
West Carrollton, . John W. Gaddis, 2.
West Chester, . . J. A. Jenkinson, 6.
West Elkton, . . Charles Hartley, 2.
West Milton . . . J. F. McColm, 1.

H. L. Torbet, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

F. M. Clemans, Agent Anti-saloon League, Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

J. Verity, Conference Evangelist, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent Methodist Book Concern, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Franklin Quarterly Conference.

L. E. Prentiss, Field Agent of the U. S. Grant University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

C. F. Enyart, Professor in S. W. Kansas University, Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

G. P. Benton, President Miami University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. BROWN, . . Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Hillsboro, O.

Belfast (Bell), . D. W. C. Washburn, 2.
Blanchester, . . . Geo. W. Vorhis, 2.
Bowersville, ... Thos. Cundy, 1.
Centerfield and Clear Creek, [C. L. Winget.]
Clarksville, ... J. H. McNary, 1.
Dunkinsville, . . . To be Supplied.
Greenfield, ... W. H. Wehrly, 1.
Highland, ... C. C. Peale, 3.
Hillsboro, ... S. O. Royal, 3.
Jamestown, ... J. P. Porter, 2.
Leesburg, ... C. W. Briggs, 1.
Lynchburg, ... W. M. Patton, 3.
Martinsville, ... *C. J. Kelch*, 1.
Mowrystown, . . . To be Supplied.
Mount Orab, . . . J. S. Ruggles, 2.
New Burlington, . . G. H. Smith, 2.
New Jasper, . . . Henry Hershey, 1.
New Vienna, . Andrew Hamilton, 1.
Peebles, ... To be Supplied.
Rainsboro, ... H. G. Curless, 5.
Sabina, ... R. K. Deem, 2.
Sinking Spring, . . *J. M. Bailey*. 1.
Sugar Tree Ridge, . . *C. J. Moore*, 2.
Union (Spring Valley), John Wilson, 1.
Waynesville, . . . W. M. Coffman, 4.

Wilmington, . . . J. S. Pumphrey, 1.
Winchester, ... J. A. Easton, 2.
XENIA:
First Church, . . A. C. Turrell, 5.
Trinity, ... R. H. Rust, 1.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

WM. RUNYAN, . . Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O., Milford, O.
Aberdeen, ... T. G. Williams, 1.
Amelia, ... H. E. Armacost, 2.
Batavia, ... H. W. Bailey, 6.
Bethel, ... L. A. Washburn, 1.
Butlerville, ... To be Supplied.
Centenary, ... To be Supplied.
Chilo, ... D. S. Ewry, 2.
Decatur, ... W. S. Gray, 3.
Feesburg, ... To be Supplied.
Felicity, ... John Phillips, 1.
Georgetown, ... C. W. Horn, 4.
Goshen, ... W. J. Baker, 3.
Laurel, ... W. E. Spurrier, 1.
Lebanon, ... J. L. Shively, 4.
Loveland, ... E. S. Gaddis, 7.
Maineville, ... G. M. Fulton, 5.
Manchester, ... Ira E. Price, 3.
Marathon, ... J. A. Winkler, 1.
Mason, ... W. A. Wiant, 6.
Milford, ... M. LeSourd, 3.
Montgomery, . . . To be Supplied.
Morrow, ... W. E. Putt, 5.
Moscow, ... A. L. Brokaw, 2.
Mount Washington, . *A. J. Kestle*, 3.
New Richmond, . . W. J. Dunham, 1.
Newtown, ... L. M. Davis, 6.
Owensville, ... A. G. Newton, 1.
Ripley, ... E. T. Lane, 2.
S. Lebanon, ... To be Supplied.
Summerside, ... W. B. Brown, 1.
West Union, ... G. S. Easton, 5.
Williamsburg, . . . J. D. Darling, 2.
Williamsburg Circuit,
To be Supplied.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, . Presiding Elder, 5.
P. O., Springfield, O.
Arcanum, ... C. P. Pumphrey, 2.
Brandt, ... D. A. McColm, 1.
Catawba, ... J. R. Hill, 3.
Cedarville, . . . H. C. Middleton, 1.
Christiansburg, . . O. L. Seward, 1.
Covington, ... G. L. Travis, 5.
Dialton, ... J. L. Dalbey, 3.
Greenville, ... A. B. Austin, 1.
King's Creek, E. L. Hollingsworth, 2.
Mechanicsburg, . . O. M. Sellers, 2.
Mutual, ... C. D. Munsey, 3.
New Carlisle, ... S. A. Keen, 1.
New Moorefield, . . R. S. McColm, 3.
PIQUA:
Grace, ... A. N. Spahr, 2.
Greene St., . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 2.
South Charleston, . A. T. Cowgill, 1.
SPRINGFIELD:
Central, ... C. L. Conger, 1.
Clifton Ave., . . S. W. Campbell, 3.
Grace, ... J. L. Duckwall, 4.
High Street, . . . J. A. Story, 8.
St. Paul, ... J. W. Peters, 4.
Tippecanoe City, . . G. P. Austin, 2.
Tremont City (Westville),
A. D. Maddox, 3.
Troy, ... Geo. W. Dubois, 3.
Troy Circuit, ... J. F. Laird, 1.
URBANA:
First Church, . . . G. H. Dart, 2.
Grace, ... E. H. Cherington, 5.
Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 1.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.

G. L. Tufts, Agent Anti-Saloon League. New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service.

Geo. M. Hammell, 17, . . Harriman, Tenn.
E. T. Wells, 34, ... Toledo, O.
Philip Trout; 12, ... Springfield, O.
J. E. H. Sentman, 26, . . . Williamsburg, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

W. N. Maxey, 9, ... Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMullen, 15, . . . Owensville Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh, 13, ... Fresno, Cal.
J. F. Hull, 17, ... Rowland, Ala.
T. E. Fidler, 30, ... Upper Sandusky, Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black, 37, ... New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck, 32, ... St. Paul's, Toledo, Quaterly Conference.
M. P. Zink, 40, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar, 34, ... Troy Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee, 28, ... Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Gregg, 30, ... Manhattan, Kan.
John Vance, 35, ... New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey, 19, ... Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
T J. Harris, 29, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Loyd, 44, ... Highland, O.
S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Winchester Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James, 38, ... Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Sutherland, 55, . . Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman, 14, ... Delaware, O.
L. F. Young, 23, ... Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail, 49, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith, 45, ... R. R. No. 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
W. P. Jackson, 33, ... Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
W. M. West, 27, ... Newtown Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter, 29, ... Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
L. O. Deputy, 18, ... Madisonville, Cincinnati.
Adam Bowers, 29, ... Greene Street, Piqua Quarterly Conference.
Sylvester Weeks, ... Pensacola, Fla.
J. W. Mason, 44, ... Springfield, Milford Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs.
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Carlisle.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry. Conference.	Yr.	Consecra'd Bishop...	Residence.
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Randolph Sinks Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Roxbury, Mass.
Stephen Mason Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	Buffalo, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
James Newbury FitzGerald	July. 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Omaha, Neb.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Portland, Ore.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Francis W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Calcutta, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Shanghai, China.
John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.

*Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

Note.—1. Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise stated.

Abrams, J. E., Miamisburg.
Armacost, H. E., Amelia.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Greenville.
Austin, G. P., Tippecanoe City.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Batavia.
Bailey, J M., Sinking Spring.
Baker, W. J., Goshen.
Barnes, C. W., Springfield.
Bashford, J. W., Delaware.
Becker, O. D., Ross.
Beery, J. E., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bell, S. W., Cincinnati.
Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Blodgett, C. W., Cincinnati.
Bowers, A. (Sa.), Piqua.
Briggs, C. W., Leesburg.
Brokaw, A. L., Cincinnati.
Brown, V. F., Hillsboro.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Brown, Wm. B., Summerside.
Burdsall, E., Winton Place.
Campbell, S. W., Springfield.
Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Urbana.
Chapman, C. L., Fair Haven.
Chenoweth, John F., Cincinnati.
Cherington, E. H., Urbana.
Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clemans, F. M., Dayton.
Coffman, W. M., Waynesville.
Colley, J. R., Delhi.
Conger, C. L., Springfield.
Cowgill, A. T., South Charleston.
Crum, C. T., Camden.

Cundy, T., Bowersville.
Curless, H. G., Rainsboro.
Dalbey, J. L., Dialton.
Darling, J. D., Williamsburg.
Dart, G. H., Urbana.
Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Davis, L. M., Newtown.
Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
Deaton, W. A., Madisonville.
Deem, R. K., Sabina.
Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Madisonv'e, Cin'ti.
Dubois, G. W., Troy.
Duckwall, J. L., Springfield.
Dunham, W. J., New Richmond.
Easton, G. S., West Union.
Easton, J. A., Winchester.
Eckles, J. C. Cincinnati.
Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Troy.
Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.
Edmonds, E. P., Avondale, Cin'ti.
Elliott, C. W., Dayton.
Ellsworth, E. M., Dayton.
English, F. C., Cincinnati.
English, W. D., Red Lion.
Enyart, C. F., Winfield, Kan.
Ewry, D. S., Mt. Orab.
Fee, G. W. (Sa.), Mt. Orab.
Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Upper Sandusky.
Fuller, M. B., Cincinnati.
Fulton, G. M., Maineville.
Gaddis, J. W., West Carrollton.
Gaddis, E. S., Loveland.
Geissinger, J. A., Cincinnati.
Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
Glascock, J. L., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Gray, W. S., Decatur.
Gregg, J. L. (Sa.), Manhattan, Kan.
Haines, C. H., Eaton.
Hamilton, A., New Vienna.
Hammaker, W. E., Dayton.
Hammell, Geo. M. (Sn.), Harriman, Tenn.
Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Station H, Cin'ti.
Hartley, Chas. (Sn.), West Elkton.
Hawk, J. J., Ft. Jefferson.
Henderson, H. A. M., Hartwell.
Hershey, H., New Jasper.
Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Delaware, O.
Hill, J. R., Catawba.
Hoffman, O. P., Seven Mile.
Hollingsworth, E. L., Kings Creek.
Horn, C. W., Georgetown.
Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.
Humphrey, U. G., Middletown.
Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.
Hutchinson, H. C., Gordon.
Hypes, B. D., Yellow Springs.
Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Blanchester.
James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.
Jameson, H. C., Dayton.
Jenkinson, J. A., West Chester.
Kalbfus, C. H. (Sa.), Yellow Springs.
Keck, H. M. (Sa.), Toledo.
Keen, S. A., New Carlisle.
Kelch, C. J., Martinsville.
Kestle, Asa J., Mt. Washington.
Ketcham, H. D., Dayton.
Kirgan, F. M., Fairmount.
Kugler, M. M., Westwood.
Laird, J. F., Troy.
Lane, E. T., Ripley.
Latshaw, David G., Westwood.
Lease, J. H., Bethany.
Leever, F., Monroe.
Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
LeSourd, M., Milford.
Loyd, J. F. (Sa.), Highland.
Lutterman, Edward J., Madison, N. J
Maddox, A. D., Westville.
Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
Marshall, I. R., Port Union.
Mason, John W. (Sa.), Springfield.
Maxey, W. N. (Sa.), Russell.
McCabe, J. J., Dayton.
McColm, D. A., Brandt.
McColm, J. F., West Milton.
McColm, R. S., New Moorefield.
McHugh, E., Cincinnati.
McMullen, W. T. (Sa.), Goshen.
McNary, J. H., Clarksville.
Middleton, H. C., Cedarville.
Mitchell, F. G., Hartwell.
Mitchell, Wm. C., Lewisburg.
Moore, C. J., Sugar Tree Ridge.
Moore, T. D., Cleves.
Morris, G. V., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Munsey, C. D., Mutual.
Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.
Newton, A. G., Owensville.
Ninde, J. P., Cincinnati.
Patton, J. W., Springboro.
Patton, W. M., Lynchburg.
Peale, C. C., Highland.
Pearson, Jno., Cincinnati.
Peters, J. W., Springfield.
Phillips, John, Felicity.
Pollard, S. G., Carthage.
Porter, J. P., Jamestown.
Prentiss, L. E., Athens, Tenn.
Price, I. E., Manchester.
Pumphrey, Chas. P., Arcanum.
Pumphrey, J. S., Wilmington.
Putt, W. E., Morrow.
Reeves, W. W., Oxford.
Rishell, C. W., Newtonville, Mass.
Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
Royal, S. O., Hillsboro.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
Ruggles, J. S., Mt. Orab.
Runyan, Wm., Milford.

Rust, R. H., Xenia.
Rust, R. S., Cincinnati.
Schenk, C. E., Hamilton.
Sellers, O. M., Mechanicsburg.
Sentman, J. E. H. (Sn.), Williamsb'g.
Seward, O. L., Christiansburg.
Shively, J. L., Lebanon.
Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Smith, R. E., Osborn.
Smith, S. B. (Sa.), Grand Rapids, Mich.
Smith, G. H., New Burlington.
Spahr, A. N., Piqua.
Spurrier, W. E., Laurel.
Spybey, Wm. H., Cincinnati.
Stabler, A. K., Station H, Cincinnati.
Starr, D. J., Columbus.
Stephan, S. A., Germantown.
Story, J. A., Springfield.
Sutherland, W. H. (Sa.), Wyoming.
Thirkield, W. P., Cincinnati.
Timmons, S. B., Harrison.
Torbet, H. L., Boston, Mass.
Travis, G. L., Covington.
Trout, P. (Sn.), Springfield.
Tufts, G. L., New Carlisle.
Turrell, A. C., Xenia.
Utter, O. L., Dayton.
Vance, John (Sa.), New Moorefield.
Van Pelt, C. M., Oxford.
Vaughan, J. G., Dayton.
Verity, J., Middletown.
Vorhis, G. W., Blanchester.
Walter, T. P. Cincinnati.
Warner, W. G., Dayton.
Washburn, D. W. C., Bell.
Washburn, L. A., Bethel.
Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
Weeks, S. (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
Wehrly, W. H., Greenfield.
Wells, C. J. (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
Wells, E. T. (Sn.), Toledo.
West, W. M. (Sa.), Newtown.
White, J. A., Centerville.
Wiant, W. A., Mason.
Williams, T. G., Aberdeen.
Wilson, J., Spring Valley.
Winkler, J. A., Marathon.
Wones, Creighton, Franklin.
Wyckoff, R. J., Piqua.
Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
Young, L. F. (Sa.), Georgetown.
Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.

SUMMARY.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—		
Superannuated,	33	
Supernumerary,	4	
Effective,	161	
Total Members,		198
PROBATIONERS—		
First Year,	4	
Second Year,	5	
		9
Total, Members and Probationers,		207
LOCAL PREACHERS,	122	
WIDOWS,	64	

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O., 28.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O., 44.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky., 10.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O., 12.
Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenville, O., 41.
Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Wilkinson Street, Dayton, O., 47.
Collett, Mrs., Thos., Middletown, O., 51.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
Darlington, Mrs. N.W., West Union, O.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O., 35.
Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
Gullett, Mrs. C. W., Dayton, O., 22.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky., 6.
Herr, Mrs. Wm., Dayton, O., 56.
Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., 10.
Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensville, Ohio, 37.
Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Sharon, Pa., 13.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Delaware, O., 35.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O., 6.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, Christiansburg, O., 13.
Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O., 42.
Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.
Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51.
Mathews, Mrs. J. McD., Hillsboro, Ohio, 40.
McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 52.
McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
McDonald, Mrs. N., Springfield, O., 20.
Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, Ohio, 8.
Miesse, Mrs. Wm. H., 1333 Otis Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 4.
Miller, Mrs. Adam, 172 Ashland Av., Chicago.
Miller, Mrs. Henry, 4142 Kirby Ave., Cumminsville, Cincinnati, O., 24.
Middleton, Mrs. J. H., Greenfield, O., 36.
Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, Ohio, 30.
Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.
Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H, Cincinnati, 62.
Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
Purkhiser, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O., 32.
Richards, Mrs. M. A., Station H, Cincinnati, O.
Robinson, Mrs. J. M., Mingo, O., 29.
Sargent, Mrs. D. H., LaClyde Ave., St. Louis, Mo., 28.
Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.
Shanor, Mrs. Geo., Blanchester, O., 6.
Smith, Mrs. E. C., Cleves, O., 18.
Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown, O., 37.
Stokes, Mrs. H., Lambert Point, Norfolk, Va.
Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Kennedy, Ohio, 40.
Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.
Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O., 40.
Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., South Lebanon, 29.
Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics;* and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

BENSON, W. C. (Wesley), Cincinnati.
Castellini, C. B. (Italian Miss.), Cin'ti.
Cornuelle, V., Madisonville.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
Gilson, W. H. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Grafious, Henry Louis, Delaware, O.
Halley, R. H. (Finley), Cincinnati.
Kernan, Arthur, (Columbia), New York City.
King, Thos. Sam'l (Northside), Cin'ti.
LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, Wyom'g.
O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.
Olenslayger, L. (Asbury), Cincinnati.
Phipps, Chas. Francis (Trinity), Cin'ti
Pugh, Albert H. (Avondale), Cin'ti.
ROWLAND, Charles W. (Mt. Lookout), Cincinnati.
Simpkinson, W. H. (First Church), Norwood.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A., Dayton.
Bates, A. E., Dayton.
Bull, Earl R., Dayton.
Clark, D. W., Fort Jefferson.
Crouder, George, Heno.
Eckert, Clark, Glen Cairn.
Ganster, Howard A., Evanston, Ill.
Grennan, L. E., Oxford.
Hahn, J. A., Gratis.
Hoffman, George W.
Howell, E. S., West Elkton.
Howren, A. L., Brookville.
JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
Jones, T. S., Dayton.
Lewis, W. C., Boston, Mass.
Naylor, Fee, New Paris.
Paine, Dr. J. H., Middletown.
Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
Rheinbarth, F. J., Gordon.
RICKETTS, S. B., Dayton.
Robertson, Howard E.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton.
Silvers, H. D., Sugar Valley.
Sullenberger, Grafton, Oxford.
Vorhas, J. S., Dayton.
Webber, Leroy, Heno.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Chancellor, S. D., Wilmington.
Craig, S. L., New Burlington.
Collins, H. O., Dunbarton.
Curless, Ashur, Blanchester.
Furguson, D. S., Leesburg.
Hardy, Chas. R., Centerfield.
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KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.
Manker, W. M., Sardinia.
MCKAY, O. F., Lumbarton.
McKay, Irving, Xenia.
McNeilan, J. P., Dunkinsville.
Milburn, W. D., Xenia.
Murphey, Geo., Turkey.
Naylor, J. S., Hillsboro.
Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
Rizer, J. R., Lynchburg.
Roberts, Walter E., Seaman.
Scarff, T. R., Spring Valley.
Semple, Robert, Cedar Mills.
SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
Thompson, Milton, Mt. Orab.
WINGET, C. L., Rainsboro.

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Bucklen, W. A., Pleasant Plain.
Cox, Edward, Point Pleasant.
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Gudgeon, H. W., Williamsburg.
HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
Hatfield, Geo. B., Batavia.
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Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hockett, Wm., Newtonville.
Keen, G. W., Newton.
Lewis, Edwin, Amelia.
Lewis, Benj., Amelia.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
MCMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
Moore, J. F., Felicity.
Rhodes, J. N., Williamsburg.
Richards, D. S., Moscow.
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CLINGER, I. W., Springfield.
Clutch, David, Alcony.
CROW, T. D., Urbana.

Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.
Gilham, Albert, Springfield.
GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
HERR, DAVID, Springfield.
Hill, W. T., Enon.
Jackson, I. A., Greenville.
Martz, Geo., Greenville.
Morris, Richard, W., New Carlisle.
Mitchell, R. M., Urbana.
Rozell, Joseph, Tippecanoe.
Stevens, A. A., New Carlisle.
Swisher, Milton, King's Creek.
Taylor, Alfred, Springfield.
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Received this year:

Saddle bags and valuable papers, formerly belonging to "Father Wright," from Mrs. John F. Wright.

Old copies of Minutes.

Books and mementos, from Mrs. A. W. Musgrove.

IV.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder.

I. HOSPITALITY.—The flower of Christian hospitality has bloomed several times within the bounds of the Cincinnati District during the year. The Bishops were our guests at the time of their semi-annual conference in the fall. There was generous rivalry in the effort to contribute to the honor and comfort of our chief pastors. Richard Dymond was the treasurer of the fund. The practical solidarity of the Methodism of the three cities and their suburbs was shown in the fact that all of the Churches, including those of our German folk, shared in this act of hospitality. The entertainment of the General Conference of 1904 in Cincinnati may be said to be still in the bud, which we hope no chilling wind from the east or poisonous breath from any other quarter will blight. The matter is in the hands of a vigorous committee of laymen, re-enforced by representative ministers. Colonel William B. Melish is chairman. Walnut Hills Church, Dr. Jesse Bowman Young pastor, has, we trust, caused an indefinite postponement in the writing of the epitaph of Methodist hospitality by the old-time open house courtesy which we are now enjoying. I am privileged to state that Sir R. W. Perks, member of Parliament, the most distinguished Wesleyan layman in London, will be the guest of the Methodists of Cincinnati in the near future.

Thus in closing this paragraph upon hospitality, I may say, we Methodists of Cincinnati are obeying the injunction of the Discipline when it says, "Cultivate a friendly intimacy."

II. PERSONNEL.—Two out of the six surviving charter members of this Conference reside within the district—our honored fathers and brethren, Dr. William H. Sutherland and Dr. J. T. Bail, whose ministry cover, respectively, fifty-nine and fifty-four years. Dr. R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, has been forty-four years a member of this body, having in all been fifty-eight years in the Christian ministry. The brethren who, at request of the Conference, have been appointed to various forms of educational and philanthropic work, have followed their several callings with zeal and success. Three superannuated ministers in addition to those previously mentioned are attached to the Quarterly Conferences of my district—Dr. Sylvester Weeks, Rev. T. J. Harris, and Rev. L. O. Deputy. Walter C. Nash, who has supplied two Churches

in successive years, leaves to complete his education in his native State of Texas. Three aged local preachers have died during the year—Robert Askew (Columbia), Joseph Deubler (Christie), and M. Mitchell (Mt. Auburn). Dr. Madison A. Richards, the impersonation of Christian courtesy, and Rev. George B. Shanor, studious and painstaking, have entered the larger life. One was in the thirty-eighth, the other in the eighth year of his ministry. To describe at all adequately the ministerial services of thirty-five pastors during the year is confessedly impracticable—thirty-five minutes would not suffice to even summarize an aggregate of thirty-five years of pastoral toil. I very regretfully forego the effort. Personal mention of those who have achieved the largest numerical and monetary results would be an unfair discrimination—a fact which none would be more ready to admit than those who have made such achievements; for the gaining of small results in some fields takes more gift and grace than the gaining of large in others, and there are those ethical, social, and humanitarian efforts for the tabulation of which the Statistical Secretary has no columns. Suffice it to say that the ministers of the Cincinnati District have wrought nobly and faithfully as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

III. MONETARY.—*1. Debts.*—There has been a triumphal march from Church to Church in the abolition of debt. Three of my Churches have seen their torment go up in smoke. They have burned their mortgages. Others have made substantial reductions. What might be called the urgent debts (I mean by this, debts which the membership unaided can not well, if at all, handle), are:

Columbia	$3,000
Northside	6,000
Riverside	1,567
Addyston	1,020
Camp Washington	2,800
Total	$14,587

There are subscriptions on same:

Columbia	$1,500
Northside	2,000
Church Extension Society—Remittal of interest	1,000
Total	$4,500

The proposition is sometimes nonchalantly made that we bequeath our debts to posterity. That is a dubious policy, even if possible. It frequently amounts to *two* payments of the same debt—one in the form of a bill for interest, and the other in the bill for the principal. There are several instances in which the bill for interest already amounts to one-half the principal. The hour is striking for the payment of these debts. This important matter is in the hands of a Committee of wise and faithful men, composing the District Twentieth-century Thank-offering Commission—James N. Gamble, Dr. Jesse Bowman Young, Dr. I. D. Jones, Jesse R. Clark, Philip Roettinger, and H. B. Patterson, with the Presiding Elder chairman *ex-officio*.

2. Improvements.—Probably never before in the same length of time has there been such general and substantial church improvement upon the district. Eleven congregations have been engaged in beautifying or increasing the comfort of their respective places of worship. The betterments have consisted in the introduction of new heating and lighting plants, pipe-organs, and art-glass windows; exterior and interior painting, recarpeting, and refurnishing. More than $20,000 has been or is being expended.

3. Benevolences. — The general and wide-reaching benevolences which the superior connectional system of Methodism has enabled her to organize and carry for the greatest possible success have had the loyal support of the pastors of the district. Some very remarkable advances have been made, and the fewest omissions of return will appear. A final footing has been rendered impracticable by unavoidable delay in the reports.

IV. ORGANIZATIONS.—*1. The City Missionary Society* is operated by a corps of laymen of which any denomination might well be proud. Philip Roettinger is President, and J. R. Clark, Superintendent. Substantial success is evidenced by the fact that two of the mission stations—Camp Washington and Madison Avenue—have during the Conference year become parts of self-supporting charges. The Society continues to be a factor in our local Methodism. It is doing a work supplemental to that of our regular Churches, and very effective in its sphere. The gospel meetings of the missions are of a distinct type—a kind of perpetual revival effort the year round, resulting in many conversions—nearly three hundred are reported. The Gospel Wagon, a mission chapel on wheels, the gift of Mr. T. A. Snider, who also pays in full for its keep, adopted the new plan this season of concentrating for a week at a time at a mission point, winding up each street meeting within the walls of the mission. This plan has familiarized the locality with the wagon, and draws the people to the mission.

2. The District Epworth League is believed to be unsurpassed in the efficiency of its organization, stimulating the intellectual life of thousands of its members, giving them happy and wholesome amusement, training them in deeds of beneficience, and culturing them in religion.

3. The Charles Wesley Brotherhood is on the eve of its largest usefulness. Under the devoted leadership of Charles W. Short, the Brotherhood has held evangelistic services in all our missions and several of our Churches. Dr. I. D. Jones is President-elect.

4. The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Christ Hospital, and the Glenn Industrial Home continue their beneficient ministries.

V. ASSEMBLIES.—The noteworthy general gatherings of the people called Methodists during the year have been: (1) "The reception to the Bishops at St. Paul Church, Colonel William B. Melish presiding, pronounced 'the greatest Methodist social event in the history of Cincinnati;'" (2) Bishop Fowler's lecture; proceeds divided *pro rata* among the Churches in debt, on the basis of the number of tickets sold by such Churches, William Christie Herron presiding, and Arthur O. Evans acting as treasurer; (3) Observance of Holy Week by the District Cabinet of the Epworth League, with noontime retreat for prayer and devotion, and Holy Communion on Good Friday; (4) Open-door Emergency Missionary Convention at Wesley Church, General B. R. Cowen presiding; (5) School of Methods for Epworth League workers at Trinity Church, L. A. Stabler, District President, presiding.

VI. REGRETS.—The following are some matters of regret:

1. That some of our laymen are not more familiar with our Book of Discipline, which Henry Clay, though not a Methodist communicant, affirmed to be the best ecclesiastical code in the world.

2. That no young man presents himself as a candidate for the ministry for this district.

3. That there is any decline in Church attendance; especially upon the Sabbath eve and midweek service.

4. That there is occasionally a failure to discriminate between matters temperamental and matters essential to religion: For example, when the request comes for "a more spiritual preacher," what is really meant often is a man of more emotional temperament. It is to be regretted that the spirituality of any minister is discounted thereby.

VII. What the Eldership Stands For.—The Eldership upon the Cincinnati District stands for—

1. The entire abolition of debt upon Church properties.
2. Increased ministerial support.
3. An earnest evangelism which shall call sinners to repentance and believers to holy living.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder.

The working force of the Dayton District consists of thirty-two members of the Conference in charge of regular work, three in special fields, one attending school, one Conference evangelist, two members of other Conferences supplying work, three local preachers in charge of circuits, two supernumeraries, two in the honored roll of the superannuates, twenty-seven local preachers—three of whom are elders, four are deacons, and twenty are unordained—and six exhorters. These are the men, enlisted through the sacred call of conscience, who form the Dayton District brotherhood, and whose ministries are guarded by the hallowed memories of eleven homes, whose sainted dead were once numbered in our ranks.

A year ago this band of workers swung into the field with that faith which leads to victory. Ere the year had progressed far, however, the pastor of our foremost Church, C. W. Gullette, was prostrated in sickness. For two years he had struggled in the battle for life, where doom seemed waiting. Yet he flung back the challenge to Death, and only surrendered as the sword changed to the scepter, and the crown descended. For two years he had not been able for full duty, yet was borne on the field in the loyal love of a grateful people, who clung to him till victory claimed their chief for immortal honors. Though he did not often converse of death, yet he gave clear assurance that fear had fled, and quietly entered the valley, believing he should see the King in his beauty as he should step into the light. He was determined though careful, strong yet kind, brilliant, devoted, true. His pulpit was his throne, till he made it the stepping-stone into the kingdom. The Church, while the pastor was in the hospital, held a week of service. It proved victory in bereavement, and thirty-two were converted to God.

One other home was visited by death, that of John Gaddis. The son, Paul, just entering manhood, gifted in mind and heart, honorable in thought and life, a Christian young man, was suddenly taken. But sublime faith in Christ, like the Shekinah of old, hallowed the altar of the broken home until it seemed like heaven. O! blessed the hope of a risen, immortal Christ!

Three other changes occurred in our district. J. C. Eckles was transferred to us from Tennessee. L. E. Prentiss, at the close of a most gracious revival, was appointed to the Field Agency of the U. S. Grant University, where he has made a signal success. His place was supplied by P. A. Bright, whose record there has been most honorable. The third change was at West Alexandria, where A. W. Hook, whose brief adherence to the erratic faith of the Dowieites has already terminated, left our ministry and membership by his own request. In the special need Jonathan Verity came to our rescue. Though advanced in years, his natural force seems unabated, and he has wrought well for the kingdom.

Let us now look at the field. Within our district there are seventy-

four churches, sixteen of which are stations, nine are half stations, three are circuits of three churches, five are circuits of four, two are circuits of five, and one has been a mission point, now just formed into a church. Our territory comprises the rich valley of the Miami, where every prospect pleases and only human nature needs to be saved. There is something about a rough country that seems to produce men, possibly because it can not produce much else. We do not wish to reverse the statement, and say a rich country does not produce men. But the temptations to luxury are difficult to overcome. We have no great city problem as would confront the workers in Cincinnati, yet we have a degree of the most desirable city life and work. Human nature is much the same, whether in city or country, and the general problems which make life or unmake the morals of the race are the same in every place with each recurring generation.

Before looking at the face of the Prophet to inquire the more vital problems of the Church, let us look at the robe he wears. Twenty-two thousand nine hundred and thirty-five dollars have been expended during the year in repairing and beautifying our churches, summarized as follows: At Bethany, $21; at Sugar Valley, $40; at Fort Jefferson, $89; at Eaton, $100; at Red Lion, $140; at Raper, Dayton, $145; at Walker and Union, $290; at Springboro, $291; at Monroe, $650, including the amount which was overlooked in the report of last year; and at Fairfield, $400. The problem at Fairfield is difficult. We have beautified the church, but find it hard to cover dissension even with new carpet and figured wall paper. At Camden a new vocalion has been purchased, at a cost of $500. At Seven Mile the basement room has been finished at a cost of $625. To show their appreciation the people presented the pastor, O. P. Hoffman, with a rubber-tired phaeton. That looks suggestive of the itinerancy, but they stipulated that the wheels should only run with Seven Mile oil. At West Chester, besides $115 spent at Tylersville, the audience-room has been renovated at a cost of $600, backed by a petition of indefinite length for the return of J. A. Jenkinson for the sixth year.

At three places old debts have been paid. At Franklin, in spite of the weeks of sickness in A. B. Austin's family, every department of the Church has been maintained, and $600 paid on the debt of $1,400. At Trinity, in Dayton, $800 have been subscribed, and almost all paid, to wipe out for the third time a menacing debt of thirteen years' accumulation. A year ago it was thought the debt at Middletown was entirely wiped out, and we shouted together over it. But the subscription of $1,000, which had been duly made and justly counted upon, failed in the collection. This, along with smaller obligations, required $1,800 in all. Under the leadership of the indefatigable and dynamic Humphrey the shout is renewed, not in the promise, but in the actual payment of every dollar of indebtedness.

The largest debt raised was at Hamilton, aggregating $13,068. Quietly but carefully the pastor, C. E. Schenk, as if by magic, carried forward the plan for its liquidation, and now Hamilton is practically free.

We are pleased to note the bequest to St. Paul Church in Dayton of a house valued at $1,800, the nucleus of a new parsonage. A pastorate as that of J. G. Vaughan's is a splendid argument for the lifting of the time-limit.

In the west of Dayton a new enterprise has been started at Woodward Avenue. It has been conducted as a mission for some time, but this year it has developed in interest and energy so as to command the respect of Dayton Methodism. As a result, the corner-stone of a new structure was laid a few weeks ago, and now a building inclosed, costing $1,500. We expect to dedicate free from debt. It is a veritable Methodist reminder of old times, with the fire burning and a shout of victory at every service.

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During the year two new churches have been dedicated: On Thanksgiving-day at Gordon, and August 17th at New Baltimore. The church at Gordon, where F. J. Reinbarth has been supplying, is a brick veneer, of modern plan, and costing $4,500, $1,100 of which are yet unpaid, but fully covered by subscription. At New Baltimore, O. D. Becker three years ago formed a new society. Though already possessed of four preaching places, he was unwilling to let the call pass unheeded. The purpose was formed to keep out of debt, and at the dedication, allowing for $250 assured from the Church Extension Society, every dollar was paid.

There are new enterprises also on foot. At Brookville we hope soon to build. Plans are started, and one-half the subscription raised. At Bellbrook, under the direction of J. A. White, the church is being beautified at an expected cost of $200. At Osborne, under the direction of R. E. Smith, the church is being remodeled at a probable cost of $3,000. At Okeana, on the Venice work, $2,800 have been already secured toward a new church to cost $4,000. At Miamisburg, J. E. Abrams has been steadily bringing to completion the plans for the erection of a new and beautiful church, the corner-stone of which is expected to be laid within a few days. The splendid ability of the Miamisburg Church, without being unduly taxed, has assured the full payment of the cost of $20,000. At Raper in Dayton an accumulated fund of years' standing, in preparation for a new church, now amounts to $16,000. Seven thousand dollars more have been subscribed, and a church to cost $40,000 will erelong grace the historic site of old Raper. All commendation to J. J. McCabe, the pastor.

Possibly the most difficult financial problem in our district is found in Homestead Avenue in Dayton, where a debt of $2,400 rests on a church property not worth much more than twice that amount. The pastor, O. L. Utter, has been tireless in work, yet no argument of his seems to atone for the mistake in the start, which he inherited. At Grace, Dayton, plans are already projected to liquidate the debt of $3,000. At Riverdale there is an obligation of $2,500, but by the aid of some from outside we have no doubt of the ultimate success of the work. We welcome such young men to our Conference as W. E. Hammaker.

These are but the surface tossings. We would look to the sea itself. We scorn the thought that the presiding eldership is an inspecting agency, or a statistical bureau. You can find figures in the Minutes galore. We seek the greater problems of our Church life. The one question which gauges all others, more important than the dream of heaven itself, is, How can we best bring in the kingdom? Around this question we desire to circle the facts of this report. The greatest achievement in the Church is to maintain a strong, consistent, spiritual life. This may even be done with small results in protracted meeting. Yet most of our history is to the contrary. We can justly say that all our men have been faithful and effective. But in studying the revival problem we desire to mention especially those where fifty or more conversions were reported. At Raper, Dayton, there were 56; at Middletown, 65; at Trinity, Dayton, 70; at West Carrollton, 80; at Lewisburg, 89; at Oxford, 92; at St. Paul, Dayton, 100; at West Elkton Circuit, 103; at Broadway, Dayton, 125. In the entire district over one thousand souls were converted at our altars during the year. A question arises here: What is to be the policy of Methodism toward the evangelist? Of the nine mentioned above, four had special evangelistic help; one had the help of two brother pastors covering almost the entire time; one, at West Carrollton, had help a part of the time; and three conducted the meetings alone. Yet at two of these, Middletown and Oxford, it was the first year of their pastorates, as it was also with the one having partial help. Of the other special meetings, more than fifty in all, not one place seemed to have any great or general interest,

aside from the quickening of the spiritual tone of the Churches. What shall we conclude? That our preachers have forfeited their convictions, or our laymen their aggressive quality? No; neither one. Yet it is true that in some places whole congregations have forgotten the art of soul-winning, and the preacher is left to wail in the agony of a spiritual dearth as torrid as a Sahara. The "Higher Criticism" on our lay movement is, that its cap-stone must be deeper devotion and more aggressive godliness for the salvation of the world.

On the other hand, we as ministers, who claim the "divine call," the pledge of power, must win our cause or arraign Infinite Wisdom in its ruined grandeur, a failure at the bar of the world's cooler judgment. We are supposed to be careless of wealth, uncompromising of difficulties, fearless of frown or favor, possessed of the secret of the kingdom. We are either enacting an awful tragedy on conscience, or we must be able to demand that men shall be saved. Spiritual victories are gained alone through agony of soul, when the cry pierces the olive-groves, and Gethsemane is here. The victory is won alone before God. The secret of our power is hid with the Almighty. O! thou Infinite One, come to our help! Yet I desire to raise the question as to whether we have been wise in our view of the evangelist. The truth is, human nature is itinerant, and no desire of ours can ever change it. An evangelist himself said to me during the year: "No preacher should have an evangelist unless he is unable to do his own work." Possibly that is true; but the question is, What is his work? The fact remains that the largest gains, and seemingly of genuine type, have been with the evangelist's help. And of the four special workers in our district, it further appears that the one most successful was the one most maligned in the public print. We believe the Discipline is right that requires a presiding elder's consent before other than a "Conference evangelist" can be employed; but we would give large liberty to our special workers, for their greater successes seem won in the prestige of a new surrounding. We would break down the rigid interpretation of the law of a five years' limit to supernumeraries if in evangelistic work. We would turn our whole pulpit force in revolution for a brief period of the year, and then cry to heaven for aid with such prophetic agony that it would startle the world into a new belief in the kingdom of Christ.

Next to the revival work comes that of the more careful oversight of our young people. Our Epworth Leagues have done well. They have had district meetings, group meetings, and local meetings. They have labored and loved and prayed, and proved loyal to our pastors. They have done more to stay the decaying testimony of the Church than any other force among us. We honor our young people. Let the pastors look carefully to them. Possibly the weakest point in our League life has been the link between the Juniors and Regulars. At a few places, as at Sugar Valley, where all twelve converts of the meeting were from the Junior League; or at St. Paul, in Dayton, where a regular graduation was had on a stated Sabbath, and a splendid examination in the doctrines and rules of the Church passed, there has been a careful fulfilling of the intent of the Discipline in the care of the children. But a general failure seems to have pertained to the care of the baptized children. We believe nothing can atone for a failure here. It is vital. The greatest opportunity of the Church to-day, however, next to the preaching of the Word, is found in the Sabbath-school.

Just beyond the stated Church work comes the effort for reform. One of our members, F. M. Clemans, has had signal success in the Anti-saloon field, even in spite of the lack of virtue in the egg-protests of the disturbed saloonists. We are primarily preachers of righteousness, not detectives of crime. Yet the call to the Church is also to help on the cause of civic righteousness. Within the Anti-saloon district of

Brother Clemans thirteen towns and twelve townships have voted dry, and at the present rate of advance eighty per cent will soon be such. Some of our communities have been too hasty in action, and through ill-arranged plans have failed. There is no benefit to the cause of God in undue haste. The consistent, fearless, conservative policy is the better patriotism, as well as promise of permanent reform. Let us pray God to open the way, and then strike the saloon to the death.

Outside the local field would come the great benevolent work of the Church. One of our district, Wilbur Thirkield, has won favor for his cause by his clear-cut, attractive presentation of the Freedmen's claim. All our benevolences have received most urgent support, the Emergency Missionary Movement being most emphasized, and resulting in an aggregate advance of about $500. One of our number, D. Lee Aultman, has been working in our Book Concern interests. Like Jacob of old, he left the Canaan of the pastorate a year ago to find Rachel in Haran. We trust some of these days it will be "back to Bethel." He has pleaded his cause well. Who could have done better? Yet we fear you might as well try to stem an incipient cyclone as turn our people back to the earlier Book Concern loyalty.

While viewing the widening influence of our Christian work we take pleasure in publicly noting the admirable work of Mrs. T. H. Pearne, whose signal success in the Woman's Christian Association of Dayton has been acknowledged by all. Her presence there has been that of one anointed at the table of the King. All hail to the consecrated womanhood of Methodism!

This much for the field, and now a moral for the future.

This is an age of creed revision and Church readaptation, and we must measure up to the demand. The heroic spirit is not dead, nor has the fiber of Methodism decayed. Yet we need the clarion appeal of heaven to call back the leaders of our great Methodism to the self-sacrificing elements of determined power that made hell tremble and men turn to God. Nothing but a conviction, ground and forced and burned into the very fiber of life, that the gospel is wonderfully, desperately, yes lovingly, true will ever sustain the shock of worldliness that is battering down our very gates.

We raise a second inquiry as to whether the idea of "the brotherhood" has not fallen out of the thought of our people. This kingdom which is righteousness and peace in the Holy Ghost binds into one the affections as well as the energies of the new-born race. The spirit of the age is one of grasping greed and cruel selfishness; but out upon such a spirit in the Church. I have felt my heart gashed and my feelings torn when often the forbidding thought has been forced upon me that that keen love which becomes the fraternity of the ministry, and that Christian consideration which should ever grace the laity, has been lacking. Alas! for the Church when love stagnates, for then hope dies. We are a band peculiar and loyal; the stamp of heaven is on our natures; the name of the King is on our foreheads.

The trend of the age is toward democracy in restraint. Yet we are in danger of out-Heroding Herod in our haste to convey to the unordained power of the Church the right of government. The cap-stone of this splendid structure of Methodism seemed laid in 1872, when lay representation was achieved. It was inevitable in the progress of Methodism, and therefore right. We rejoice in the magnificent laymen who grace our Churches and Conferences, yet I am here to-day to not only advocate the priesthood of all believers, and the equal right of both ministers and laity in framing the laws of the Church, but to say that the true and only source of rightful authority in the Church in preaching the gospel and generaling the forces in the conflict, is that which inheres in the call to preach. Unless the signs are contrary to fact, we are forced to the fear

that reverence for the ministry is dying in the house of its Lord, and the danger is that the Church may be expected to be run on a "simple business proposition." I seek no brief tenure of ordained authority for my brethren, but I am concerned for the interests of the kingdom.

Let me stand on this statement, and further say, that what we need to-day in the ministry is an all-conquering confidence in the power of Christ.

We need more prophets and fewer priests. We need men who can break every conventionality known, if need be, to slay the savage hate of the human heart. We need the stubborn belief of God's Word. Yes! All we need is the vital seal of the call of God to our ministerial right, and the world will rock under the tread of the giants of Methodism as well to-day as a hundred years ago. May Heaven clothe us with power! What we need is a suspended judgment in unproved questions of criticism, a living faith in the fundamental truths of salvation, a heart aflame with heaven's love, and neither earth nor hell can stay the coming in of the desired kingdom. Slow seems the march of the centuries, and slower still the advent of the reign of peace. But the great Galilean is girding himself for his final triumph. The hour of destiny seems near. The shouts will soon mingle at his feet, and love canopy the throne. O! thou Infinite Son of God, issue the early decree of thy coming!

May God give his ministers next year the greatest triumph of grace ever witnessed in the Ohio Valley!

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. BROWN, Presiding Elder.

BISHOP WALDEN, DEAR FATHERS, AND BRETHREN,—Hillsboro District comprises twenty-eight pastoral charges and one small supply point, all of which have been served by members of the Conference, save two, supplied. The average pastoral term of the one hundred and forty-two pastors in the Conference at present, is 2.57 years. The average by districts is as follows: Cincinnati, 2.47; Dayton, 2.45; Hillsboro, 2.40; Milford, 3; and Springfield, 2.63. The average for the one hundred and forty-six pastors in 1900, the last year of the limited pastorate, was 2.32, and for 1901, 2.41 for the one hundred and thirty-nine pastors. From these figures it does not appear that the Cincinnati Conference is very enthusiastic over the removal of the limit.

The churches and parsonages are well cared for in most instances, and many improvements have been made during the year, adding beauty and comfort thereto. The titles are good, and the property in most cases adequately protected by insurance. About seventy-five per cent of the churches are insured, and all the parsonages save one, I believe. The properties not insured are the ones that can least afford not to be in case of disaster of any kind. The matter has been repeatedly urged upon the trustees. Pastoral support varies but slightly from last year, and some amusing incidents could be related of "quarterage" adjustments through high-priced labor, feed, fruits, and live stock. Varying this report from those of former years, let me take you on an itinerary over the district, not by trolley, nor always by good pikes and good railways, but as your humble servant has toured it for these three years.

Let us begin at Belfast. Here Brother D. W. C. Washburn has closed his first year. This is one of the heaviest circuits in the Conference, comprising six appointments, requiring heavy travel and three sermons per Sabbath; but so acceptable the services rendered that the

request is unanimous for the pastor's continuance. The revival spirit has been manifest, and conversions have followed, with accessions.

Leaving Belfast, we go to Blanchester, a flourishing little city in the southeast corner of Clinton County, which boasts a beautiful and commodious church. A long standing indebtedness hinders the work here, but we are hopeful for relief by and by. Brother George W. Vorhis has served most acceptably. Consecrated, earnest, enthusiastic, his hand has been upon and his heart in every department of the work, and prosperity has followed. The social services have been characterized by large attendance and deep spirituality. The town voted "dry."

A journey of thirty miles brings us to the parsonage of Brother John H. McNary, who closes his second year on Bowersville Charge, and rejoices in the erection of a long-needed church at Bowersville, at a cost, when completed and furnished, of about $3,500. Centrally located, it will be an ornament to the village and an honor to Methodism. The earnest prayer of the pastor is that the glory of God may fill the place, and that many may be born into the kingdom at her altars.

About twenty-five miles to the southeast we meet Brother C. L. Winget, who has served the small supply point of Centerfield and Clear Creek, and under whose ministry the work has been strengthened at the first-named place by the conversion and addition of about a dozen of her young people.

Traveling west about twenty miles we reach the beautiful parsonage on the Clarksville Charge, to which Brother Thomas Cundy was assigned one year ago. A fairly prosperous year, with some conversions and additions, has followed. The parsonage grounds have been graded and beautified. New ornamental memorial windows, a very handsome memorial pulpit desk and pulpit furniture, chancel-rail and carpet, with other needed repairs, have been put in at Clarksville, together with a new bell for Olive Branch, aggregating an outlay of about $925, and all provided for.

Now prepare yourselves for the mountainous journey to Dunkinsville Circuit, which extends many miles north and south on both sides of the famous Brush Creek in Adams County, and, geographically speaking, belongs in part to the Ohio Conference, and in part to the Milford District. Here Brother Charles J. Kelch has served most faithfully and well for two years as supply, and, by the blessing of God and hard work, canceled a Church debt and secured the conversion of about seventy-five souls.

Turning our faces northward, we travel forty miles before reaching our next stop, Greenfield, where Brother Frank G. Mitchell has successfully served for the past five years. We find ourselves in a prosperous and flourishing little city, with the most important institution in it the Methodist church. A prosperous year has attended labors of pastor and people, and the new church, so long in contemplation, is at last to become a certainty, and the work is now under way, the contract for the same having been awarded on July 31st, and when completed and furnished, will approximate $50,000, and be an up-to-date church in every particular, with seating capacity for fifteen hundred people, and at the same time include a number of the Institutional features.

Now west twelve miles, to Highland, where Brother Charles C. Peale has completed his second year, maintaining the deep interest aroused during the first year. Large congregations, flourishing Sunday-schools, Leagues, and social services; a gracious revival, with many conversions and additions; large collections for all benevolences; classes in mission and Bible study, together with the extinguishing of church and parsonage debts, is the story in brief of the situation of this field.

Let us now return to the capital of the county, Hillsboro. Appreciating the services of her able pastor, Brother Stanley O. Royal, unsolicited, advanced the salary this year $100, and, in addition to this advance, will make a very handsome gain in benevolences. The pastor has given this work his special attention, and results justify the statement that a faithful and enthusiastic presentation of the benevolent claims will meet with a hearty and liberal response. The causes suffer quite as much from "lack of knowledge" as from any other.

A long trip by rail, *via* B. & O. S.-W., Pennsylvania System, and C. H. & D., brings us to the home of the thoughtful, scholarly, and hospitable Brother James P. Porter, who has served his first year at Jamestown, and under his wise administration the Church has continued prosperous. The congregations are large, the Sunday-school and League aggressive, and every department of the work has been well cared for. Methodism and temperance—for the town voted "dry" over eighteen months ago—are strong factors in making Jamestown a beautiful city and desirable residence.

Retracing our steps, we next stop at the thriving town of Leesburg, which has enjoyed and prospered under the pastoral care of Brother Homer C. Middleton for six consecutive years; and, by those most competent to judge, this has been the best and most appreciative of all. A most thorough revival visited Olive Chapel, and the results are still apparent. This town voted "dry," almost two to one.

Our next stop will be at Lynchburg. Brother William M. Patton has had a good year; and, notwithstanding the charge has been visited with a scourge of measles, and a worse one of smallpox, necessitating the closing of the churches for many weeks, the reports will be very gratifying. The comfort of the pastor's family was increased by the advance of the salary $100, and some improvements at the parsonage. A revival visited Dodsonville and Russell, and many were converted and added to the Church. Dunn's was improved at an expense of $150.

Across the country twelve miles by buggy, or around twenty-five miles by rail, and we are at another temperance town (thanks to Methodism), Martinsville, which has been served for a second year by Brother David A. McColm. Brother McColm met with an accident at the beginning of the year, which, to quite a degree, incapacitated him for the work; but in spite of much suffering he has continued in the work. This is a large work, and should have the services of an energetic young man.

South into Highland County twenty-five miles and we reach Mowrystown, the head of a weak and scattered charge, and the residence of Brother James M. Bailey, pastor. A good revival at Buford strengthened that point, but a heavy debt greatly burdens and hinders the work at Mowrystown, the scene of the early triumphs of the sainted and crowned Finley. In the face of weak societies, meager support, long drives, and a scattered people, Brother Bailey has rendered such pleasing service that his return is requestd unanimously.

On south into Brown County, in a ten-mile drive to Mt. Orab, and we meet with Brother James S. Ruggles, who has completed the first year of his second pastorate at this place; and the people say, not since his first term among them years ago have they had such preaching. The salary was advanced $50 at the beginning of the year. A small debt remains on the Sardinia Church, incurred by remodeling some years since. Mt. Orab voted "dry."

A long trip by rail and buggy, involving two changes of cars, brings us to New Burlington, the best country work in the Conference. This charge has been faithfully served by Brother George H. Smith, and it has been one of the best of the many good ones for this circuit. Large congregations; benevolences in full; extensive revivals at each

point, resulting in the conversion of about one hundred and twenty souls; wide-awake class, Sunday-school, and League meetings, are some of the outward evidences of the Divine favor and presence with this people. About one in every four are regular attendants upon the class-meeting.

Northeast by pike fifteen miles, and we are greeted by Brother Charles W. Briggs, now closing his fifth year on the New Jasper Charge, and we are certain that his reports will show that this year, like the others, has been fruitful. Extensive repairs and improvements have been made at Jasper, and new furnaces have been placed in the church, involving an expense of $485, all of which has been paid.

We next visit New Vienna, which has had five consecutive years of the faithful services of Brother John Wilson. Repairs on church and parsonage, in the form of new furnaces and windows for the church, and papering for the parsonage, amounting to $800, have been made and paid for. A good revival at New Vienna added strength to the Church.

On to the south, through Highland and into Adams County, our next stop will be at Peebles, which has enjoyed the efficient services of Brother J. E. H. Sentman, for a second year even more than the first. One of the best revivals in the history of the Society has been experienced, resulting in the conversion of about sixty souls. The results abide, and, as evidence thereof, the saloons were voted out recently.

Facing about, we proceed by private conveyance to the residence of Brother Homer G. Curless, who has completed his fourth year on the Rainsboro Charge, with increasing popularity and efficiency, with unanimous invitation to return. The work is in excellent condition. Many conversions and additions resulted from the special services of last winter. An *Advocate* list of fifty subscribers is reported from this charge.

Passing on still further north some twenty-five miles, we reach Sabina, a beautiful little city on our northernmost border, which has had a good year under the careful administration of Brother Reuben K. Deem. Our church property, centrally located, is one of the best in the district, and is free from debt. The Sunday-school is large, and all interests of the charge have been well maintained. New furnaces will give added comfort.

Over winding, mountainous pikes for thirty miles or more brings us to the famous Sinking Spring of Highland County, the head of another extensive circuit, which reports a fairly good year, under the pastorate of Brother William B. Brown. Souls have been converted, good revivals having occurred at Pisgah and the Spring, and almost fifty have been added to the membership upon probation.

A short but rough drive over dirt roads, and we are at Sugar Tree Ridge, which has been served by Brother Charles J. Moore, one of the young men admitted on trial one year ago. Permit me to say, no mistake was made in his admission. We could use more of his kind. Sunday-schools, Leagues, prayer-meetings, and all, have been carefully reorganized and maintained, while the reports will show a healthy and prosperous condition.

Again by steam, *via* the B. & O. S.-W. and Pennsylvania System, and Brother Philip Trout accords us a hearty welcome at his beautiful parsonage at Spring Valley, on the Union Circuit, where he is now closing his second year. This is one of the oldest charges in this part of Ohio, and it is their purpose to observe their centennial this coming year. Revivals have characterized the work; also prompt payment of ministerial support. Some of our stations might take some greatly-needed lessons in finances of some of our country charges,

such as this and the neighboring work, New Burlington, to the great comfort and convenience of the pastor and all concerned.

A fifteen-mile ride by rail, and we meet Brother William M. Coffman, now closing his third and best year at Waynesville Charge. A revival of great power, with far-reaching results, visited this Church the past year, during which at least one hundred souls were converted, and many added to the Church. For nine days the pastor had the assistance of Miss Emma Tucker, a Bible-reader. Church and parsonage improvements have been made and paid for, amounting to $260.

Still enjoying the comforts of travel by the Pennsylvania System, and the beauties of the Little Miami Valley, a ride of thirty miles brings us to the flourishing capital of Clinton County, Wilmington, which has been served for two years by Brother Edward T. Wells. Extensive improvements have been made—new furnaces; new carpet and papering for the lecture-room; new raised floor, changed entrance, electric lighting, beautiful new carpet, new embossed steel siding and ceiling for audience-room, together with certain very delightful changes in the parsonage—at a total outlay of $3,000, all of which has been paid.

South again, into Adams County, and we look in upon Brother John A. Easton, now closing his first year at Winchester-Seaman Charge, and it has been a good year. Brother Easton inherited two new churches, a very gratifying experience; but, like all pastors, he would have been glad not to have the debt on the Winchester Church in the legacy. He hopes in time to record it among the "has-beens."

Do not grow weary; for with one more long trip by rail we shall have come to the "last station stop" in the district, Xenia. Here we have two most excellent churches and two wide-awake pastors; and if you have kept pace of events in Xenia for the past eighteen months you know the noble part these Churches and pastors have taken. Just one year ago, by a very decided majority, by permission of the council, the city voted "dry." But the purposes of the people thus decisively expressed were thwarted by weak-kneed officials and cunning politicians. The fighting was renewed, and has been forced by the temperance and Christian people, and in June last a second test of strength was made under the "Beal Law," and, by a very handsome majority, Xenia remains "dry," and a fund of several thousand dollars has been subscribed to see that the law is obeyed and the town remains "dry." Be prepared for calamitous reports regarding this town, on account of the death of the thirty-four saloons, and be not deceived by reports of a similar character from Bowersville, Blanchester, Sardinia, Peebles, Winchester, Mt. Orab, Port William, Paintersville, Locust Grove, Martinsville, and Leesburg. Three towns have been lost to the "drys" by a combined vote of thirteen, and by that unlucky number these towns will continue to deal in "wet" goods.

Brother Albert C. Turrell closes his fourth year at First Church. A good revival spirit has prevailed, with numerous conversions and accessions. The Church debt has suffered by the fierce attack made upon it, and it is the plan and expectation of this people to be enrolled among the victorious ones when the list is called of all debts provided for by the 1st of January next. We have the largest Sunday-school in the district here in average attendance, and every organization of the Church is full of life and energy.

Trinity has prospered under the leadership of Brother Merrick E. Ketcham, who has closed his third year; and, notwithstanding the fact that this Church believes in the old style of a three years' pastorate, the present incumbent is invited to remain by, first, an unanimous vote of the Official Board, reaffirmed later by an unanimous vote of the Quarterly Conference. Repairs have been made to church and parsonage, adding to the comfort of all concerned. A special gift of

$200, from Mrs. Dr. Green to Ritter Home, of Athens, Tenn., is reported by the pastor. It is a "clear case," Bishop. Our itinerary is now closed. How have you enjoyed the trip?

A few words regarding some additional items of interest, and this report will be closed:

The non-effective men in the district are: Brothers W. N. Maxey, M. P. Zink, George W. Fee, J. F. Loyd, S. W. Edmiston, W. P. Jackson, and J. H. Davis.

Brother J. I. Taggart, together with his devoted wife, one of the best and most helpful of our superannuated men, was called home this year. They passed away within a few hours of each other, and were buried in the same grave. "Lovely and sweet in their lives, and in death they were not divided."

A largely-attended District Epworth League Convention was held in Greenfield in June, at which twenty-five of the charges were represented. This meeting was highly favored with the visit and addresses of our honored president, Bishop Walden. The League for the most part is doing good work, and helpful to the pastors.

A District Ministerial Association was held in October at Jamestown, and an "Emergency Missionary Convention" in April at Wilmington. The cause of missions in its many phases to Church life and work, and to the spiritual life, was presented in carefully-prepared addresses and papers. Owing to illness, our honored and beloved missionary secretary, Dr. A. B. Leonard, as also Bishop J. M. Thoburn, were not able to be with us as planned; but Brother J. H. Worley, of Peking, China, made an admirable substitute. We have sought, with the aid of our very efficient District Missionary Secretary, Brother George W. Vorhis, to keep the mission cause on the hearts and minds of the people, and letters, tracts, and literature have been resorted to. We believe good has been done.

Our own Brother D. Lee Aultman, field agent for the Book Concern, made his firset itinerary in our district, beginning in January, visiting more than half the charges, so that whatever of success has attended his work must be in part attributed to the good start given him in the Hillsboro District. Pastors have faithfully seconded his efforts in urging good literature and wholesome reading, and in many instances, in addition to preaching on the subject, have had on sale large supplies from our publishing-house. The district reports 668 subscribers to the *Western Christian Advocate* and quite a large number to the *Epworth Herald*.

The benevolences have been faithfully presented in most instances, our motto being "No blanks, and an increase for every cause, if possible."

The Sunday-schools have been carefully looked after, the purpose being to secure capable teachers and officers, who both know and love God and the doctrines of our Methodism. I have urged the special attention of pastors to the classifying and training of the baptized children. The pastors are generally wide-awake to the interests of the Sunday-school, and, with few exceptions, the schools are using our own publications.

The importance of the social services has not been overlooked, and class and prayer meetings have been fairly well attended, and from the class-leaders' reports I am able to report that the average in regular attendance upon the class-meeting, in a membership of twelve thousand, is about thirteen to fourteen hundred. With few exceptions the class-meetings are maintained in all charges, the Methodists in this territory believing in experimental religion.

The ladies have quite successful organizations of both the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. They have held their annual Dis-

trict Conventions, and had representatives touring the field in the interests of the same. These societies deserve a better patronage from the women of the Church, even if the "club" work must at times be omitted.

In conclusion, let the following summary of facts represent the visible results of the toil of the pastors for the year now ended: Sermons delivered, 4,497; pastoral visits made, 14,017; accessions to the Church upon probation, 718; accessions by certificate or otherwise, 435; conversions, 875; dismissed by certificate, 373; deceased, 153; withdrawn, 14; excluded, 1; present membership, including probationers, 12,167; baptisms: adults 363, children 61; raised for building and improving churches and parsonages, $30,489; raised on old indebtedness, $5,677; raised for Twentieth-century Thank-offering, about $30,000; total amount raised for benevolent purposes, about $11,000.

To God be all the glory, and to him we render earnest thanks for health and blessings on pastors and charges for the year!

"O blessed work for Jesus!
O rest at Jesus' feet!
There toil seems pleasure,
My wants are treasure,
And pain for him is sweet.
Lord, if I may
I 'll serve another day!"

MILFORD DISTRICT.

WILLIAM RUNYAN, Presiding Elder.

ONE year ago, when I came to Milford District by appointment of Bishop FitzGerald, I found its geographical arrangement excellent, organization complete, and manned by zealous, faithful pastors; and everywhere within its bounds it has been my great pleasure to see the evidences that the work of my able predecessor, Rev. G. H. Dart, D. D., has been well done; and now that another has come in his stead, his memory among the people he served so well for six years is "like ointment poured forth." Concerning myself, I may be permitted to say, when the appointment was made there was a sincere question in the minds of some of my friends as to whether or not my health would be equal to the service required. Some said it was "a shame to sacrifice him in this way;" while others prophesied that I would not live three months; but it is manifest to-day, as I stand in this presence, that my friends have been agreeably disappointed.

My reception on the district by pastors and laymen was cordial beyond my expectations; in some instances it was almost an ovation. Their great kindness has been uniform through the year, and I have special reasons for gratitude to them all, and thanksgiving to God for his goodness. If any of my brethren of the Conference have been sick, worn by heavy service, or made sad by hope deferred, permit me sympathetically to suggest that such turn their weary, longing eyes toward Milford District, where the atmosphere is so invigorating, the landscape so charming, the flowers so beautiful and their fragrance so sweet, the songs of the birds so inspiring, the homes of the people so abundant in comfort, their hospitality so generous that we go around the district with a kind of glee, while now and then a buggy-ride up or down some stony hollow will shake the liver into such activities so that if there be any dyspeptic lingering within it disappears as by magic. But in

kindness, I would mention to you that it is probable that your chances to enter this "Eldorado" are somewhat remote, as the present incumbent, the Lord willing, and the brethren remaining indulgent, and the presiding Bishop favorable, has no thought of vacating for some years to come.

I have in person attended every quarterly meeting, and held all the Quarterly Conferences but three; and I would have been present at these but for the fact important service called me to another part of the district; but these were well cared for by Rev. M. LeSourd, pastor of Milford. I began my labors the first Sabbath after Conference, and closed Sabbath morning, August 31st. I have preached from four to seven times a week, often with great refreshing to my own soul, and, I trust, in some humble degree, to the edification of the Church.

I reach the eastern end of the district by rail, and the western side with my horse and buggy. By the latter mode of transportation, I have traveled from twenty-five to one hundred and eight miles a week.

Providence favored me in that I secured a horse admirably adapted to my needs. He is seven years old, weighs one thousand pounds, is a beautiful glossy bay, a good traveler; is indifferent to locomotives, traction cars, and road engines. He exhibits as much good judgment about getting scared at things as most men. His name is Reuben. He bids fair to be a worthy successor to David, the noted gray horse that preceded him on the district.

The pastors have all been steady at their work, and sought earnestly to give the Church of their love the best possible service. Some have endured hardships, but they have been brave and uncomplaining; others have experienced deep sorrow, but they have bowed in patient submission to the will of the Father.

In the month of June, when the roses were blooming, the devoted wife of Rev. Ira E. Price, after prolonged and great suffering, fell asleep in Jesus. In life and health she was to her husband "a helpmeet indeed." Her memoir will be read at the proper time. Also, the home of Rev. Brother and Sister W. E. Shriver has been darkened by the death of a precious babe, their only child. It bloomed long enough in the atmosphere of home to fill it with sweetest fragrance, then Jesus took it to be forever with himself. May all our sorrowing ones be especially blest of heaven!

During the winter months, in all the charges except one, active, earnest evangelistic work has been done. In one or two charges evangelists known and well recommended have been employed, and their work has been crowned with commendable success. In a number of charges the pastors have exchanged evangelistic work with each other. This method has been attended with a good degree of success, and it is a pleasure to me to heartily commend it.

Some unknown, unauthorized, wandering evangelists have roamed through some parts of the district, and in some instances sought admission into a few of our Churches. In most cases pastors and people promptly declined; but in cases where this was seriously considered the interposition of the Presiding Elder prevented it, and the Churches have been saved from the commission of a folly.

I feel authorized to say, during the year much spiritual quickening has come to nearly all the Churches. In my quarterly visits among the people I see good evidences of this in the attendance and spirit of the love-feasts. These meetings are very valuable in gauging the spiritual life of the Church. Some of the results of this faithful work can not be measured or estimated. Some hundreds have been converted and added to the Church during the year.

The work of establishing and enlarging believers still goes on. Many are more thoughtful, and it seems to me that in the Churches there

is a growing hunger, as well as need, for the clear statement of the doctrines of experimental religion, and that the people be faithfully instructed and warned against undue exaggerations and fanaticism. In parts of our territory we meet with those who proclaim that they have reached a state in grace where they can not be tempted—can not sin, see visions, receive revelations. They are specialists on the subject of so-called Divine healing. Some of them suppose themselves to be too pure and holy to live in the Church; so they have become "come-outers." Some of their teachers loudly proclaim that children conceived and born of wholly sanctified parents come into the world with unfallen natures, and are not subject to sickness, pain, or death. I know some Methodists who attend "Spiritual seances," and others who are embracing the dogmas of (so-called) Christian Science. At least two of our Societies have been sorely rent by these people during the year. One of the saddest things about this is, these people are extravagant professors of holiness; and in all our borders intelligent people are drifting toward the conclusion that these things are integral parts of the doctrine of holiness, and are turning away from it in disgust. We have been looking on in the past and saying, "Such things are 'fads,' that will have their day and then pass away, and it is better to let them alone." As I see it, these heresies are not passing away, but in certain sections they are growing, and the time is now when our pulpits should plainly speak to the people, and warn them that they go not after such things. Strip these excrescences from the doctrine of holiness; they do not belong to it. Teach them that the heart and soul of holiness is to love God supremely, and their neighbors as themselves; then they will receive it. This precious doctrine must be rescued from the environments of presumptuous extravagances, while some people need to be rescued from deifying noise, and from thinking that there is no salvation except it comes in a tempest. It may come in a storm, but more frequently in "the still small voice." Bear in mind always the thought, "The Spirit is not straitened." I believe that these things we here rebuke are of Satan. It is vain for him to attempt to move the people to believe that the blessed doctrine of holiness is not taught in the Bible, for it shines from the sacred page clear as the sunlight; but if he can lead those who profess this experience into extravagances and the follies of fanaticism he will have succeeded in making the cause contemptible in the sight of thoughtful people. This will serve his purpose quite as well as to lead them into unbelief.

Brothers, let us be careful that no strange fires burn on Methodist altars. Teach the doctrine of full salvation as Jesus taught it, as Paul taught it, as Wesley taught it, and as it is taught by the standard authorities of our beloved Methodism. Is there not need of a revival of preaching sound doctrine, and especially such as relate to experimental salvation? Faithful preaching, accompanied by the baptism with the Holy Ghost, will kindle the Churches into a flame of revival.

Among the evangelistic forces in our midst it gives me pleasure to mention the two camp-meetings recently held within our bounds. First in order, the meetings at Epworth Heights, began August 1st and continued over two Sabbaths. Rev. E. S. Gaddis was the efficient superintendent. The singing was led by a quartet of Methodist preachers from Indiana. The glorious gospel was never better sung on the grounds. Dr. Norcross, of Washington C. H., preached on the first Sabbath with great acceptability. Dr. Oliver, a Presiding Elder from the East Ohio Conference, beautiful in spirit, mighty in Scriptures, and an excellent leader in aggressive work, was with us through the meeting. Dr. Walker, of the Presbyterian Church, did excellent evangelistic work. A number of the members of our own Conference favored us with their genial presence and efficient help. Our resident Bishop,

J. M. Walden, and wife occupied their own cottage part of the time, and his presence in the prayer-meetings and the camp-meeting was very helpful and inspiring to us all. On the second Sabbath he preached. The sermon was luminous with thought and of unwonted interest and power. It was frequently remarked by the people on the grounds, "Our Bishop has won all hearts by his presence and ministry among us." I regard the meeting as the best held on the grounds for a number of years.

In view of the possibilities of self-entertainment which are before this Conference, I would most favorably commend Epworth Heights as the best place to hold our annual sessions when the new order comes.

The Shiloh meeting was held on the ground near Goshen, and was efficiently superintended by Rev. G. S. Easton. The evangelistic work was in the care of Rev. H. E. Armacost. A number of our ministers attended and took active part in the services. The management and results of the religious services were excellent.

The one thing to be carefully guarded in the management of our camp-meetings is the question of buying and selling on the Sabbath-day. The home rule should be the rule on the camp ground. Early in the autumn our annual Ministerial Association was held at West Union, where we were cordially received and hospitably entertained by a generous people. It was unusually well attended by pastors and people. The sermons—not considering my own humble effort—essays, and discussions were of a high order. The evangelistic services were spirited and very helpful. I returned from the meeting with the feeling that it was in every respect one of the best I have ever attended.

We have forty-five Epworth League Chapters in the district and fourteen Junior Leagues. As a whole they are well organized. Some are quite active and efficient, while others are in a semi-dormant state, and greatly need arousing. Arrangements were made to hold a District Epworth League Convention in the month of June last in Lebanon, but was prevented by a smallpox scare; but the efficient district president, George O. March, of Lebanon, and his associate officers, having recovered from the scare, have now arranged that the Convention be held at the same place the 16th and 17th of the present month.

I am gratified to report that one pastor has organized in his charge a children's class for catechetical instruction, as provided for by the Discipline, but sorry I can not report a larger number. Where the Junior League is in operation this important work is largely intrusted to it; but where it is not operating, the Sabbath-school is the last resort to enable pastors in the Quarterly Conference to answer, "in part," to the question, "Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed?"

The Sabbath-schools are well manned, active, energetic, and doing a great work for the rising generation. In one thing we need to improve: It ought to be the ambition of officers and teachers to lead the scholars into the congregation, that they may hear the preaching of the gospel. If we do not teach the boys and girls the Church-going habit, when they quit the school by and by, as they will, where will they be?

The annual meeting of the Clermont County Methodist Sunday-school Convention was held at Amelia during the month of June, and was to Sunday-school workers in every way an inspiring success. It looks a little selfish, but it is a god thing for our Church. I find that there is need to give some special attention to the matter of singing in our congregations. In our largest and best-appointed congregations the Hymnal is regularly used, and the singing is inspiring; but I have held quarterly-meetings in churches where there was not even a pulpit Hymnal. The music was supplied from cheap Sunday-school

song-books, not Methodist publications. Again, I have selected standard hymns from the Hymnal, given the numbers to the singers, and they were returned to me with the statement, "Not familiar; can't sing them!" I ask, "What can you sing?" A Sunday-school song-book is handed me in reply. A thoughtful layman recently said, "To me, it is an occasion for alarm: our young people in many places are growing up and do not know or sing our standard hymns: they are strange to many of them." I think we all need a little stiffening of the spinal column, and should insist that the Hymnal be used in all of our congregations. There appears to me one sovereign remedy for all of this; viz., hasten the revisal and publication of the Hymnal; have one book in Sabbath-school, prayer-meetings, revivals, and the congregations; then when the Church in all departments uses the same book there is hope for the return of the old Methodist power in congregational singing.

The Presiding Elder and pastors have endeavored to give the best service possible for the promotion of our great benevolences. It gives me pleasure to say that valuable service has been rendered to the cause of missions by our alert and efficient District Missionary Secretary, Rev. H. W. Bailey. In addition, we received most valuable help from our splendid District Missionary Convention, which was held in the springtime in Milford. We were all disappointed by the necessary absence of Bishop Thoburn; but we were greatly comforted, blessed, and helped by the presence and labors of Rev. Dr. J. H. Worley, a returned missionary from China, who did yeoman service. From this gathering there went out influences most beneficial to every part of the district represented. Our increase for missions is eighteen per cent over last year.

I have given careful attention to the salaries of the pastors, seeking to secure just allowances, and prompt and full payment of the same. In this department I report but little change from last year.

Two bright and beautiful parsonages have been finished this year—one on the Bethel Charge, the other at Laurel. These buildings are both attractive in appearance, creditable to the Churches, and give promise of great convenience and comfort to the pastors and their families. Rev. A. G. Newton and Rev. T. G. Williams are the laborious pastors who deserve the credit for the erection of these beautiful homes.

Two new churches have been finished this year—the first at Belfast, Owensville Charge, Rev. W. P. English, pastor, at a cost of $3,000 or a little more; the second at Greenberry, on the Marathon Charge, costing $3,000, Rev. L. A. Washburn, pastor. The first is a frame, the second a brick. Both have slate roofs. In both, the internal arrangements and finish are pleasing to the eye, and very comfortable. Both Societies are justly proud of their houses of worship. I may modestly mention that both congregations saw fit to invite the Presiding Elder of the district to dedicate these churches, an honorable service we gladly rendered. At Belfast we raised about $165, which more than paid all indebtedness. At Greenberry we needed $600, and raised about $700.

Rev. W. J. Dunham reports $300 raised for improvements at Point Isabel, Felicity Charge. Rev. D. S. Ewry reports $275 for improvements on the Chilo Charge. Rev. W. J. Baker, of Goshen, reports $60. The pastor of Ripley, Rev. E. T. Lane, reports $150. Milford, Rev. M. LeSourd, reports $100. Rev. R. S. Hagerman reports $100 for Montgomery. Rev. H. W. Bailey reports $125 for Batavia; Rev. J. Phillips, $130 at Branch Hill Charge; Rev. L. M. Davis, $80 at Newtown; Rev. C. W. Horn, of Georgetown, $250; Rev. Ira E. Price, $75 for Manchester; Rev. W. E. Shriver, $100 for Feesburg; Rev. H. E. Armacost, $300 for Amelia; Rev. W. A. Wiant, $115 for Mason.

Other improvements have been made, but the reports have not reached me in time for this writing.

Rev. J. L. Shively reports that the remainder of the old debt at Lebanon—$307—has been paid this year. The debt of $500 on the parsonage at South Lebanon has, through the wise management of Rev. J. T. Bail, been paid. Rev. E. S. Gaddis reports that Loveland has paid on the new church debt $371, with less than $100 to be raised, which will clear this beautiful church from all debt.

I think about $1,000 will pay all the church debts in the district. I report the greater part of the church property in good repair and well insured.

The temperance fight is on in this district. A notable battle was fought and won in Williamsburg this summer, and it is very gratifying to me to note that the two Methodist pastors living there—Brothers Darling and Gudgeon—were right at the front, enthusiastic leaders in the fight until the victory was won. Rev. C. W. Horn, our pastor in Georgetown, inaugurated the fight there, and is a conspicuous leader of the temperance forces. The vote will take place during this month, and we expect to hear the shout of victory there. I am sorry to note that in classic Lebanon, whose centennial is to be celebrated this fall, our temperance forces met with defeat. But another day of battle is coming! This giant foe to God and man must be destroyed. Lincoln once said, "This Republic can not live half free and half slave!" So I believe this Republic can not live half drunk and half sober. Our National life is involved in this issue.

In closing this report, indulge me in a further personal word. Some of the charges of the district I had the privilege of serving in my young manhood. Coming back to the old fields after many years of absence has been a peculiar joy to me—a joy not unmingled with sadness; for as I went from point to point, the question would not down at my bidding, "Where are my friends of other years?" The answer came, "Gone!" and it at first gave me a feeling of lonesomeness. Then I said, "Gone, but not lost; gone to join the ranks of the glorified in heaven; and thitherward I am journeying." So my mourning was turned into joy; for I shall see them again.

I had some knowledge of all the pastors in the district before I came to the work; but the year's association has caused me to know them better, and to esteem them very highly in love, and to feel an abiding interest in their welfare. May the Lord help me and bless them and the charges they represent!

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, Presiding Elder.

THERE are so many items in the work of the Springfield District that there is no time to remark that "another year has passed away." Neither is there space to discuss what Methodism has been, is, and shall be. Neither shall we outline what action the next General Conference shall take. We leave these fascinating topics to the other elders, whose reports may not be so crowded. We drop at once into the swift current of the district history, and shall first note certain items of a general character.

GENERAL ITEMS.—The Epworth Leagues, thirty in number, have made a good year's record under the district superintendency of W. A. Cool, of Urbana, and his efficient cabinet. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (seventeen Auxiliaries), with Mrs. H. S. Bradley,

District President, and Miss Clara Black, Secretary, has had a successful year. New societies for the young ladies are reported at Terre Haute, Greenville, and Yellow Springs. The Woman's Home Missionary Society (fourteen Auxiliaries), with Mrs. Lindenberger, of Troy, President, and Miss Anna Donaldson, Urbana, Secretary, has an equally encouraging record. The Sabbath-school interests are well in hand, and in my visits to the schools I have been impressed by the religious earnestness of the superintendents and teachers. The Sabbath-school of Troy continues to lead universal Methodism in the Children's-day Fund. On Sabbath, June 1st, a tablet presented by the Board of Education was unveiled. It is set in the wall of the beautiful new Sabbath-school room, and bears this inscription: "To the Sunday-school of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Troy, Ohio, for ten years the largest contributor to the Sunday-school Children's Fund, this tablet is awarded by the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 'And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.' (Isa. liv, 13.)" The editor of the *Christian Student* pays deserved tribute to Professor C. L. Van Cleve, whose interest has meant so much for this cause. A new Sabbath-school has been organized at Snow Hill, on the Northside, Springfield. W. A. Gibbs is superintendent. There is a corps of eleven teachers and officers, and a school enrollment of eighty-two. The average attendance since its organization, about two months ago, has been between forty-five and fifty. There is an earnest desire on the part of some to begin a church at that point; but this I have discouraged. It is a good field for Sabbath-school work, but not suitable for a Church enterprise. The age demands not only an educated but a studious ministry. The *Talmud* gives an account of a noted rabbi, who studied the Law with such diligence and mental heat that the birds flying overhead fell dead at his feet. I have not found any dead birds in the studies of our pastors; from which it may be inferred that they do not proceed at the hot rate of the old rabbi; but, in the main, they are studious men and fond of their books. Rev. G. L. Tufts, in the midst of his successful pastorate at New Carlisle, has pursued a post-graduate course in Wittenberg College, and a few days ago was awarded, upon examination, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The work of our pastors has met with appreciation, as shown by the fact that twenty-four charges have requested the return of their ministers. Two of these—C. L. Conger and J. A. Story—are for the eighth year. As remarked last year, the evil prophecies in regard to the removal of the time-limit have no fulfillment in the Springfield District. Our old veterans share with the pastors the affections of the people. Within our bounds six of our retired clergy find their homes: Rev. J. G. Black at New Carlisle; Rev. John Vance, New Moorefield; Rev. C. H. Kalbfus, Yellow Springs; Rev. G. M. Edgar, Troy; Rev. S. W. Carey, Urbana; Rev. J. W. Mason, Springfield; and Dr. Adam Bowers, Piqua. The health of Brother Mason marks a slow improvement, and his patient cheerfulness and Christian hope is an inspiration to all. He sends to the Conference his affectionate greeting. Our hearts are deeply moved by the lonely sorrow of Dr. Bowers. Mrs. Bowers was as true and beautiful a Christian spirit as our Conference has ever known. In the frailty of Dr. Bower's health and in all the varying experiences of the itinerancy she was his ministering angel. A queen of that rare and charming grace of loving kindness has received her crown.

CONVERSIONS NOTED.—To report conversions is not easily done. The exact facts are known only to God. The most careful statements are merely approximate. In any event it is impossible to express the character value of the converts. The Scriptures show caution upon this matter. St. Luke reporting the baptisms, not conversions, of Pentecost says, "And the same day there were added unto them *about* three thou-

sand souls." I requested the pastors to make their statements with conscientious care, and the reports given reach only to May 1, 1902. The charges reporting fifteen conversions or over are: Dialton, 15; Greene Street, Piqua, 16; New Moorefield, 20; Catawba, 20; Grace, Piqua, 30; Greenville, 36; South Charleston, 38; Mechanicsburg, 50; Central, Springfield, 53; King's Creek, 57; Tremont City, 65. The total report from all the charges aggregates 454. The revival at Tremont City was remarkable for both power and permanence, and it is the second great work on this charge in the pastorate of Brother Maddox. Last year the victory was at Terre Haute. In the last three years Pastor G. L. Tufts, of New Carlisle, has received on probation, 74; by letter, 46; into full membership, 63; total, 120. Of the 228 members in full connection, he has received 91. Such a three years' record is certainly cheering. The pastors report that up to and including August 10th, they have received by letter 420, and on probation 458, making 878, a net gain of 478.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—The support of our pastors has given much care and harassment. One night last winter I dreamed that one of my ministers had shot his horse and was living on horse meat. This pastor did not have a horse at all, so the beast of my dream was clearly a nightmare. Despite all possible persuasion and protest, three of our charges have reduced their estimates for ministerial support. There was not in any case a sufficient reason for such action. On the other hand, it is a sincere pleasure to report that in the past year ten charges out of the twenty-eight have increased the preacher's salary. The following charges make up this roll of honor: Tremont City, $15; Covington, $50; Tippecanoe City, $50; Arcanum, $50; Yellow Springs, $50; King's Creek, $100; New Carlisle (alone), $100; Clifton Avenue, $100; Greenville, $100; Brandt, $130; making in all $745 advance. These figures indicate a movement in the right direction. Our laymen are recognizing more and more the economic law, good workmen—good wages, and are realizing that no Conference on earth can, or ought to, send them a sealskin preacher for a muskrat salary.

IMPROVEMENTS.—This year has been marked by the renovation of churches and the extensive improvement of Church property. The list mentioned with utmost brevity is a long one. New Carlisle church reroofed and recarpeted, aggregating $400. In the last three years New Carlisle has spent $1,300 in church and parsonage improvements; Greenville, sundry items, $160; Greene Street, Piqua, $200; Grace, Piqua, $200; Tippecanoe City, refresco, electric lighting, $750; Troy, new stable, $500; Arcanum, refresco, new furnace, etc., $800; Donnellsville, new carpet and furnace, $275; musical improvements, new pianos, at South Charleston and Selma, $470; Old Town, painting and decorating, $100; Yellow Springs, painting, decoration, new roof, and carpet, $600; Emory will soon place $150 improvements upon the church; Clifton, vestibule, tower, furnace, and class-room, $500; Cedarville, cathedral glass windows, furnace, electric light, decorating, $800; Brighton, painting and decorating, at a cost of about $80; Mutual, improvements at Union, Mutual, Treacles Creek, and parsonage, $160; Covington, parsonage, $80; Troy Circuit, improvements at Bethel, $300; King's Creek, parsonage repair and Cable Church, $255; Tremont Charge, $340; New Moorefield, $300; Mechanicsburg, $75; Brandt, $42; Grace, Urbana, $60; McKendree of Christiansburg Charge, elegantly refitted and refurnished, $614. The reopenings of these eleven churches were occasions of special and blessed interest. Another incident of equal satisfaction, though of a somewhat different nature, was the burning of the mortgage upon the Grace Church, Piqua, parsonage. This obligation of $1,200 being canceled, $800 was paid this year. It was the privilege of Mrs. Spahr to apply the match, and the Sabbath morning congregation of April 13th watched the cremation with something of the joy of ancient Israel as they watched the glowing Shekinah upon the altar.

NEW CHURCHES.—The societies of Donnellsville, Vienna Cross Roads, and Brighton have been supplied acceptably by Rev. W. F. Clark, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and Dr. D. C. Ridgway, formerly a member of this Conference. Last year impaired health brought Dr. Ridgway among his old friends and former parishioners at Troy, and their welcome and fellowship have been such a tonic that he has been able to render the service mentioned. One of the societies under his care, Vienna Cross Roads, is now engaged in building a new church, the contract value of which is $4,400. It will be a beautiful and commodious frame structure. The enterprise has not only the enthusiasm of our own people, but the good-will and co-operation of a friendly and well-to-do community. The Springfield, London, & Columbus Traction line, recently finished, passes through the town, and its coming, together with

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the new church, will mark a new era in the history of the place. The corner-stone was laid with appropriate services July 21st. The coming year will witness the building of two new churches in Springfield. The bequest of the late P. P. Mast to Grace Church has been received. The conditions, which were so generously modified by the Ohio Wesleyan University, have been met, and the stock has been transferred to the Trustees of the Church. The appraised value is $13,125, and so soon as the stock can be sold, and it has good rating, the work on the new Grace Church will begin.

A new church for High Street is now assured. Subscriptions have been secured. Quarterly Conference authorization has been taken, the architect employed, plans—excepting some minor detail—adopted, and contract will soon be let for a $30,000 stone church. The general plan is that of the English country church, and with its beautiful site it will be an ornament to the city, while the elegant and homelike interior will be equally satisfactory to the congregation.

THE HOME FOR THE AGED.—This beautiful cause grows in favor from year to year. There are twenty-one members in the Home. The superintendent, Dr. H. C. Weakley, reports that the gifts received from donors within the district during the past three years amounts to $16,300. This is certainly substantial home indorsement of the Home.

BENEVOLENCES AND BEQUESTS.—The Easter-day missionary offering from the Sabbath-schools was $422. A Missionary Conference was held in connection with our Ministerial Association in Grace Church, Urbana. Dr. J. H. Worley, of China, took the place of Bishop Thoburn, and Dr. Bashford also gave an address. A great audience listened to these earnest

appeals, and the musical climax of the occasion was the singing of the old Easter anthem of Hastings by the Urbana choirs. A searching review of the record of the district in missionary offerings was given by Rev. C. L. Conger in his usual thorough style. The effect of the meeting was excellent. There is fair prospect that we shall repeat the record of last year by making an advance upon the regular collections, and our special gifts and bequests will give our district a most creditable record. Dr. Dart reports the bequest of Robert Singleton, paid by the executrix, Mrs. Mary Singleton, of $1,500 to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be divided equally between the Missionary Society and the Tract Society. The devotion of Mrs. Singleton and her love for the Church bring with this gift a sacred consecration. It is refreshing to meet with this old-time loyalty and sincere love for the house of God. Dr. Story reports a like gift from the heirs of Rev. W. B. Moler, of precious memory, who gives $1,000 to investment fund for Conference claimants. It will be remembered that Brother Moler was for many years a valuable member of the Conference Board of Stewards, and impressed by the pathetic need which that service revealed, formed the generous purpose which his not less generous children have now carried out. Dr. Story also rports an annuity gift of $4,000 to the Missionary Society by Miss Mary E. Whiteley, a most valued member of High Street Church. From this Church $5,000 are credited to the Home for the Aged. Beside their own new Church subscriptions and these generous gifts, the High Street people have contributed, all told, $6,800 to the new Young Men's Christian Association building. Dr. Story has good reasons to believe in the generosity of his people. Rev. C. L. Conger reports a gift of $1,000 to the Preachers' Relief Fund of the Cincinnati Conference, and he also reports the gift of $1,000 to the Home for the Aged. The Greenville people have wide horizons and generous hearts. Young and old partake of this spirit. The Junior League this year has sent offerings to the Home for the Aged, the Orphans' Home at Baroda, India, and Mrs. Faxon's Temperance Mission in Manila. A member of Rev. J. L. Dalbey's charge handed him five twenty-dollar gold-pieces for the Emergency Missionary Fund. Rev. J. S. Pumphrey, of South Charleston, reports another gift from his aged friend and parishioner, Laban W. Haughey. This time the gift is $2,500 to the Loan Fund of the Church Extension Society. There is another gift from this South Charleston benefactor, which has not yet been noted. He has transferred to the Missionary Society certain real estate in Springfield, valued at $5,000. When this property is sold $1,000 is to go to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $1,000 to the Home Missionary Society, and the remainder to the Parent Board. The known benefactions of Brother Haughey now aggregate $19,600. The dear old gentleman, aged ninety-one next month, recently said to his pastor, that he had now settled his estate, and had nothing to do but to say his prayers and get ready for heaven. Summing up, we find that the special gifts from the Springfield District to the regular benevolent collections will be as follows: Tracts, $750; Preachers' Relief Fund, $1,000; Conference Claimants, $1,000; Church Extension, $2,500; and Missions, $4,750; a total of $10,000. This list does not include Brother Haughey's real estate gift (estimated at $5,000) to Missions and the Mast bequest to the Conference Claimants' Fund. Central Church, Springfield, deserves especial mention on account of the fact that besides paying $1,400 on her improvement debt, she has met in full every apportionment for the benevolences. Dr. A. B. Leonard promised his old friends that he would add $100 to their Missionary collection, if they met their apportionment. They advanced $50 beyond their apportionment, and with the Doctor's

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check the whole report is $690. Of this amount the Sabbath-school, with that royal friend of missions, Mr. J. A. Myers as superintendent, gives $295. The full total for the benevolences from "old Central," including the ladies societies, is $1,377.

THE MAST BEQUESTS.—On August 22, 1902, the settlement of the Mast bequests took place. The chief beneficiaries were Grace Church, Springfield; the Cincinnati Conference, and the Ohio Wesleyan University. The bequests are in the form of shares of stock bearing a face value of $100. The estimated value of the university gift is $150,000. Grace Church received seventy-five shares of stock in the P. P. Mast Company, having an appraised value of $13,125. The Conference has received one hundred and fifty shares in the P. P. Mast Company, and one hundred and nineteen shares in the Mast, Foss & Company. The appraised value of this bequest is $39,340. The dividends show that the stocks of both of these companies are valuable property. What do these gifts mean? The first mentioned means all sorts of good things for the Ohio Wesleyan University. Ask Dr. Bashford. The second means a beautiful new church in Springfield. Ask J. L. Duckwall and his happy people. And the last one will mean presently from $1,500 to $2,000 per year addition to our Conference Claimants' Fund. The gift from Greenville, the bequest of Brother Moler, as true a Methodist preacher as ever entered a pulpit, and this permanent fund created by the bequest of P. P. Mast, assure us that God's faithful servants are not forgotten. When we think of what these gifts of over $40,000 signify to these honored and godly men and women, our hearts begin to throb in something of the same way as "when love Divine first found us." There is a mist before our eyes. May God bless our honored brothers—the veterans of this holy war!

"Fear not, brethren, joyful stand
On the borders of our land;
Jesus Christ, our Father's Son,
Bids us undismayed go on."

THE TWENTIETH-CENTURY MOVEMENT.—On that matter of mystery, vague and vast—the Twentieth-century Movement—it is difficult to give exact report. Certain items have already been mentioned, but following the notation of the pastors and the agents of educational and charitable institutions, we have as a summing up these figures: New Carlisle, $20; Clifton Avenue, $650; Tremont City, $83; Catawba, $200; Grace, Piqua, $800; Grace, Urbana, $1,100; First, Urbana, $1,500; Central, $4,014; Greenville, $5,000; South Charleston, $16,500; High Street, $17,000; total credited to Churches, $46,867. Annuities from within the district to the Ohio Wesleyan University, $7,200. Concerning the Mast bequests it should be said that the will was written over fifteen years ago, and although the testator had in his lifetime witnessed and shared in a large number of century movements, this twentieth one did not reach him. It had absolutely nothing to do with these gifts. The same thing is true in other cases where we have the movement without the twentieth century motive. However, according to the directions of the General Commission, these bequests should be noted, and, adding them to the list already given, the grand total for the Springfield District on the Twentieth-century Movement is $256,532.

Finally, let me say that although many matters have been mentioned, the best of all has not been told. It is this: that for one year in the sixty-nine churches and communities of the Springfield District these twenty-nine pastors have preached and practiced the glorious Gospel of the Son of God. Every minister and charge has had a part in a great movement—not merely of the twentieth century, but of all the centuries—the movement of this old world upward out of its sin and sorrow, to the loving heart of the great God. Of all that has been said and done, this service, which transcends all record, is the greatest and the best.

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STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

QUESTION 30.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, ... $10,15000

QUESTION 31.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From Chartered Fund, ...	$22 00
From Mears Bequest, ...	100 00
From Book Concern, ...	579 00
From Conference Trustees, ...	442 23
From Balance in Treasury, ...	25 35
From the Charges, ...	5,710 00
Total, ...	$6,878 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIMANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail, ...	Self, ...	$400 00	$268 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black, ...	Self, ...	400 00	268 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. H. Davis. . . .	H. G. Curless, ...	150 00	100 50	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy, . . .	. . . . .	400 00	268 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar, .	G. W. Dubois, ...	300 00	201 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston, . .	Self, ...	300 00	201 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee, ...	By mail, ...	250 00	167 50	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler, ...	By mail, ...	300 00	201 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman, . .	By mail, ...	200 00	134 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull, ...	By mail, ...	150 00	100 50	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson, . .	Self, ...	200 00	134 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James, ...	Self, ...	200 00	134 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus, . .	Self, ...	400 00	268 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck, ...	Self, ...	350 00	234 50	Toledo, O
Rev. J. F. Loyd, ...	By mail, ...	400 00	268 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh, ...	By mail, ...	300 00	201 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. J. W. Mason, . . .	C. M. Van Pelt, . . .	300 00	201 00	Springfield, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland, .	Self, ...	400 00	268 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. Wm. M West, . . .	A. D. Maddox, ...	200 00	134 00	Newtown, O.
Rev. L. F. Young, ...	By mail, ...	300 00	201 00	St. Paris, O.
Funeral expenses of Rev. Geo. B. Shanor, . .	. . . . . Net	50 00	50 00	

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	A. C. Turrell,	$150 00	$100 50	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	150 00	100 50	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. D. Callahan	C. W. Horn,	150 00	100 50	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt,	By mail,	150 00	100 50	Greenville, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall,	A. D. Maddox,	150 00	100 50	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	By mail,	200 00	134 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	By mail,	200 00	134 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	100 00	67 00	
Mrs. J. W. Keely,	By mail,	50 00	33 50	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	150 00	100 50	Spencerville, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald,	C. M. Van Pelt,	200 00	134 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	J. J. McCabe	100 00	67 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. H. Middleton,	By Mail,	50 00	33 50	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. H. Miller and daughter,	E. McHugh,	200 00	134 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove	By mail,	200 00	134 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	By mail,	200 00	134 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and children,	M. Sellers,	200 00	134 00	Mechanicsburg. O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry and children,	M. W. Patton,	200 00	134 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. J. M. Robinson,	Self,	50 00	33 50	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. D. H. Sargent,	By mail,	150 00	100 50	St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	By mail,	150 00	100 50	Lambert's Pt., Va.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	J. P. Porter,	200 00	134 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and children,	A. D. Maddox,	300 00	201 50	Cleves, O.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts,	By mail,	200 00	134 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve,	G. W. Dubois,	100 00	67 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. J. S. Whitney,	By mail,	50 00	33 50	Lebanon, O.
Stationery, etc.,	Net	3 00	3 00	
Printing Minutes,	Net	5 00	5 00	
Total,		10050 00	$6849 50	
Balance in treasury.		$29 08		

R. E. Smith, *Chairman.*
J. E. Abrams, *Secretary.*
A. D. Maddox, *Treasurer.*
G. P. Austin,
Philip Trout,
G. M. Fulton,
J. F. Laird,
J. R. Hill,
C. W. Elliott,
Board of Conference Stewards.

1902

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1902.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Voucher.	Grand Total.
For Missionary Society,	$15,549 00	$7,054 00	$22,603 00
For Church Extension Society,	1,607 00	3,138 00	4,745 00
For Sunday-school Union,	282 00	156 00	438 00
For Tract Society,	243 00	122 00	365 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education,	1,786 00	1,341 00	3,127 00
From "Public Education" Collections,	383 00	303 00	686 00
For Children's Fund,	707 00	395 00	1,102 00
For American Bible Society,	404 00	603 00	1,007 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	22 00	12,811 00	12,833 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society,	43 00	10,736 00	10,779 00
For Christ's Hospital,	586 00	5,562 00	6,148 00
For Home for the Aged,	167 00	1,697 00	1,764 00
For Conference Claimants,	4,972 00	738 00	5,710 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,317 00	220 00	1,537 00
From "Other Benevolent Collections,"	122 00	9,126 00	9,248 00
From Fractional Dollars,	9 25	....	9 25
Grand total,	$28,199 25	$53,902 00	$82,101 25

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Pye, for various Benevolences,	$20,886 00
Paid A. D. Maddox, Treas., for Conference Claimants,	4,972 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ's Hospital,	591 00
Paid J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	383 00
Paid W. F. McDowell, for Children's Fund,	707 00
Paid John Pearson, for American Bible Society,	404 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	167 00
Paid Mrs. G. R. Wright, for Woman's Home Missionary Society,	43 00
Paid Mrs. D. Lee Aultman, for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	22 00
Paid E. J. Moore, for Anti-Saloon League,	15 00
Paid S. O. Royal, for publishing Conference Minutes,	9 25
Total disbursements,	$28,199 25

Receipts and vouchers for above amounts are in my hands.

Calvin W. Horn, *Conference Treasurer.*

Cincinnati, O., September 8, 1902.

STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY . . . . . W. A. WIANT, Mason, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Pr'hers.	Deaths.	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Cincinnati: Asbury	4	167	1	2	3	1	1	22	200	1	$8,000	1	$2,000	$481	.....	.....
Avondale	6	220	1	1	1	2	1	24	155	1	30,000	1	11,000	200	.....	$2,500
Christie	6	304	1	4	4	2	1	19	200	1	20,000	1	5,000	1,599	.....	.....
Clifton	....	50	....	....	4	....	1	11	42	1	35,000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	2	249	2	4	8	4	1	24	334	1	8,000	1	3,000	200	.....	3,000
Delta Ave	7	153	....	3	10	1	1	23	150	1	12,000	....	.....	80	.....	.....
E. Pearl Street	15	81	....	1	5	7	1	11	114	1	6,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Fairmount	....	180	....	....	5	....	1	23	200	1	7,000	1	2,500	200	$500	500
Finley	2	120	1	3	6	2	1	16	160	1	10,000	....	.....	400	103	.....
First Church, N'thside	21	306	2	2	4	2	1	30	250	1	30,000	....	.....	.....	1,000	6,000
Linwood and Mad. Av.	6	131	....	1	6	....	2	23	183	2	2,000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McKendree	5	245	1	6	5	1	1	22	210	1	16,000	....	.....	75	60	.....
Mt. Auburn	7	232	....	3	5	2	1	13	147	1	30,000	....	.....	600	500	.....
Mt. Lookout	8	235	1	3	....	4	1	21	140	1	5,000	1	2,500	600	150	.....
Price Hill	8	186	2	1	9	4	1	18	150	1	14,000	....	.....	200	.....	*
Riverside & C'p Wash.	2	168	....	2	9	2	2	30	475	2	8,000	....	.....	.....	.....	4,500
St. Paul	22	583	1	7	40	32	1	30	350	1	125,000	1	20,000	1,174	1,000	1,600
Trinity	43	525	2	10	16	25	1	35	325	1	75,000	1	6,000	2,200	.....	.....
Walnut Hills	20	522	....	8	10	10	1	41	371	1	60,000	1	15,000	70	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel	68	589	2	11	30	12	1	38	313	1	85,000	1	10,000	317	.....	.....
Westwood	4	202	....	3	7	....	1	28	185	1	50,000	1	8,000	8,500	.....	.....
York Street	31	184	....	6	3	2	1	22	185	1	12,000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bond Hill & Ple's't Ridge	3	136	....	1	1	3	2	23	186	2	7,000	....	.....	212	60	380
Carthage & Elmwood Pl.	6	235	....	1	6	5	2	40	260	2	6,000	....	.....	125	.....	.....
Cleves & Addyston	11	384	....	18	5	2	2	30	200	2	9,000	1	1,500	200	150	1,800
Delhi	30	222	....	1	10	18	1	23	168	1	10,000	....	.....	3,085	185	.....
Groesbeck	2	145	....	6	3	....	4	41	195	4	5,000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell	3	202	....	....	....	....	1	20	200	1	12,000	1	2,500	300	1,400	.....
Harrison	2	150	....	5	4	6	1	14	100	1	10,000	1	1,200	150	.....	500
Lockland-Wyoming	9	331	1	3	6	....	1	29	200	1	25,000	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville	2	440	1	5	6	2	1	25	285	1	25 000	1	3,000	150	.....	.....
Norwood: 1st Church	18	283	1	2	2	3	1	18	175	1	5,000	....	.....	65	.....	.....
Grace Church	6	219	....	2	6	1	1	28	243	1	5,500	....	.....	.....	170	700
Winton Place	5	148	....	4	1	1	1	22	150	1	15,000	1	10,000	.....	1,080	.....
Miamitown & Mt. Hope	....	[93	....	3	....	....	2	12	60	2	2,400	....	.....	125	.....	.....
Totals	379	8,640	20	127	240	156	42	880	7201	44	784,900	18	112200	21,259	6,358	21,480
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany	1	178	....	1	....	6	1	18	75	1	3,000	1	1,000	60	.....	.....
Camden & Somerville	6	315	....	1	....	5	2	34	230	2	9,500	1	1,000	650	.....	.....
Centerville	23	414	....	2	1	1	2	37	212	2	8,500	1	1,000	140	.....	.....
Concord	16	245	....	2	1	1	4	66	215	4	4,950	1	600	3,800	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway	23	756	2	8	23	34	1	71	500	1	10,000	1	3,000	50	.....	.....
Grace	10	756	1	7	2	8	1	31	350	1	60,000	....	.....	.....	200	3,800
Riverdale	21	198	....	5	4	4	1	25	250	1	16,000	....	.....	.....	1,200	6,300
Raper	23	835	1	5	17	24	1	48	500	1	25,000	1	3,000	40	.....	.....
St. Paul	25	825	2	12	15	20	1	58	600	1	25,000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity	10	363	2	8	10	21	1	33	325	1	12,000	1	2,500	500	750	1,400
Eaton	10	258	1	4	....	4	1	24	190	1	20,000	1	3,000	110	.....	.....
Ebenezer & Homest'd Av.	3	190	....	....	4	1	2	34	230	2	7,800	1	1,500	40	438	2,300
Fair Haven & Sugar Val.	8	314	1	2	....	4	2	27	200	2	4,600	1	800	40	.....	.....
Fort Jefferson	14	191	1	2	3	1	3	54	340	4	5,500	1	700	92	.....	.....
Franklin	2	337	....	3	2	....	1	18	150	1	20,000	1	4,000	500	884	1,400
Germantown	....	163	....	1	7	2	1	2	120	1	2,500	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glendale & Port Union	25	200	....	1	2	2	4	30	200	2	7,500	1	2,500	250	.....	.....
Gordon	10	150	....	1	5	14	3	41	380	4	7,500	1	375	2,500	.....	1,100
Hamilton	8	639	....	8	18	19	1	54	750	1	40,000	1	10,000	100	12,098	.....
Lewisburg	15	238	....	1	....	22	3	50	296	3	8,000	1	1,200	330	.....	.....
Miamisburg	4	296	....	2	....	5	1	25	260	1	8,000	2	4,500	.....	.....	.....
Middletown	8	618	1	7	17	18	1	31	500	1	40,000	1	3,500	250	1,850	.....
Monroe	14	150	....	1	....	....	2	21	95	2	10,000	1	2,000	175	.....	.....
New Paris	10	149	....	1	....	8	2	18	85	3	2,100	1	700	61	50	27
Osborn	10	320	....	5	3	1	4	50	250	4	12,000	....	.....	3,000	.....	1,000
Oxford	18	411	2	....	21	64	2	30	250	1	20,000	1	2,000	315	.....	.....
Red Lion & Merrittstown	7	143	....	....	4	4	2	29	125	2	5,500	1	1,000	140	.....	.....
Seven Mile	18	225	....	3	8	5	2	26	148	2	11,500	1	1,000	650	.....	.....
Springboro and Lytle	5	227	3	3	....	2	2	28	250	2	3,200	1	2,000	76	215	20
Venice	3	335	....	5	4	3	5	63	284	5	11,200	1	700	.....	460	.....
Walker & Union	2	110	....	2	....	....	2	14	75	2	3,700	....	.....	350	.....	.....

* Church built on land perpetually leased with privilege of purchase at $3,000.

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West Alexandria	....	159	4	1	4	4	1	20	150	1	$3,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Carrollton	10	250	....	1	30	20	1	17	200	1	1,900	1	$2,500	.....	$200	$1,200	.....
West Chester	4	315	....	....	12	....	3	32	200	1	7,000	1	1,500	880	.....	.....	.....
West Elkton	40	160	4	4	4	18	4	45	220	3	5,000	1	1,000	50	.....	.....	.....
Woodward Ave	10	51	1	....	2	7	1	15	95	1	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	415	11484	26	109	228	352	71	1227	9340	72	442,110	29	58,575	15,149	17,845	18,547	
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast	8	460	....	6	2	11	6	57	300	6	9,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blanchester	18	295	2	5	2	....	1	19	250	1	10,000	1	1,600	375	752	2,000	.....
Bowersville	7	337	1	1	....	2	4	32	260	4	9,500	1	600	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Centerfield & Clear Cr'k	4	56	....	1	....	5	2	7	70	2	1,500	..	.....	35	.....	.....	40
Clarksville	7	324	....	7	1	....	4	45	250	4	6,000	1	1,900	1,000	.....	.....	60
Dunkinsville	12	202	2	4	1	....	3	21	140	4	3,000	..	.....	92	.....	.....	.....
Greenfield	34	1,085	....	15	5	28	1	36	739	1	10,000	1	6,500	6,505	650	.....	.....
Highland	37	380	1	1	1	22	3	49	812	3	8,000	1	800	20	1,035	.....	.....
Hillsboro	27	749	2	11	10	....	1	33	572	1	12,000	1	3,000	....	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown	2	345	....	8	2	3	1	20	155	1	12,500	1	2,000	370	.....	.....	.....
Leesburg	4	388	3	5	....	6	3	58	375	3	13,500	1	2,000	84	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg	9	563	....	4	2	26	4	80	450	4	7,000	1	2,000	150	.....	.....	.....
Martinsville	2	200	1	6	....	....	5	50	280	5	9,000	1	600	210	120	.....	.....
Mowrytown	1	219	....	2	....	14	5	46	259	5	7,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200
Mount Orab	46	412	2	6	8	21	4	48	350	4	5,500	1	1,500	184	33	.....	300
New Burlington	21	515	2	7	2	55	4	52	321	4	6,700	1	1,500	75	.....	.....	.....
New Jasper	4	316	....	2	2	6	3	35	175	3	7,440	1	1,800	485	.....	.....	.....
New Vienna	10	271	....	....	....	1	3	36	175	3	7,500	1	2,000	800	.....	.....	.....
Peebles	9	345	1	8	2	25	3	58	250	3	2,800	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rainsboro	6	464	1	10	6	27	4	60	530	4	8,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sabina	3	230	....	3	2	....	1	21	175	1	14,000	1	2,000	180	120	.....	.....
Sinking Spring	62	400	1	4	....	9	5	58	420	5	4,500	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Tree Ridge	17	338	1	3	....	12	5	66	310	5	5,500	..	253	13	.....	.....	.....
Union	22	378	1	4	2	11	5	72	360	5	5,800	1	2,400	195	400	400	.....
Waynesville	6	312	....	10	13	11	2	25	225	2	6,000	1	2,000	150	110	.....	.....
Wilmington	2	293	1	8	....	2	1	18	150	1	12,000	1	2,000	3,075	.....	.....	.....
Winchester	4	285	1	4	7	4	2	30	240	2	11,500	1	1,000	3,557	457	600	.....
Xenia: First Church	75	564	1	9	3	14	1	38	750	1	37,000	1	5,000	500	1,500	4,500	.....
Trinity	52	390	1	7	1	....	1	23	185	1	20,000	1	5,000	75	.....	.....	.....
Totals	511	11516	25	161	74	315	87	1188	8837	88	272,240	25	52,053	30,630	5,177	9,100	
MILFORD DISTRICT.																	
Aberdeen	1	427	4	....	....	1	4	30	202	4	5,500	1	800	20	.....	.....	.....
Amelia	4	332	3	9	3	12	3	32	375	3	6,000	1	1,200	300	.....	.....	.....
Batavia	11	258	....	3	1	....	1	20	200	1	15,000	1	1,200	125	.....	.....	500
Bethel	3	403	2	4	....	6	5	59	355	5	4,000	1	1,500	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Branch Hill	4	151	....	1	4	5	4	34	185	4	8,400	..	.....	140	400	400	.....
Butlerville	6	300	1	9	6	28	4	46	254	4	3,500	1	.....	20	.....	.....	.....
Centenary	5	250	1	....	....	....	5	30	125	5	8,000	..	.....	65	.....	.....	.....
Chilo	....	225	....	5	1	4	5	50	240	5	5,000	1	400	275	2	10	.....
Decatur	30	408	1	5	2	9	5	70	400	5	6,000	1	1,200	100	.....	.....	.....
Feesburg	10	275	1	2	....	28	5	40	230	5	3,700	1	900	150	.....	.....	.....
Felicity	10	352	1	5	....	25	2	50	175	2	5,000	1	1,000	300	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown	10	472	....	10	2	25	3	44	300	3	10,000	1	1,800	250	.....	.....	.....
Goshen	8	281	1	3	2	2	3	44	280	3	3,700	1	1,200	65	.....	.....	.....
Laurel	....	409	....	3	....	....	4	60	250	4	7,000	1	1,800	700	.....	.....	75
Lebanon	7	326	....	7	4	9	1	19	180	1	12,000	1	2,500	129	307	.....	.....
Loveland	4	155	....	3	5	....	1	22	170	1	6,000	..	.....	.....	371	159	.....
Maineville	4	160	....	3	4	6	2	30	175	2	4,500	1	1,500	100	.....	.....	.....
Manchester	6	425	....	....	3	10	2	34	320	2	6,000	1	1,500	75	.....	.....	.....
Marathon	7	453	....	10	2	14	5	49	286	5	7,500	1	1,200	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Mason	12	296	....	1	19	11	3	43	345	3	7,700	1	3,500	150	.....	.....	.....
Milford	3	305	....	1	4	8	1	28	170	1	6,000	1	2,500	100	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	....	186	2	....	....	....	2	15	125	3	3,200	..	.....	100	.....	.....	425
Morrow	8	148	....	4	2	6	1	23	115	1	3,500	1	1,500	18	.....	.....	.....
Moscow	6	354	2	3	....	8	4	50	375	4	12,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Washington	1	117	1	3	....	6	3	32	251	3	7,000	1	1,200	35	.....	.....	.....
New Richmond	17	188	....	4	....	1	1	17	150	1	4,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newtown	....	268	....	1	1	4	3	37	200	3	5,000	1	1,800	80	315	.....	.....
Owensville	5	410	1	5	....	....	4	56	340	4	7,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ripley	17	275	....	6	2	1	1	24	175	1	30,000	1	3,000	150	.....	.....	.....
South Lebanon	....	186	....	2	....	1	2	20	140	2	4,000	1	1,600	.....	500	.....	.....
Summerside	13	273	....	3	....	1	4	50	260	4	7,000	1	1,000	75	.....	.....	.....
West Union	11	442	....	11	1	19	3	61	345	3	5,000	1	1,000	75	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg	2	349	1	6	12	18	1	28	200	1	4,000	1	2,000	50	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit	13	375	1	6	5	8	4	50	280	5	4,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	237	10204	28	138	85	276	101	1297	8173	103	286,300	27	41,500	7,647	1,895	1,560	

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SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	....	168	1	2	...	5	1	19	175	1	$6,000	1	$2,000	$800	.....	.....
Brandt	....	135	1	1	1	2	4	44	215	4	4,800	1	1,200	42	.....	.....
Catawba	4	430	...	6	4	3	3	50	350	3	9,500	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Cedarville	25	350	...	4	...	15	2	27	225	2	6,000	1	2,000	1,300	.....	$200
Christiansburg	5	287	2	4	...	10	4	44	207	4	9,000	1	1,000	614	.....	.....
Covington	41	147	1	1	3	19	2	30	125	2	3,000	1	1,000	80	$10	50
Dialton	11	373	2	3	...	6	4	66	400	4	9,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Greenville	8	420	2	5	1	13	1	27	260	1	27,000	1	2,700	75	885	750
King's Creek	3	201	1	3	...	1	4	46	293	4	2,900	1	900	250	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	31	410	...	7	3	14	1	25	225	1	30,000	1	2,500	123	.....	.....
Mutual	31	375	...	3	2	8	4	57	238	4	7,800	1	800	210	.....	1,200
New Carlisle	17	228	1	5	...	1	1	28	250	1	4,000	1	1,000	400	.....	.....
New Moorefield	6	285	...	1	...	1	4	46	320	4	11,000	1	1,500	800	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	20	380	...	5	5	...	1	34	226	1	6,000	1	3,500	100	700	.....
Greene Street	25	678	...	12	7	4	1	34	250	1	26,000	1	8,000	200	.....	.....
South Charleston	14	341	...	5	...	28	2	31	313	2	12,000	2	5,000	350	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	17	910	1	7	14	8	1	60	738	1	20,000	1	10,000	.....	1,417	2,200
Clifton Ave	17	260	2	4	6	8	1	32	250	1	8,500	..	.....	40	55	1,151
Grace	4	234	1	3	5	...	1	19	247	1	1,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street	10	527	1	3	8	6	1	32	224	1	30,000	1	10,000	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul	9	410	...	5	7	...	1	40	200	1	40,000	1	4,000	400	200	4,000
Tippecanoe City	10	240	2	2	7	2	1	20	215	1	15,000	1	2,000	250	.....	.....
Tremont City	11	447	...	5	3	21	4	51	360	4	19,000	1	1,200	324	.....	.....
Troy	1	555	1	4	3	10	1	30	421	1	60,000	1	7,000	500	.....	.....
Troy Circuit	8	305	...	5	...	8	3	40	200	3	8,000	1	1,500	250	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	5	707	1	9	4	5	1	26	375	1	40,000	1	4,500	100	4,000	11,000
Grace	4	516	...	4	...	7	1	25	325	1	25,000	1	4,000	.....	400	.....
Yellow Springs	35	427	...	6	2	11	3	55	352	3	7,500	1	1,200	742	.....	200
Don't'v'e&ViennaX R'ds	3	210	...	3	...	2	3	37	185	2	4,500	..	.....	3,290	.....	.....
Totals	375	10896	20	127	85	203	61	1075	8164	60	447,500	27	88,000	10,750	7,167	20,751

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP. Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'hers.	Deaths	BAP. Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	CHURCH PROPERTY. Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati	379	8,640	20	127	240	156	42	830	7201	44	$784,900	18	112200	$21259	$6,858	$21460
Dayton	415	11484	26	109	223	352	71	1227	9840	72	442,110	29	58,575	15149	17,845	18,547
Hillsboro	511	11516	25	161	74	815	87	1188	8837	88	272,240	25	52,053	30630	5,177	9,100
Milford	287	10204	23	188	85	276	101	1297	8173	103	236,300	27	41,500	7647	1,895	1,569
Springfield	375	10896	20	127	85	203	61	1075	8164	60	447,500	27	88,000	10750	7,167	20,751
Totals, 1902	1917	52740	114	662	707	1802	362	5617	41715	367	2183050	126	347328	85485	38,442	71,447
Totals, 1901	1910	52747	121	678	757	1871	361	5598	41744	366	2111910	126	336411	109265	41,427	72,857
Increase	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	19	.....	1	71,140	....	10,917	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	....	7	7	16	50	69	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,980	2,985	1,410

STATISTICS No. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ... W. A. WIANT, Mason, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	42	830	7,201	4,846	120	769	1,550	400	$4,721
Dayton,	71	1,227	9,340	5,751	374	1,154	3,078	543	6,183
Hillsboro,	87	1,188	8,837	5,321	569	1,074	4,394	494	3,277
Milford	101	1,297	8,173	5,064	274	1,128	2,699	422	2,094
Springfield,	61	1,075	8,164	5,074	334	915	3,433	446	3,827
Totals, 1902,	362	5,617	41,715	26,056	1,671	5,040	15,154	2,305	$20,102
Totals, 1901,	361	5,598	4,1744	26,772	1,455	5,344	17,348	2,441	17,081
Increase,	1	19	.....	.....	216	.....	.....	.....	$3,021
Decrease,	.....	.....	29	716	.....	304	2,194	136	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'chers.	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd.	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'es & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.	
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																	
Arcanum	....	168	1	2	...	5	1	19	175	1	$6,000	1	$2,000	$800	.....	.....	
Brandt	....	185	1	1	1	2	4	44	215	4	4,800	1	1,200	42	.....	.....	
Catawba	4	480	...	6	4	3	3	50	350	3	9,500	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	
Cedarville	25	350	...	4	...	15	2	37	225	2	6,000	1	2,000	1,300	.....	.....	$200
Christiansburg	5	237	2	4	...	10	4	44	207	4	9,000	1	1,000	614	.....	.....	
Covington	41	147	1	1	3	19	2	30	125	2	3,000	1	1,000	80	$10	50	
Dialton	11	373	2	3	...	6	4	66	400	4	9,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	
Greenville	8	420	2	5	1	18	1	37	260	1	27,000	1	2,700	75	885	750	
King's Creek	3	201	1	3	...	1	4	46	293	4	2,900	1	900	250	.....	.....	
Mechanicsburg	31	410	...	7	3	14	1	25	225	1	30,000	1	2,500	123	.....	.....	
Mutual	31	375	...	3	2	3	4	57	238	4	7,800	1	800	210	.....	1,200	
New Carlisle	17	228	1	5	...	1	1	28	250	1	4,000	1	1,000	400	.....	.....	
New Moorefield	6	285	...	1	...	1	4	46	320	4	11,000	1	1,500	300	.....	.....	
Piqua: Grace	20	380	...	5	5	...	1	34	226	1	6,000	1	3,500	100	700	.....	
Greene Street	25	678	...	12	7	4	1	34	250	1	26,000	1	8,000	200	.....	.....	
South Charleston	14	341	...	5	...	28	2	31	213	2	12,000	2	5,000	350	.....	.....	
Springfield: Central	17	910	1	7	14	8	1	60	738	1	20,000	1	10,000	.....	1,417	2,200	
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BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				ELDERS.		BISHOP.		CLAIMANTS.		EXPENSES.			MISSIONS.				EDUCATION.							
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Rel. Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	REC'D FROM Collections	REC'D FROM Other Sources	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Bethany	J. H. Lease	$700	$75	$775	$675	$75	$750	$25	$50	$48	$6	$5	$808	$12		$12	$100	$60	$88	$7	$45	$6	$1	$2	$10	$1	$3	$2	$30		$25			$25	$142
Camden & Somerville	H. C. Hutchinson	600	100	700	600	100	700		52	52	8	8	760				275	80	65	10	75	2	1	4	6		3	3	34		24				178
Centerville	J. A. White	800	150	950	800	150	950		70	70	10	10	1030	73		73	300	85	66	37	108	20	3	3	20		8	3	30		48		2	19	311
Concord	J. C. Eckles	460	30	490	450	30	490	10	36	36	10	3	519	5		5	170	92	49	4	53	10	1	5	20		2	1							86
Dayton: Broadway	Creighton Wones	1000	200	1200	1100	200	1300	Ex100	86	86	18	18	1399	55		55	800	185	*400	100	500	20	5	5	20		21	5	260	1249	167		10	37	2319
Grace	C. W. Gullett	2000	480	2480	2000	480	2480										2400	2000	228	445	668	50	9	6	50	14	21	52	198	68	587		230	228	1883
Riverdale	W. E. Hammaker	700		700	750		750	Ex 50	49	49	8	5	804	13		13	304	88	45	5	50	3	1	1	3	2		2	10		26		3		116
Raper	J. J. McCabe	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		135	135	23	23	1958	50		50	946	192	78	227	300	15	13	5	25	9	10	5	236	527	345		15	14	1559
St. Paul	J. G. Vaughan	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		126	126	20	20	1946	70		70	850	250	250	150	400	20	5	5	28	150	14	5	243	263	71		5	66	1914
Trinity	E. M. Ellsworth	800	200	1000	817	200	1017	Ex 17	60	60	4	4	1081	12		12	345	159	20	12	32	3	1		2	1	2	1	2		71		4	10	180
Eaton	C. H. Haines	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		90	90	15	15	1105	25		25	450	75	126	32	158	80	5	5	40	2	5	8	52	98	77		2	28	515
Ebenezer and Homestead Ave	O. L. Utter	500	100	600	500	100	600		40	30			680	4		4	174	130	20	5	25	4	1	1	5		2	3	1	1	71			8	118
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	J. F. McColm	600	50	650	600	50	650		48	48	8	8	706	11		11	100	50	108	17	125	9	2	1	10	2	8	5			63			28	281
Fort Jefferson	David W. Clark	500	50	550	500	50	550		37	37	8	8	595	9		9	136	86	40	11	51	8	1	1	7	1	4	1	7	1	13		9	4	112
Franklin	A. B. Austin	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		78	78	12	12	1240	29		29	300	70	50	18	68	7	2	1	21	3	3	19	63	30	109			36	367
Germantown	S. A. Stephan	500		500	550		550	Ex 50	41	41	6	2	593	20		20	125	100	28	10	38	2			11		7				72			49	152
Glendale and Port Union	A. T. Cowgill	800	150	950	800	150	950		71	71	8	8	1029	20		20	175	125	29	16	45	2	2	1	3	2			1						84
Gordon	F. S. Reinbarth	425	50	475	425	50	475		39	39	8	7	521	6		6	340	135	44	16	60		3	1	4	5		4			31				121
Hamilton	C. E. Schenk	1500	500	2000	1800	500	2300	Ex300	150	150	18	18	2468	35		35	800	537	180	94	274	20	8	2	20	10	10	15	205	125	285		10	97	1027
Lewisburg	W. C. Mitchell	550	75	625	555	75	630	Ex 5	45	45	8	8	688	12		12	210	130	88	10	98	8	2	1	8	4	5	4			28			28	284
Miamisburg	J. E. Abrams	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300		85	85	12	12	1397	60		60	250	150	138	75	213	6	2	1	15		12	5	64	42						432
Middletown	W. G. Humphrey	1200	150	1350	1225	150	1375	Ex 25	100	100	15	15	1490	96		96	658	198	120	30	150	25	3	3	58	5	5	18	39	130	178			133	725
Monroe	Frank Leever	700	100	800	700	100	800		60	60	10	9	869	16		16	185	68	17	12	29	5	1	1	3	2	4	1		77	28		4	9	176
New Paris	Fee Naylor	425	60	485	402	60	462	23	38	38	7	7	507	3		3	62	20	11	7	18	1			3	1					25		1	1	58
Osborn	R. E. Smith	600	110	710	600	110	710		53	53	10	5	768	18		18	200	200	25	7	32	2			2			1							60
Oxford	L. R. Prentiss, 6 mos / P. A. Bright, 6 mos	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		80	80	12	12	1242	38		38	557	168	158	48	206	15	3	3	12	5	8	15	77	27	49		4	28	470
Red Lion and Merrittstown	Henry Hershey	575	75	650	580	75	655	Ex 5	40	41	8	8	704	9		9	100	40	5	25	30	3	1	1	5			5			8		3	5	70
Seven Mile	O. P. Hoffman	650	100	750	650	100	750		52	52	12	9	811	25		25	118	78	84	16	100	14	2	1	15	9	9	16			19		1	15	219
Springboro and Lytle	J. W. Patton	600	60	660	600	60	660		48	48	7	7	715	12		12	88	79	48	12	60	3	1	1	7		2	5		34	34		33	33	166
Venice	O. D. Becker	700	75	775	700	75	775		58	55	5	3	833	13		13	201	173	43	6	49	8	1	3	10		2	1							99
Walker and Union	W. W. Reeves	600		600	600		600		36	36	7	2	638	5		5	60	25	6	4	10				2		4	9			11		11	36
West Alexandria	A. W. Hook, 5½ mos / J. Verity, 5½ mos	497	42	539	474	42	516	23	30	30		1	547	4		4	170	108	5	9	14	3	1	1	3			1			9		3	6	37
West Carrolton	John W. Gaddis	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		75	75	10	10	1085	50		50	100	137	66	50	116	22	3	1	22	3	3	4	125	5	8		1	7	372
West Chester	J. A. Jenkinson	650	100	750	650	100	750		52	52	9	9	811	5		5	150	60	20	2	22							2			56		5	25	98
West Elkton	Charles Hartley	400	100	500	400	100	500		32	32	4	4	536	10		10	120	60	16	20	36	5	1	1	4	4		1							66
Woodward Ave	W. M. Roberts, 2½ mos	173		173	173		173						179																						

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	EDUCATION. (a) Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Belfast	D. W. C. Washburn	$600	$75	$675	$577	$75	$652	$23	$51	$48	$8	$7	$708	$10	.....	$10	$110	$62	$45	$3	$48	$3	$1	$1	$3	.....	$2	$1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$76
Blanchester	Geo. W. Vorhis	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	51	51	9	9	860	17	.....	17	247	118	54	46	100	7	1	2	8	.....	3	3	$26	.....	.....	$54	...	$5	$9	280
Bowersville	J. H. McNary	650	50	700	585	50	635	65	51	49	7	7	690	10	.....	10	150	100	40	8	48	2	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	...	2	13	86
Centerfield and Clear Creek	C. L. Winget	100	.....	100	100	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101	5	.....	5	15	15	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	14
Clarksville	Thos. Cundy	650	100	750	620	100	720	20	51	50	9	8	788	10	.....	10	125	75	22	18	40	5	1	1	4	.....	4	3	12	.....	1	...	1	10	99
Dunkinsville	C. J. Kelch	350	36	386	309	14	323	63	30	28	4	3	354	.....	$12	12	39	10	.....	20	20	2	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	1	$1	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	43
Greenfield	F. G. Mitchell	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	.....	117	117	19	19	1875	100	.....	100	321	208	216	100	316	15	7	7	20	10	9	15	119	201	288	...	130	139	1121
Highland	C. C. Peale	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	60	60	11	11	921	50	.....	50	164	115	241	59	300	22	2	2	22	2	14	5	76	5	73	...	.....	20	584
Hillsboro	S. O. Royal	1500	200	1700	1500	200	1700	.....	151	151	21	21	1871	112	.....	112	500	173	234	234	468	40	10	5	40	7	8	14	252	195	126	...	9	42	1298
Jamestown	J. P. Porter	900	100	1000	900	100	1000	.....	74	74	12	12	1086	68	.....	68	430	75	142	108	250	80	2	2	22	6	5	11	76	.....	27	...	18	14	511
Leesburg	H. C. Middleton	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	65	65	11	11	926	45	.....	45	250	158	50	29	79	10	2	2	20	2	10	4	87	45	88	...	17	12	407
Lynchburg	W. M. Patton	800	100	900	769	100	869	31	64	61	10	8	988	35	.....	35	200	190	93	32	125	5	1	1	5	.....	2	2	31	.....	6	...	1	5	221
Martinsville	D. A. McColm	500	60	560	420	60	480	80	49	36	7	4	520	9	.....	9	150	100	16	10	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	.....	.....	44
Mowrystown	J. M Bailey	350	.....	350	305	.....	305	45	25	28	5	3	331	.....	.....	.....	138	114	25	2	27	2	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	82
Mount Orab	J. S. Ruggles	650	150	800	604	150	754	46	58	53	8	5	809	7	.....	7	100	100	19	.....	19	7	.....	.....	4	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	5	...	2	.....	61
New Burlington	G. H. Smith	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	65	65	12	12	977	64	.....	64	220	123	220	15	235	35	5	5	35	.....	4	10	34	.....	35	...	15	20	474
New Jasper	C. W. Briggs	700	100	800	707	100	807	Ex 7	60	60	11	11	878	28	.....	28	164	58	76	30	106	10	4	4	10	5	8	5	8	.....	40	...	.....	14	282
New Vienna	John Wilson	700	120	820	682	120	802	18	60	60	11	10	871	30	.....	30	180	75	125	15	140	7	2	2	7	.....	2	5	8	95	66	...	.....	66	366
Peebles	J. E. H. Sentman	612	100	712	608	100	708	9	60	59	9	9	771	21	.....	21	108	99	42	8	50	6	2	2	6	2	3	2	18	.....	33	...	.....	33	157
Rainsboro	H. G. Curless	650	50	700	650	50	700	.....	58	58	8	8	761	45	.....	45	125	180	97	88	185	6	2	1	9	2	8	2	.....	.....	.....	...	4	.....	237
Sabina	R. K. Deem	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	65	65	12	12	927	25	.....	25	150	60	30	31	61	5	1	1	7	1	18	2	35	.....	58	...	2	15	216
Sinking Spring	W. B. Brown	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	45	45	5	5	750	5	.....	5	200	65	31	17	48	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	1	2	64
Sugar Tree Ridge	C. J. Moore	500	.....	500	550	.....	550	Ex 50	42	42	7	7	599	40	.....	40	.....	225	120	5	125	20	2	2	20	5	2	4	.....	.....	3	...	1	2	220
Union	Philip Trout	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	67	67	12	12	1079	64	.....	64	215	158	182	53	235	34	2	2	31	2	17	4	69	2	91	...	4	46	567
Waynesville	W. M. Coffman	800	150	950	825	150	975	Ex 25	67	67	10	10	1052	27	.....	27	170	90	90	18	108	16	2	2	15	2	9	8	36	.....	.....	...	.....	28	268
Wilmington	E. T. Wells	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	87	87	14	14	1351	45	.....	45	273	180	152	49	201	12	3	3	23	.....	4	10	31	.....	69	...	.....	69	470
Winchester	J. A. Easton	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	58	58	10	10	803	5	.....	5	125	90	25	10	35	5	1	1	5	.....	.....	1	8	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	71
Xenia: First Church	A. C. Turrell	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	127	127	24	24	1951	100	.....	100	1400	288	300	140	500	40	6	5	43	6	10	20	186	82	39	...	23	16	1011
Trinity	M. E. Ketcham	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	100	100	20	20	1620	67	.....	67	400	115	170	45	215	15	4	3	15	8	10	15	121	*357	46	...	18	20	806
Totals		22112	3331	25443	21816	3309	25125	318	1843	1816	300	298	27284	1042	12	1054	6664	3287	2899	1143	4042	351	74	58	376	64	169	144	1816	888	1186	...	248	505	10071

* Special gift.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. a. Church	b. S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	EDUCATION. a. Pub. Edu. Col	b. Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Aberdeen	J. A. Winkler	$800	$100	$700	$583	$100	$683	$17	$80	$80	$7	$7	$750	$20	.....	$20	$84	$62	$46	$4	$50	$8	$1	$1	$6	$1	$8	$2	.....	.....	$10	...	$2	$3	$109
Amelia	H. E. Armacost	625	100	725	625	100	725	.....	60	60	8	8	798	20	$18	38	175	125	20	30	50	6	3	2	5	2	2	2	.....	$7	11	...	3	3	131
Batavia	H. W. Bailey	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	74	74	10	10	1004	.....	.....	.....	200	125	55	15	70	3	1	1	3	2	1	2	$27	19	45	...	3	32	200
Bethel	A. G. Newton	500	60	560	428	60	488	72	49	48	7	6	587	3	.....	3	125	140	27	8	35	3	1	1	3	1	2	1	.....	.....	5	...	3	2	65
Branch Hill	John Phillips	400	.....	400	404	.....	404	Ex 4	30	30	4	4	438	5	.....	5	185	66	21	9	30	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	4	...	.....	.....	65
Butlerville	J. W. Burdsall	381	.....	381	381	.....	381	.....	39	.....	5	4	385	2	.....	2	140	120	22	3	25	5	.....	.....	5	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	...	1	.....	44
Centenary	J. C. Maddox	500	.....	500	389	.....	389	110	48	38	5	4	431	.....	2	2	75	80	10	.....	10	3	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	24
Chilo	D. S. Ewry	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	48	48	5	5	603	2	.....	2	185	75	10	.....	10	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	.....	.....	22
Decatur	W. S. Gray	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	50	52	6	5	733	10	.....	10	125	100	70	5	75	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	1	25	.....	85	...	5	80	208
Feesburg	W. E. Shriver	500	75	575	469	75	544	31	50	52	5	5	601	10	.....	10	100	65	26	.....	25	4	.....	.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	7	...	1	4	62
Felicity	W. J. Dunham	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	54	54	7	8	761	8	.....	8	150	76	55	5	60	3	1	1	3	4	6	3	12	4	7	...	6	.....	118
Georgetown	C. W. Horn	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	66	62	10	8	890	20	.....	20	275	65	100	.....	100	8	1	1	10	.....	15	2	.....	4	61	...	1	25	280
Goshen	W. J. Baker	600	75	675	594	75	669	6	53	53	5	5	727	25	.....	25	165	82	79	61	140	6	.....	.....	31	.....	15	3	5	.....	37	...	.....	5	270
Laurel	T. G. Williams	590	20	610	433	20	453	157	54	54	4	4	581	4	.....	4	175	70	20	2	22	4	1	1	4	1	2	1	.....	.....	5	...	.....	2	48
Lebanon	J. L. Shively	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	90	90	10	10	1300	47	.....	47	435	86	184	35	219	18	1	1	20	3	4	17	98	12	82	...	8	26	530
Loveland	E. S. Gaddis	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	45	45	6	8	648	11	.....	11	130	90	26	67	93	4	6	4	5	3	5	1	33	.....	50	...	.....	50	223
Maineville	G. M. Fulton	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	6	6	758	25	.....	25	125	100	10	15	25	3	1	.....	7	.....	4	1	.....	.....	32	...	2	80	105
Manchester	Ira E. Price	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	60	7	6	867	10	.....	10	180	105	34	36	70	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	40	5	1	...	.....	1	141
Marathon	L. A. Washburn	530	60	590	522	60	582	8	44	44	6	8	632	20	.....	20	147	100	62	8	70	5	1	1	5	5	4	3	42	.....	1	...	1	.....	164
Mason	W. A. Wiant	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	70	72	8	8	1130	20	.....	20	180	184	124	30	154	4	1	1	3	1	8	4	.....	11	59	...	2	20	274
Milford	M. LeSourd	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	111	111	12	12	1473	96	.....	96	220	110	200	100	300	37	3	3	45	5	5	5	111	155	177	...	30	65	954
Montgomery	R. S. Hagerman	225	.....	225	225	.....	225	.....	30	30	5	8	269	4	.....	4	60	25	8	.....	8	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	21
Morrow	W. E. Putt	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	58	58	8	8	896	11	.....	11	139	56	30	10	40	5	1	1	6	1	5	1	12	.....	38	...	.....	19	130
Moscow	A. L. Brokaw	676	.....	676	676	.....	676	.....	58	58	4	4	742	20	.....	20	300	136	50	30	80	8	2	1	5	5	16	2	.....	.....	51	...	3	18	198
Mount Washington	A. J. Kestle	465	60	525	429	60	489	36	46	42	4	4	535	5	.....	5	150	117	19	15	34	1	.....	.....	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	65	...	.....	.....	102
New Richmond	C. F. Enyart	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	50	50	6	6	806	5	.....	5	256	66	19	6	25	2	1	1	3	.....	10	1	.....	.....	58	...	.....	.....	53
Newtown	L. M. Davis	460	120	580	440	120	560	20	40	38	7	7	605	10	.....	10	130	55	25	11	36	4	1	1	4	.....	2	1	45	.....	15	...	2	13	126
Owensville	W. D. English	414	60	504	430	30	460	44	54	36	7	5	501	5	.....	5	110	110	25	.....	25	4	1	1	4	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2	...	2	.....	51
Ripley	E. T. Lane	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	74	74	10	10	1084	10	.....	10	300	150	50	30	80	1	1	1	10	.....	10	4	12	10	48	...	3	20	192
South Lebanon	J. T. Bail	500	.....	500	465	.....	465	35	44	.....	5	7	468	4	.....	4	120	35	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	12
Summerside	W. F. Spurrier	500	75	575	472	75	547	28	46	45	7	7	599	15	.....	15	140	96	66	24	90	7	1	1	7	1	2	1	.....	.....	34	...	4	30	166
West Union	G. S. Easton	700	100	800	680	100	780	20	57	57	10	4	841	15	.....	15	125	100	47	13	60	5	.....	.....	7	3	.....	3	11	3	.....	...	.....	.....	117
Williamsburg	J. D. Darling	600	100	700	650	100	750	Ex 50	52	52	8	8	810	25	.....	25	200	125	89	30	119	5	2	2	6	6	6	2	83	.....	36	...	4	15	300
Williamsburg Circuit	H. W. Gudgeon	525	.....	525	514	.....	514	11	40	40	5	5	559	10	.....	10	200	75	.....	37	37	1	1	1	4	2	4	1	.....	.....	35	...	.....	35	101
Totals		10621	2621	13242	19728	2590	22318	543	1855	1734	283	215	24648	497	15	512	5706	3619	1628	649	2272	186	36	33	280	48	162	78	557	280	1002	...	86	507	5556

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources.	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Arcanum	C. P. Pumphrey	$900	$100	$700	$601	$100	$701	Ex $1	$65	$65	$8	....	$766	$5	.....	$5	$125	$90	$41	$20	$61	.....	$4	.....	$15	.....	.....	$1	$30	.....	$52	...	$4	$23	$168
Brandt	O. L. Seward	510	60	570	498	60	558	12	35	35	7	$4	597	2	.....	2	112	124	11	4	15	$1	1	$1	4	$1	.....	.....	.....	2	...	.....	.....	32
Catawba	J. R. Hill	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	65	65	12	12	977	28	.....	28	225	85	75	25	100	8	2	.....	10	5	$11	1	.....	1	...	12	.....	216
Cedarville	Andrew Hamilton	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	40	40	10	10	875	10	.....	10	200	100	25	15	40	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	25	.....	12	...	12	.....	112
Christiansburg	J. F. Laird	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	35	35	12	4	699	11	.....	11	83	68	60	*11	71	2	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	5	1	.....	20	...	.....	.....	194
Covington	G. L. Travis	450	100	550	458	100	558	Ex $	25	25	7	7	590	37	.....	37	80	75	18	28	46	8	5	2	8	.....	9	9	47	.....	20	...	.....	20	194
Dialton	J. L. Dalbey	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	50	50	10	10	810	36	.....	36	180	80	*318	22	335	7	2	3	8	3	9	2	46	.....	9	...	4	5	469
Greenville	C. L. Conger	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	100	100	10	10	1510	35	.....	35	757	166	85	25	110	12	3	3	14	5	5	3	91	85	180	...	5	30	556
King's Creek	E. L. Hollingsworth	500	60	560	506	60	566	Ex 6	35	35	5	.....	601	1	.....	1	159	68	62	...	62	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	70
Mechanicsburg	O. M. Sellers	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	80	80	13	13	1193	.....	$46	46	360	259	115	90	205	9	3	3	25	3	16	4	37	33	92	...	40	52	480
Mutual	C. D. Munsey	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	40	40	8	8	728	20	.....	20	218	85	88	10	98	10	2	1	8	2	13	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	168
New Carlisle	G. L. Tufts	600	100	700	618	100	718	Ex 18	55	50	10	2	770	20	.....	20	120	121	8	37	45	5	1	1	5	.....	3	2	63	.....	27	...	1	24	174
New Moorefield	R. S. McColm	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	60	60	8	8	818	11	.....	11	200	90	50	20	70	1	.....	1	7	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	103
Piqua: Grace	A. N. Spahr	750	200	950	750	200	950	.....	60	60	13	13	1023	20	.....	20	273	108	75	40	115	10	2	2	8	4	9	10	44	43	48	...	.....	12	328
Greene Street	R. J. Wyckoff	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	140	140	27	27	2167	85	.....	85	825	150	440	100	540	35	4	1	45	150	12	.....	57	318	229	152	...	27	35	1622
South Charleston	J. S. Pumphrey	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	60	60	13	13	973	.....	31	31	270	443	138	37	175	†2517	4	1	45	.....	11	1	21	15	78	...	*3	43	2912
Springfield: Central	C. M. Van Pelt	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	27	27	2162	120	8	128	830	151	382	308	690	40	5	3	40	20	10	15	179	190	80	...	2	28	1377
Clifton Avenue	S. W. Campbell	700	132	832	700	132	832	.....	25	25	4	3	860	4	.....	4	160	60	25	.....	25	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	.....	.....	58
Grace	J. L. Duckwall	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	25	25	.....	.....	625	5	.....	5	100	54	25	25	50	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	...	.....	3	45
High Street	J. A. Story	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	135	135	20	20	2355	120	1000	1120	1432	222	330	100	430	30	5	5	30	.....	20	10	143	272	320	...	20	98	1400
St. Paul	J. W. Peters	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	20	20	2155	30	.....	30	575	300	64	56	120	20	1	1	20	.....	5	5	100	106	33	...	.....	33	461
Tippecanoe City	G. P. Austin	650	150	800	650	150	800	.....	40	40	8	8	848	38	.....	38	140	90	25	20	45	5	3	3	10	2	10	3	.....	.....	45	...	5	22	172
Tremont City	A. D. Maddox	765	96	861	765	96	861	.....	60	60	11	11	982	50	.....	50	280	140	121	10	131	26	5	3	16	10	5	5	27	.....	59	...	54	5	843
Troy	Geo. W. Dubois	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	115	115	20	20	2035	112	.....	112	1001	289	174	136	310	32	10	10	40	.....	202	35	79	157	264	...	.....	99	1271
Troy Circuit	S. A. Keen	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	40	40	10	10	800	30	.....	30	110	60	94	6	100	11	2	1	13	.....	19	7	.....	.....	32	...	.....	32	226
Urbana: First Church	G. H. Dart	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	130	130	15	15	1645	96	.....	96	1000	150	†287	113	400	10	2	‡2	13	.....	9	6	108	150	18	...	5	13	826
Grace	E. H. Cherington	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	120	120	12	12	1632	55	.....	55	600	75	344	56	400	10	2	2	5	2	3	3	76	186	160	...	5	5	916
Yellow Springs	C. W. Elliott	805	100	905	805	100	905	.....	60	60	9	9	974	15	.....	15	200	118	81	27	108	15	5	3	14	2	5	2	92	57	8	...	8	.....	335
Donnellsville and Vienna Cross Roads	D. C. Ridgway	325	.....	325	287	.....	287	.....	20	10	4	3	.....	5	.....	5	147	61	19	11	30	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	43
Totals		25055	5108	30163	25038	5108	30146	Ex 81	1985	1970	383	299	32120	1001	1085	2086	10762	3827	3575	1852	4927	2838	77	58	541	72	388	216	1523	1624	1700	...	208	596	15189

* $100 from a friend of Sim's Chapel for Emergency Fund.
† $750 special bequest from the Singleton estate for Missions, and $750 special bequest from the Singleton estate for Tract Cause.
‡ $2,500 special gift from L. W. Haughey.
$1,000 for Conference Claimants, bequest from estate of Rev. W. B. Moler, High Street Church, Springfield.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.—STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

NAME OF DISTRICTS	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																		
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies						REC'D FROM.					MISSIONS.						EDUCATION.												
	Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	*a* Church	*b* S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	*a* Pub. Edu. Col	*b* Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Cincinnati	37419	6090	43509	37529	6090	43619	Ex110	2233	2227	415	409	46256	2070	.....	2070	20575	4741	4900	2173	7073	998	166	158	1523	261	205	357	7773	5465	10050	...	885	3581	36501
Dayton	27905	4682	32587	28326	4682	33008	Ex471	2142	2128	321	290	32996	825	.....	825	11764	6183	2740	1549	4289	851	85	63	457	241	178	217	1964	2672	2008	...	345	919	14784
Hillsboro	22112	3331	25443	21816	3309	25125	318	1839	1810	306	298	27228	1042	12	1054	6684	3287	2899	1143	4042	851	74	58	376	64	169	144	1816	888	1136	...	248	595	10071
Milford	10621	2021	12242	19728	2590	22318	548	1855	1734	238	215	24648	497	15	512	5706	3619	1623	649	2272	186	36	33	280	48	162	73	557	280	1002	...	96	507	5556
Springfield	25055	5108	30163	25038	5108	30146	Ex 21	1985	1970	338	299	32120	1001	1085	2086	10762	3827	3575	1352	4927	2883	77	58	541	72	388	216	1523	1524	1700	...	208	596	15189
Totals, 1902	123112	21832	144944	132487	21779	154216	259	10054	9869	1608	1506	163247	5435	1112	6547	55471	21657	15737	6866	22603	4719	438	365	3127	686	1102	1007	12833	10779	15896	...	1767	6148	82101
Totals, 1901	129908	22365	152273	129060	22365	151425	848	10049	9759	1590	1491	162676	5279	14	5293	54416	17081	14486	5763	20249	4574	388	372	2818	658	1094	889	9819	8004	10738	...	4472	5210	.....
Increase	.....	.....	.....	3377	.....	2791	.....	5	117	9	15	571	156	1098	1254	1055	4576	1251	1103	2354	145	50	.....	309	33	8	118	3014	2775	4158	...	.....	988	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	586	.....	589	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	2705	.....	.....
	6796	538	7829																															

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of presiding elder and bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
BOND HILL AND PLEASANT RIDGE:		
Bond Hill,	$169	$231
Pleasant Ridge,	300	379
CAMP WASHINGTON AND RIVERSIDE:		
Camp Washington,	400	400
Riverside,	400	400
CARTHAGE AND ELMWOOD PLACE:		
Carthage,	400	400
Elmwood Place,	450	460
CLEVES AND ADDYSTON:		
Addyston,	500	500
Cleves,	500	500
LINWOOD AND MADISON AVENUE:		
Linwood,	400	400
Madison Avenue,	300	300
DAYTON DISTRICT.		
CAMDEN AND SOMERVILLE:		
Camden,	$350	$350
Somerville,	250	250
CENTERVILLE,	590	590
Bellebrook,	210	210
CONCORD,	150	150
Bethany,	80	80
Union,	80	70
West Milton,	150	150
EBENEZER AND HOMESTEAD AVENUE:		
Ebenezer,	250	250
Homestead Avenue,	250	250
FAIR HAVEN,	364	382
Sugar Valley,	236	218
FORT JEFFERSON,	165	250
Hollansburg,	135	140
Jaysville,	130	135
New Madison,	125	75
GLENDALE AND PT. UNION:		
Glendale,	175	175
Port Union,	350	350
Princeton,	100	100
Valley Chapel,	175	175
DAYTON—Continued.		
LEWISBURG,	$325	$330
Brookville,	155	155
Pyrmont,	70	70
NEW PARIS,	250	227
Gettysburg,	125	125
New Hope,	50	50
OSBORN,	350	414
Enon,	125	125
Fairfield,	.....	21
Medway,	150	150
RED LION AND MERRITTSTOWN:		
Merrittstown,	75	75
Red Lion,	500	505
SEVEN MILE,	450	450
Darrtown,	200	200
SPRINGBORO AND LYTLE:		
Lytle,	200	200
Springboro,	400	400
VENICE,	84	78
New Baltimore,	105	105
New Haven,	133	133
Okeana,	218	211
Washington,	167	167
WALKER AND UNION:		
Union,	300	300
Walker,	300	300
WEST CHESTER,	250	280
Sharon,	200	170
Tylersville,	200	200
WEST ELKTON,	130	130
Gratis,	85	85
Macedonia,	70	70
Pleasant Hill,	60	60
Simonson Chapel,	55	55
MILFORD DISTRICT.		
ABERDEEN,	$208	$191
Bradyville,	142	142
Ebenezer,	138	138
Fitch's Chapel,	113	113
AMELIA,	416	416
Pleasant Hill,	136	136
Union Chapel,	73	73
BETHEL,	209	192

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Lakin,	$98	$89
Mt. Olive,	35	22
Old Bethel,	89	89
Clermont,	62	35
BRANCH HILL,	100	103
Camp Dennison,	100	101
Concord,	100	100
Miamiville,	100	100
BUTLERVILLE,	112	94
Edenton,	103	103
McKendree,	58	58
Wesley,	108	108
CENTENARY,	100	61
Mt. Olive,	85	68
Mt. Zion,	104	92
Perintown,	104	89
Pleasant Hill,	164	120
CHILO,	188	188
Cedron,	116	116
Higginsport,	58	58
McKendree,	78	78
Smith's Landing,	60	60
DECATUR,	174	174
Eckmansville,	68	68
Fairview,	68	68
North Liberty,	138	138
Russellville,	152	152
FERSBURG,	65	36
Eden,	235	235
Hamersville,	90	98
Pisgah,	70	60
Zion,	40	40
FELICITY,	475	475
Point Isabel,	125	125
GEORGETOWN,	500	500
Free Soil,	115	115
Hillman	85	85
GOSHEN,	415	402
Manila,	80	80
Pleasant Plains,	110	112
LAUREL,	220	160
Franklin,	105	68
Mt. Pisgah,	150	150
Spring Grove,	115	65
MAINEVILLE,	450	450
Zoar,	150	150
MANCHESTER,	500	500
Bentonville,	200	200
MARATHON,	164	164
Burdsall,	115	115
Fayetteville,	74	74
Greenberry,	104	104
Taylor's,	73	65
MASON,	600	600

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Socialville,	$135	$135
Union,	165	165
MONTGOMERY,	100	100
Brecon,	100	100
Rossmoyne,	60	60
MOSCOW,	222	222
Calvary,	220	220
Neville,	135	135
Point Pleasant,	165	165
MT. WASHINGTON,	300	264
California,	165	165
Salem,	.....	23
NEWTOWN,	158	158
Armstrong Chapel,	182	182
Madeira,	120	100
OWENSVILLE,	103	103
Belfast,	121	121
Newtonville,	134	134
Maple Grove,	90	72
SUMMERSIDE,	175	175
Asbury,	130	102
Olive Branch	145	145
Withamsville,	50	50
WEST UNION,	442	442
Liberty Chapel,	170	150
Stone Chapel,	88	88
WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT:		
Afton,	125	125
Branch Hill,	65	54
Clover,	125	125
Concord,	105	105
Salem,	105	105
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
BELFAST,	$128	$124
Flat Run,	114	114
Folsom,	55	55
Loudon,	118	108
Louisville,	90	80
Prospect,	95	95
BOWERSVILLE,	242	234
Center,	212	155
Haws,	98	94
Zion,	98	98
CENTERFIELD AND CLEAR CREEK:		
Centerfield,	60	60
Clear Creek,	40	40
CLARKSVILLE,	315	315
Kansas,	94	94
Olive Branch,	176	156
Union,	65	65
DUNKINSVILLE,	130	130
Cedar Mills,	120	120

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.		
Quinn Chapel,	$40	$13
Union Chapel,	60	46
HIGHLAND,	375	375
Memphis,	211	211
Samantha,	164	164
LEESBURG,	450	450
East Monroe,	154	154
Olive Chapel,	146	146
LYNCHBURG,	357	357
Dodsonville,	157	157
Dunn's Chapel,	167	136
Russell,	119	119
MARTINSVILLE,	101	70
Midland,	75	40
Morrisville,	152	134
Webertown,	76	50
Westboro,	152	126
MOWRYSTOWN,	55	44
Buford,	150	123
Brouse Chapel,	60	60
New Market,	45	45
Pike Chapel,	40	40
MT. ORAB,	245	245
New Hope,	64	37
Sardinia,	235	235
Shiloh,	106	87
NEW BURLINGTON,	252	252
Lumberton,	214	214
Sharon,	233	233
Zoar,	101	101
NEW JASPER,	551	558
Mt. Tabor,	110	110
White Chapel,	110	110
NEW VIENNA,	375	375
Auburn,	175	157
West Chapel,	150	150
PEEBLES,	392	396
Jacksonville,	136	124
Locust Grove,	87	81
RAINSBORO,	305	305
Boston,	73	73
Marshall,	162	162
New Petersburg,	110	110
SINKING SPRING,	220	220
Carmel,	190	190
Cedar Chapel,	60	60
Conaway,	40	40
Pisgah,	85	85
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	160	186
Emerald,	95	97
Fairfax,	60	62
Mt. Olivet,	140	150
Wesley Chapel,	45	55
UNION,	$245	$245
Glady,	116	116
Mt. Holly,	69	69
Richland,	125	125
Spring Valley,	245	245
WAYNESVILLE,	650	650
Harveysburg,	150	150
WINCHESTER,	475	475
Seaman,	225	225
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		
BRANDT,	$130	$130
Palmer,	150	150
Pisgah,	150	150
Wayne,	75	63
CATAWBA,	451	451
Nation Chapel,	202	202
Pleasant Chapel,	97	97
CEDARVILLE,	600	600
Clifton,	100	100
CHRISTIANSBURG,	194	194
Beech Grove,	95	95
McKendree,	236	236
Wesley,	75	75
COVINGTON,	450	450
Pleasant Hill,	.....	8
DIALTON:		
Asbury,	146	137
Grafton,	75	75
Newson,	255	263
Simms,	130	130
DONNELLSVILLE AND VIENNA X ROADS:		
Brighton,	45	45
Donnellsville,	125	125
Vienna X Roads,	125	117
KING'S CREEK,	350	350
Cable,	60	60
Kennard,	50	50
Local Chapel,	40	41
MUTUAL,	230	230
Fountain Park,	70	70
Treacle Creek,	100	100
Union Chapel,	250	250
NEW MOOREFIELD,	135	135
Asbury,	170	170
Fletcher,	155	155
Moorefield Chapel,	190	190
SOUTH CHARLESTON,	600	600
Selma,	150	150
TREMONT CITY,	182	182
Concord,	364	364
Terre Haute,	137	137
Westville,	178	178

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
SPRINGFIELD—Continued.			**SPRINGFIELD—Continued.**		
TROY CIRCUIT:			YELLOW SPRINGS, ...	$600	$600
Bethel, ...	$179	$179	Emory, ...	125	125
Casstown, ...	238	238	Old Town, ...	80	80
Raper, ...	183	183			

TWENTIETH-CENTURY THANK-OFFERING.

DISTRICTS.	Special for Ohio Wesleyan University.....	Education.....	Charitable and Philanthropic Work.....	Endowment Fund for City Evangelization.....	Invested Funds for Conference Claimants	Payment of Debts on Churches and Parsonages	For New Churches, Parsonages, and Improvements....
Cincinnati, ...	$45,000	$697	$12,520	.....	.....	$13,244	$1,000
Dayton, ...	50,000	13	25	.....	.....	25,103	7,262
Hillsboro, ...	3,600	150	2,000	.....	$4	13,099	47,965
Milford, ...	.....	150	46	.....	.....	3,902	7,635
Springfield, ...	*131,000	6,002	9,700	$16,200	.....	7,569	90,465
Total, ...	$229,600	$7,012	$24,291	$16,200	$4	$62,917	$154,327

*Estimated.

BENEVOLENT APPORTIONMENTS BY DISTRICTS, 1902-3.

DISTRICTS.	Missions.....	Church Extension.....	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc.....	Tract Society.	Sunday-school Union	Bible Society..	Episcopal Fund.....
Cincinnati, . . .	$10,050	$1,890	$1,890	$150	$150	$300	$615
Dayton, ...	7,035	1,323	1,323	105	105	210	432
Hillsboro, . . .	5,025	945	945	75	75	150	308
Milford, ...	3,685	693	693	55	55	110	226
Springfield, . . .	7,705	1,449	1,449	115	115	230	474
Total, ...	$33,500	$6,300	$6,300	$500	$500	$1 000	$2,055

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COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE evangelizing power of the Bible is unequaled by any other agency. The one society in this country to which we can look for the translation and printing of the Scriptures is the American Bible Society. It alone furnishes us with the many thousand volumes of the Holy Word used by our misisonaries in the Home and nearly all the Foreign fields.

The fact that this great Society literally takes off of the hands of our Missionary Boards the entire work of furnishing Bibles to our missionaries at home and abroad, gives it a strong claim on all our Churches. Besides this, the Bible Society supports hundreds of colporteur missionaries, who are, as a returned missionary recently said, "the plowshare of missions," preparing the way for the regular missionaries of the Churches.

The demands on this Society grow even faster than the missionary work of the Churches increases, and it would be more than unfortunate if this demand were not met. It was, therefore, painful to observe through many years the dwindling of the collections for this great Society, until they became altogether unworthy of our Church.

We are glad to note that all over the Nation this cause is being restored, slowly it is true, but surely, to its true position among the benevolences, and especially is this true in our own Conference. Even here, however, it is still far from being recognized as it deserves to be. We sincerely hope that the handsome ratio of increase shown in the reports of the last few years will be maintained until this Conference will equal its record of thirty years ago, when, with half its present membership, it gave over $4,000 a year to this work; therefore

Resolved, 1. That we readopt the apportionment of recent years, viz.: one-eighth as much as the amount apportioned for missions, and that the Presiding Elders be hereby requested to send this out with the other apportionments.

2. We esteem it an honor to our Conference that one of our number, the Rev. John Pearson, D. D., is Field Agent for these Central States.

3. We will heartily co-operate with him in laying this great work on the hearts of our people. We cordially recommend that the presiding Bishop reappoint him to the office he now holds.

J. F. MCCOLM, *Secretary*. T. D. MOORE, *President*.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE Auditing Committee would report that they have examined the following accounts, and believe them to be correct: Treasurer Mears Bequest, Treasurer Conference Trustees, Treasurer Board of Stewards, Treasurer American University, Treasurer Publishing Committee, Conference Treasurer. Also the accounts of the Treasurer of Board of Stewards in the matter of distribution of certain funds for the year 1900-1901.

W. J. BAKER, *Secretary*. G. P. AUSTIN, *Chairman*.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE Church Extension Society is one of the great evangelizing agencies of the Church, and because of what it has accomplished and is still doing should command the confidence and support of our entire membership.

From 1866, when this work began, to November 1, 1901, the Board collected and disbursed $7,137,711.73. Of this, the General Fund derived chiefly from collections, personal gifts for frontier Churches, $250 each, and Mountain Fund specials of $100 each, all for use by donations to Churches, has aggregated $4,626,865.99. The Loan Fund has a permanent capital of $1,189,571.65, and Churches borrowing have returned $1,555,274.09, giving for use by loans $2,744,845.74, making the aggregate above given $7,371,711.73. With this the Board aided 12,018 Churches.

Our Conference has shared in this work as follows: The collections taken in our Churches, from the beginning to November 1, 1901, the close of the last fiscal year of the Board, aggregated $69,081.43. To this our Conference adds this year $4,745, making a total of $73,826.43. Forty-five Churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1, 1901, by donations of $11,535, and loans of $27,300.

The part our Conference is to take, in both giving and receiving, is definitely fixed, under provisions of Discipline, by the General Committee from year to year. For the ensuing year our Conference is asked to raise by collections, $6,500. Our needy Churches may, on approved applications, receive $1,200. The amount of aid granted must depend on the amount of the collections taken, and can not exceed the proportion above indicated. Interest, therefore, in our own Conference, as well as in the general cause, should inspire us to use all diligence to secure the full amount asked, and if possible go beyond it.

We submit that the character and permanency of our work, the important relations it sustains to domestic missions, the large returns for the amount of investments, the patriotic part it has taken in the shaping of our civilization, and the almost limitless opportunities for extending Christ's kingdom opening before us in our own land, warrant our making a most earnest and urgent appeal to the people interested, not only in the work of Methodism and Christianity, but in the perpetuation of our Republican institutions, that they greatly enlarge their gifts to this cause in the ensuing year.

J. S. PUMPHREY, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

YOUR Board beg leave to report the following concerning the Elizabeth Gamble Home Association. We have carefully investigated its workings and work; have licensed and recommended for consecration as deaconesses the Misses Enders, Eyer, Dwinell, Holbert, Smith, Veach, Williams, and Mrs. India Paff; and have renewed the licenses of the Misses Austin, Close, Crone, Dau, Deaver, Faber, Haines, Huston, Hare, House, Herens, Longbrake, Marshal, McEwen, Pearson, Pierce, Pellman, Solomon, Sinnett, Slear, Thatcher, Thompson, Walker, White, and Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Martin.

We find the Association has a corps of forty-eight workers, who have made a most creditable record of self-denying service during the past year. In the Home the three kindergartens and the Industrial Schools where the girls are taught to sew, and the boys the sloid system of

carpentering, there is an enrollment of about six hundred children. This is a work which has in it the promise of great results for the children and the Church. Through these children, in very many cases, access is had to their homes by the deaconesses, who carry to them the benediction of a sanctified service. Ten thousand one hundred and eighty-eight such visits have been made during the year; over 21,000 papers and tracts have been distributed; 520 special services have been conducted; 3,091 meetings have been attended; 1,892 hours have been spent with the sick; 1,113 garments have been distributed among the poor; 891 bouquets have been carried to the homes of affliction; 212 persons have been assisted by the Travelers' Aid at the Central Railway Station; 171 pupils have been brought into the Sunday-schools; 166 conversions have been a part of the fruitage of this activity. In addition to this, the Hospital reports that scarcely a week has gone by when there has not been one or more conversions in that house of mercy. In the Hospital 710 have been treated, and 1,073 in the dispensary, during the year. The total number admitted to the Hospital since it was founded has been 5,334. Thirty-two more patients were treated in the Hospital, and 701 in the dispensary than were treated last year. Fully $10,000 worth of free work has been done during the year by the Association, which has been operated at a total expense of $30,868.55. Towards this amount Churches and individuals have donated $10,259.56 in cash, and $2,739.38 in supplies. The Association has an endowment of $32,000, which should have been greatly increased.

We find the Training-school is thoroughly equipped for its work. Miss Margaret Wilson has proven to be an efficient principal, and the various teachers and lecturers have been first-class in their qualifications and character. We recommend our pastors to direct the attention of young women desirous of entering deaconess work to the especial advantages of this Association, which, under the direction of one Board of Trustees offers the advantages of a home, training-school, and hospital training. The Ladies' Aid Society, which meets once a month to sew for the Hospital, and is composed of representative women from the various local and suburban Churches, has proven itself to be in the Dorcas apostolic succession by manufacturing 1,414 articles.

We can but rejoice that the Association has two such capable consecrated women for its superintendents, as Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes and Miss Hannah M. Pierce. We feel that we can not too highly recommend this institution, which, in all its activities, like its Master, "goeth about doing good, furnishing thus a conspicuous example of applied Christianty.

HOME FOR THE AGED.

The work of this institution has been faithfully done. There are twenty-one inmates of the Home, and they are enthusiastic in their appreciation of the provisions made for their comfort. The grounds, fourteen acres in extent, are beautiful, the accommodations comfortable, and the superintendence and attention painstaking and loving. The donations to the Home have amounted to $20,140.79, and other generous gifts are promised.

With ampler means far greater things could be done for those who come, and many more would come. With more generous support from Ohio Methodism, even to the extent of a few cents from each member for current expenses, with generous gifts from persons of means, with deaconesses specially trained for the work, and specially fitted by tact and sympathy with the aged, this Home will do a greatly needed work for the cause of Christ that no other institution of Methodism is doing. We approve the observance of Old Folks' Day in our Churches.

We recommend the election of Mrs. O. J. Wilson as one of our

Conference representatives of the Inter-Conference Corporation in the control of this work.

Rev. H. C. Weakley has rendered untiring and effective service as superintendent of this work, and his reappointment is requested by the Inter-Conference Board. We heartily join in this request.

MRS. THOMAS H. PEARNE, C. L. GREENO,
MRS. MARTHA WALDEN, L. E. PRENTISS,
JOHN A. STORY, J. N. GAMBLE.

EDUCATION.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

THE Trustees appointed one year ago report that they have leased the Hillsboro College and grounds to the Hillsboro Special District Board of Education for a period of ten years for educational purposes. The buildings are to be kept insured for not less than $10,000, and are to be kept in good repair.

We recommend the election of the following named Trustees for the ensuing year: George W. Barrere, John W. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, George W. Miller, B. F. Chaney, D. M. Barrett, H. E. Conard, and W. C. Duckwall, said trustees to be given power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number.

We recommend the appointment of a Commission to co-operate with the Trustees, said Commission to be composed of the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, the pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, and Frank G. Mitchell.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This school is at once the pride and glory of our Ohio Methodism. The past year has been one of record breaking, the total enrollment of students being 1,385, representing all the eighty-eight counties of Ohio, thirty-two States, and fourteen foreign countries. The Faculty is composed of one hundred and ten professors and teachers.

With the splendid services now being rendered by the professors of the Ohio Wesleyan University, some of whom are serving the university at real financial sacrifice; and with the constant re-enforcement of the Faculty by some of the best trained and most consecrated scholars of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we are confident that the standard of scholarship of the Ohio Wesleyan University is worthy of comparison with the leading colleges of America.

We hereby express our profound gratitude to God for the remarkable services of the late Professor William G. Williams during the last fifty-eight years. The quality of his work has exceeded even its unparalleled duration. He was not only one of the foremost teachers of Methodism, but he ranked among the few really great teachers in our American colleges. May his mantle fall upon a worthy successor!

The record of religious life and work that has made such a glorious chapter of our history in the past has been fully sustained in the year just closed, as witness the fact that eighty-six per cent of the students enrolled are members of the Church. The growth of the university in material resources is indeed marvelous. In 1844 the total value of the

entire resources was $25,000, and under careful and wise management this had grown to $439,000 in 1889, at which date the present president, the Rev. James W. Bashford, Ph. D., was called to the head of the university. The present value of grounds, buildings, and endowments is $1,581,000, and there is in sight enough to make the grand total of $2,240,000. Of the Twentieth-century Thank-offering, the total paid or pledged is $1,026,000. Grand as is this record, it only becomes the inspiration to earnestly labor for the *other million*, that is now needed for work of applied science that the university must soon undertake. Another gratifying fact to the friends of the school is, that in the contests of the Central Oratorical League, composed of the State Universities of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, and Cornell University, New York, and the Ohio Wesleyan University, four out of five have been won by the Ohio Wesleyan University. It has also won four out of the six contests of the Ohio Intercollegiate Debating League.

We recommend the re-election of R. S. Rust, D. D., as a Trustee for another term of five years.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

It gives us great pleasure to express our appreciation of the beneficent work that is being done by the Board of Education, in rendering timely assistance to indigent students in our higher institutions of learning. The form of the assistance, calculated to preserve self-respect and self-reliance in the beneficiary, is as commendable as the spirit.

We are gratified at the large increase the Twentieth-century Movement has made in our educational endowments. They must be larger still if our institutions are to successfully meet the competitions of our day.

We are pleased to note an increase in the contributions of our Conference this year for this work, and urge every pastor to so lay it upon the hearts of his people as to insure further increases.

We recommend the general observance of Children's-day as a means of attractively conveying information regarding this great cause.

We call attention to the notably able editing of the *Christian Student*. Its small subscription price, coupled with its pronounced merit, ought to secure its entrance into all our homes.

The Corresponding Secretary requests that all preachers send to him at once the names and post-offices of their Sunday-school superintendents.

We will continue to devote the proceeds of the General Educational collection to the Ohio Wesleyan University.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

A study of the reports of our visitors to our theological schools will show that the chairs are filled with capable and loyal instructors, who not only furnish young men with the highest intellectual preparation for the ministry, but for the spiritual also. The influence of our schools is decidedly helpful toward a practical application of the gospel to the whole department of human needs.

We would urge upon our young men to lay the broad foundation for their ministerial work by taking a thorough college course, and following this with the course of one of our theological schools. We believe if the Lord calls a man to the ministry he calls him to make preparation for it. The man who is capable of a successful ministry is capable of securing a competent education for it. God wants the best of every worker he calls.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

This college was opened to students in September, 1888. It was founded for the purpose of offering young women facilities for a thorough collegiate education under conditions equally favorable to physical and moral well-being. Its equipment is excellent, its Faculty is strong, its

discipline is wise and effective, its moral atmosphere is pure, its ideals are high, its progress has been phenomenal. In 1892 the Bishops in their address to the General Conference spoke of it as follows: "Its high curriculum and many specialties and large resources enable it to offer facilities for the highest education of women equal to the best in the range of our knowledge." These words of commendation are justly spoken, for in the Woman's College Methodism has an institution which has no superior and few equals among colleges exclusively for women. Its past achievements and present condition support the statement that the home, the Church, and the State will be elevated by the students who pass through any of its numerous courses. We cordially recommend it to the patronage of our people.

The Committee on Education recommend the request to the Bishop that he transfer to our Conference the Rev. Guy P. Benton, Ph. D., and request that he be appointed president of Miami University.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. C. F. Enyart to the chair of Greek in the Southwest Kansas College at Winfield, Kansas.

A. B. AUSTIN, *Secretary.* F. G. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE Epworth League has taken a permanent place in the life of the Church, and among the agencies for the saving of the young people and the building up of the Church of to-morrow it holds a place of pre-eminent importance.

We rejoice in the continued growth of the League, and believe that its great numbers, its enthusiasm, its large and growing possibilities of usefulness furnish a great opportunity to every pastor who will conserve the life of the League and wisely direct its powers in the highest channels of usefulness.

We would emphasize the fact that the League is a part of the Church, and not independent of the Church. It is important that its members be kept in close fellowship with Church life and service. To this end we regard it as of first importance that the members of the League attend the Church services and the regular means of grace, and have a part in all the spiritual, benevolent, and other activities of the Church.

We would also emphasize the large possibilities in the Junior League for the training of the children of the Church. It may be effectively employed in carrying out the provisions of the Discipline for the instruction of the children. It may be made a children's class-meeting under an attractive name and with fresh methods suited to the life of youth. If a wise, practical, devout superintendent of the Junior League is selected, it is possible to have a class-meeting for the young—a class-meeting with the spirit of old-time Methodism, though the methods may be modern. It has been suggested that this superintendent, acting as the class-leader, thus bring the Junior League into official relations with the Quarterly Conference and into organic relations with the Church.

We would commend the Forward Movement for the promotion of higher spiritual life and more efficient service among the young people. The plans for the education of the members of the League in systematic Bible study, the benevolent work of the Church, Christian stewardship, and personal evangelism are to be most highly commended.

We would heartily commend the *Epworth Herald*, the official organ of the League, under the able editorship of Dr. Berry, because of its high spiritual tone, lofty ideals, and evangelical spirit. Its large circula-

tion must be most helpful in the promotion of intelligence and consecrated zeal among the young people of Methodism. We pledge our earnest co-operation in extending the circulation of the *Herald*, and in enlarging the sale of the superior Reading Course among our young people.

W. P. THIRKIELD, *Chairman.* CHARLES P. PUMPHREY,
CHARLES L. CONGER, CREIGHTON WONES,
JOHN E. BEERY, W. J. DUNHAM.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

DO YOU know what it is? It is a Society for the establishment and maintenance of institutions for Christian education in the Southern States among both colored and white people. The motto of this Society is, "The soul of improvement is the improvement of the soul." With rare good judgment and wide experience, the Board of Managers, subject to the control of the General Conference, have so admirably conducted this work that we have to-day forty-three schools planted in twelve States, having 10,016 students last year, of whom 2,906 are in the industrial departments, 869 preparing to teach, 284 preparing for ministry and missionary work, 541 for the practice of medicine. What an army! Over ten thousand! These are under the care of five hundred professors and teachers, by whom they are taught letters, sciences, mechanic arts, agriculture, medicine, dentistry, business, religion, theology, pedagogics, domestic economy, sociology, and civics—for all these belong to "Christian education." In all these schools the Bible is a text-book.

The property which has been created for the carrying on of this work by the Society represents a value of $2,160,200, and all this is clear, with the exception of a small but vanishing incumbrance of $110,000; and this will be removed during the present quadrennium, if the preachers of the Church say so. The easy and smooth way in which we think you will like best to do it is as follows: First, raise your apportionment for the Society, and then raise some more, much or little, and every dollar raised above the apportionment shall go sacredly to pay this debt. The General Committee propose to call this fund for the payment of the debt a "thank-offering;" a good name for it. Remember, there are now ten millions—and more are coming—of destitute black people, and three millions of poor white people, in the South to be uplifted, mentally, morally, and spiritually. One in every six of these white people can neither read nor write. What kind of voters can such people be? Not only the progress of the Church, but the very life of the Republic, depends upon the uplifting of these masses. Was there ever a greater opportunity or a more imperative duty than is here presented? And the people are at our doors. No long voyages nor expensive study of languages are necessary in order to reach them. God's blessing is on this cause. Figures lie if they tell you that the indebtedness on this Society has not been reduced $25,000 during the past year. In addition to this, $54,808 have been received on the annuity plan since the last General Conference. This sum is invested and held sacred for the payment of the debt of this Society. Let the good work go on with accelerating speed!

By the activity of the Corresponding Secretaries and the co-operation of the pastors over $50,000 have been raised the past year for special purposes—such as buildings, endowments, etc. The like of this has not been done for many years. There is progress; but we must

move on greater things. The collections the past year have aggregated $105,000, and this is owing to the co-operation of pastors. Indeed, the co-operation of pastors is the key to the outcome. To attain the greatest economy, this Society dispensed with an Assistant Secretary. This saves several thousand dollars a year, as the Presiding Elders and pastors take this work more fully on their minds and hearts, and push it. Why, brothers, to do this will be a blessing to us. Let us disappoint the officers of the Society by doing more than they expect of us! We can show them our heels at the end of this financial walk off. "What are we asked to raise for this cause this year?" Only $6,500. "What! in the whole Cincinnati Conference?" Yes; only $6,500. "Well, we'll do it." Of course we will, and easily, if we determine to do "this one thing."

THE BEST WAY TO DO IT.—First, determine to do it. Organize your committees, and tell them what to do. Have a clear understanding of the amount needed, and then push as far beyond that point as possible. Second, send to the office of the Society, No. 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, and get tracts and other information that will stir your people and fill them with enthusiasm for this cause. Third, inform the people that every person contributing one dollar or more will receive a copy of the *Christian Educator*, an illustrated magazine, free. This publication will help both pastor and people. Fourth, observe Lincoln's Birthday, Sunday, February 15, 1903, by presenting, in connection with that anniversary, this great cause. How fittingly these come together: Lincoln—liberty! More Churches than ever before did this last year, and the results were most encouraging. Fifth, read this report over frequently during the year, and have your people read it often. Then bring the money or vouchers for it to the next Conference.

No other Conference in Methodism stands as closely related to this great Society of the Church as does the Cincinnati Conference. The proof is right here. Look around you! Right down the hill from this Conference-room this grand movement was born—in the Western Methodist Book Concern. It was born just when our Nation was passing out of the throes of a battle for its life. Everything in the air was astir. Greatness characterized everything that was then being done. Lincoln, our great President, had written the great Emancipation Proclamation. Grant, the great commander, had led the great army to the great victory that preserved our great Union. The emancipated slaves had been transformed into Union soldiers, and had fought in great battles; and, side by side with our own fathers and brothers, had won the great victory that brightened the colors of our National flag and gave a new glory to Old Glory.

In this day of great things this Society was born to do a great work. Its birth was a thought from the great God, and for all time. The birth of this Society in Cincinnati is one of the great honors of the Queen City, and will be an honor to it more and more as the centuries go by. Look around you! There in our President's chair sits our own brother, into whose hands God intrusted this new-born and wonderful child, saying to our Church, "Take this child, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." God has been paying generously on this account; but a final draft will be paid in eternity. There sits the man who was made sponsor for the child, and who has grown white-haired rocking this cradle of Providence. Look again! There, sitting in the Corresponding Secretary's chair of this great Society, is our own Wilbur P. Thirkield; and by his side the brave daughter of Bishop Gilbert Haven, who stood godfather to this dark-browed child, and who, his tongue aflame, his pen a lightning flash, his sword a Damascus blade, and his heart throbbing with love for God and humanity, stood by this infant in the manger, and drove back Herod's

advancing poltroons who came to murder the young child, that he might not live to contest the throne.

Look again! and you see, sitting in the other Corresponding Secretary's chair, one whose symmetrical character, trained mind, pure heart, eloquent speech, and noble life declare him to be our brother, but whose history identifies him with those whom this Society is to help, and whom it presents as an object-lesson, illustrative of the work this Society has done, and will ever do! Looking at the stately, magnetic Mason, and then looking at the later editions of him, coming in multitudes which no man can number, you can but shout, "*E pluribus unum!*"

This Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is the tree which the hand of Providence has planted by the river of water that "bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." "The ungodly are not so." The soil, the season, the climate, the hands for the planting of this tree, have been chosen of God; and "the leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations."

C. H. HAINES, *Chairman.* D. J. STARR, *Secretary.*
B. D. HYPES.

MISSIONS.

WE render devout thanks to Almighty God for the great success that has attended the labors of our missionaries in all parts of the world, at home and abroad.

In the home field, in cities on the Western frontier, and in the South, our missionaries have planted the Church, and have been largely instrumental in making it the great power it is for the building up of righteousness in the land.

In foreign countries, since 1833 our work has been successfully established in Africa, South America, China, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Finland, India, Malaysia, Bulgaria, Japan, Mexico, and Korea. Our aggregate membership in the foreign field is now about 200,000, and our opportunities for the rapid expansion of our work is only limited by our ability to occupy. We recognize the necessity of greatly enlarged contributions by our people, and earnestly urge that the Open-door Emergency Movement of the past year may be indefinitely continued.

We recognize the claim of our parent Missionary Society to the first place among the benevolent organizations of the Church. While other causes are important, the cause of Missions is the most important of all. All members of our Church should recognize the claims of this Society, and contribute to its treasury according to their ability.

We realize the importance of widespread information among our people on the subject of Missions, and heartily commend the plan of the Board of Managers for the general circulation of our excellent Missionary paper, *World-wide Missions.* We are sure its presence in the families of our people is doing much, not only by imparting much needed information, but by inspiring the Church to greater liberality and zeal for the rapid evangelization of the world.

We pledge ourselves to set apart the first midweek prayer-meeting of each month for a missionary concert of prayer, as recommended by our Book of Discipline, and to increase the efficiency of our Sunday-school missionary organizations.

We have entire confidence in our Missionary administration, and most heartily commend it for its efficiency and economy.

The District Missionary Conventions of the past year were very

inspiring and profitable, and we recommend that one such Convention be held in each Presiding Elder's district during the ensuing year.

We approve of the Missionary Convention to be held at Cleveland, October 21st-24th, and express the hope that our Conference will be largely represented in its delegation.

We rejoice that our Conference has made an advance of $2,354 over last year, and we will use our best endeavors to make a still further advance the coming year.

We send Christian greetings to all our missionaries, at home and abroad, and pledge to them our sympathy, prayers, and support in the great work in which they are engaged. A. N. SPAHR, *Chairman.*

J. E. H. SENTMAN, *Secretary.*

PARSONAGES.

HERE we, as Methodist preachers, not only have no continuing city, but no home that we may rightly call our own; and yet our abiding-place is ever the parsonage, which is sometimes a place of beauty, surrounded by everything that pleases and delights, and sometimes one of lowliness. In some instances it is owned by the charge, in others rented; in still others it is provided by the minister himself; often it is fully furnished, more often only in part; again, it is barren. We plead—

I. For uniformity.—1. That every charge at present without a parsonage endeavor to provide one as soon as possible. 2. That every parsonage be provided as far as possible with "heavy furniture." 3. That where it is practical, shade and fruit trees be planted, for the benefit of future occupants of the home.

II. For a greater feeling of responsibility on the part of Presiding Elders and pastors. In many instances the people would be willing to do what was right if they were properly instructed.

We suggest that the Presiding Elders urge this matter upon the Quarterly Conferences, and that the pastors tactfully present it to their charges, and, finally, that they show their appreciation of what they already enjoy by a conscientious care of all that comes under their control.

GEORGE V. MORRIS, T. J. HARRIS,
C. H. HAINES, GEORGE H. SMITH,
S. G. POLLARD, J. McK. SHULTZ,
R. S. McCOLM, J. H. LEASE.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

CONCERNING the work of the Publishing Committee, we would respectfully report:

The cost of printing and publishing the Minutes last year amounted to $450.45. This expense was met: By the contributions of the Conference, $11.78; from advertisements, $198.20; from sale of Minutes, $254.90; total, $464.88; leaving a profit on publication of $14.43. Of this amount $2.15 was paid for expenses of Conference; leaving a net profit for the business of the year of $12.28. In this account every cent yet due from preachers is estimated as good.

Respectfully submitted.

S. O. ROYAL, *Chairman.*
D. LEE AULTMAN,
MERRICK E. KETCHAM,
C. W. HORN.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Resolved, 1. That we have greatly enjoyed association with our beloved Bishop, John M. Walden, during his presidency at our Conference.

2. That we are embarrassed from want of words adequately to express the fullness of our grateful appreciation of the thoughtful hospitality extended by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Jesse Bowman Young, Official Board, and congregation of the Walnut Hills Church to the Cincinnati Conference, in inviting it to hold its golden jubilee session in this beautiful edifice, and in having provided everything that could contribute to the convenience and pleasure of the members and guests of the Conference. In the choicest and most gracious words of our language we would express the thanks of the Conference to our hosts; and we pray that God's blessing will be their better reward. We commend the example of the Walnut Hills Church as worthy of imitation by other congregations.

3. That the co-operating hospitalities of the other pastors and Churches of Cincinnati merit our sincere thanks, which are hereby extended to them.

4. That the arrangements made for serving dinners in the lecture-room of the church by the elect ladies of the different congregations have greatly facilitated both the business and enjoyment of our sessions.

5. That our gratitude for the music and flowers furnished by our friends is only surpassed by the pleasure we have had in their presence, both in the gatherings at the church and at the homes in which we have been entertained. We thank the Epworth Leagues of Cincinnati for our complimentary steamboat ride on the Ohio River.

6. That we thank the four daily papers of Cincinnati and the *Western Christian Advocate* for the care they have given to the publication of our proceedings.

7. That the thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby expressed, to our excellent corps of secretaries for their efficient services.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary*. R. K. DEEM, *Chairman*.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

FEW questions, if any, more deeply concern the ministry of to-day than the observance of the Sabbath. With it are interwoven many reforms of vital importance to the moral and spiritual lives of the people.

We feel that the proper solution of other problems will best solve this grievous and perplexing one. It is not possible for any one of usual means by which reforms are wrought to bring about a Christian observance of the Sabbath-day. The State has ample legislation on the subject, which, if enforced, would make a quiet and restful day for all her people. A Christian observance of the Sabbath is far beyond the power of the State to enforce. God's people can not observe his day merely within the bounds of the statute of the commonwealth. The Christian's Sabbath is more than restful and quiet; it is filled with devotions and worship, with reflections upon God's love and goodness to man, and upon his own obligation and duty to God. The day is to be kept holy—for holy thinking and holy doing.

No Christian can maintain a high spiritual experience and allow the secular a place even in his thought on the Sabbath day. Non-observance of God's holy day is the source of much of the present decay of Christian piety and experience. Inconsistency of Church

members along this line has done much to retard the coming of reform in Sabbath observance.

The world's levity on the Sabbath is excused by the laxity with which Christians keep the day. Until the Church observes a Christian Sabbath we can not expect the world to observe a legal Sabbath. We feel that the Church needs an awakening of conscience on this great subject. The fact that so many of our people patronize the Sunday excursion and purchase and read the Sunday newspaper has done much to force upon our beloved America a European Sabbath of desecration and dissipation.

We would advise all our pastors to preach vigorously upon the subject and to urge their Sunday-school teachers to thoroughly educate our children and young people in the principles and necessities of a Christian observance of the Sabbath.

We further advise our pastors to make use of such tracts and periodicals among their people as will tend to lead them from a careless and worldly observance of the Sabbath to a careful keeping of the day; that in their own homes nothing be allowed which the indifferent member of the Church or outsider can use as a cover for a more flagrant violation of God's command regarding his own day.

We heartily commend the National Congress on making its appropriation to the World's Fair, to be held in St. Louis in 1903, conditioned upon the gates being closed on Sunday. We sincerely hope no attorney-general or other high authority will interfere with the wish of the people being carried out.

The address of Hon. A. H. Colquitt in the National Congress voices our sentiment, when he said on the question of closing the gates of the Columbian Exposition: "It is the liberty of the lawbreaker; it is the liberty of the immoral; it is the liberty of the debauchee that is demanded." But there ought to be some liberty granted the 13,000,000 Christian people in this country. Let them have liberty to enjoy the Sabbath.

W. A. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

W. M. PATTON, *Secretary.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

OUR Sunday-school literature, from the International Notes clean through the list to the Picture Lesson Paper, is unsurpassed, if indeed equaled, by any other published. Therefore, Methodists need not go from home to get the best. Our prices, too, are unobjectionable; especially when you consider the quality of the goods. Even though they were higher, we would be bound in conscience to provide our schools with them.

Seeing it would be as wise to send our young men to some nondescript theological school as to supply our Sunday-school with literature from an outside and irresponsible source, Dr. Neely and his associates deserve great credit for the excellent work they have accomplished in this vital department of the Church.

F. M. KIRGAN, *Chairman.* WILLIAM B. BROWN, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The liquor-traffic is responsible for fully three-fourths of all the crime, idiocy, and insanity of our land, and fully as much of the police expense of our cities is made necessary by it; also realizing that

we confront a power fortified by wealth, largely dominant in political life and strengthened by habit; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we urge the necessity of persistent prayer, the preaching of Christly sympathy, universal helpfulness, and the cultivation of Christian conscience, that shall culminate in a civic righteousness that will drive the saloon from our land.

Resolved, 2. We must continue to urge the recognition of the two fundamental principles of the temperance fight; viz., total abstinence for the individual, and prohibition for the Nation. This we must aim to secure and make apparent as our purpose, whether by direct or indirect legislation, through county local option, the 'Beal Law,' or State and National prohibition.

Resolved, 3. We commend the co-operation in this work of all organizations that aim at the same ends; but protest against any compromise in this second irrepressible conflict. There can be no compromise with the liquor-traffic without sin. We can have only one motto as honest, fair, and righteous men: "The Nation shall be free! the saloon must go!"

Resolved, 4. We congratulate the State of Ohio that her citizens have set the seal of civic doom upon the saloons of more than one hundred towns and townships during the last year, and that in this work the temperance conscience of the State has flamed forth its wrath in most of the pulpits and through the Anti-saloon League.

Resolved, 5. We heartily indorse the bills now before Congress known as "The Penrose-Lawrence Bill" and "The McCumber Bill," which are as follows: "Be it enacted that hereafter it shall be unlawful to sell intoxicating liquors in any immigrant station owned or used by the United States Government or in the grounds appertaining to the same." Or "That hereafter it shall be unlawful to sell intoxicating liquors in any building owned or used by the United States Government or in the grounds appertaining to the same." And also the Senate resolution offered by Mr. Lodge: "That in the opinion of this body the time has come when the principle twice affirmed in international treaties for Central Africa, that the native races should be protected against the destructive traffic in intoxicants *should be extended to all uncivilized peoples* by the enactment of such laws and the making of such treaties as will *effectually prohibit* the sale by the signatory Powers to aboriginal tribes and uncivilized races of opium and intoxicating beverages." We also commend our Secretary of State, John Hay, for calling the attention of the British Government to this resolution, with the "suggestion that it be made the basis of concurrently reopening the question with the Powers having influence on the commerce in the Western Pacific, or in *any other uncivilized quarter* where the salutary principle of liquor restriction could be practically applied through the general enactment of similar laws by the several countries or through a conventional agreement between them."

Resolved, 6. We insist on the carrying out of the laws respecting the teaching of temperance in the schools.

Resolved, 7. We concur in recommending the observance of the fourth Sunday in November as Temperance Sunday, and express our hope that the General Conference Permanent Committee on Temperance will guide us to victory.

Resolved, 8. We gratefully acknowledge the work done by Dr. Moore of the Anti-saloon League, and of its agent, Dr. Clemans, who is a member of our own Conference, and request his reappointment as Agent of the Anti-saloon League, and also thank the officers of our Conference Society for giving us the opportunity of hearing the great address of the Hon. T. H. Clark at our Anniversary.

Resolved, 9. We recommend the appointment or election of delegates

from this body to the State Anti-saloon League Convention, to be held at Columbus in November, and to the National League Convention, to be held in Washington, D. C., in December.

H. W. BAILEY, *Secretary.* A. B. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

TRACT SOCIETY.

UNDOUBTEDLY many souls are being reached and saved by the judicious distribution of tracts that would not be reached by any other agency. We are to use every agency that is honored by the Holy Ghost in bringing men to Christ. We would encourage and make use of this Society, believing it to be worthy of the place it occupies in the world parish. We would recommend a liberal sowing of the best tract productions on the broad catholic life of the Church. We would further recommend that the Society keep in touch with our charges, by sending to the pastors of said charges such tracts as are known to emphasize our usefulness in performing the little deeds of life, as well as the broader and more difficult tasks. To make this possible, we would recommend more liberal offerings for this cause, believing we will thus hasten the kingdom of God.

W. E. SPURRIER, *Secretary.* CHARLES W. BRIGGS, *Chairman.*

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Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Extemporaneous Oratory, *Buckley;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus;* Essays and Syllabi, Class of Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Outlines of Bible History, *Hurst;* Essays and Syllabi of Candidates for Admission.

Section 3. G. W. DUBOIS.—English and American Literature, *Beers;* Sermons and Syllabi, Class of First Year; Sermons and Syllabi, Class of Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren;* Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren;* The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell;* Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, *Walker.*

Section 5. J. P. PORTER.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Christian Purity, or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster;* Essays and Syllabi, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. ABRAMS.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley.*

Section 7. U. G. HUMPHREY.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* Students' American History, *Montgomery;* Introduction to the Gospel Records, *Nast.*

Section 8. G. V. MORRIS.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler;* Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 10. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches; Life of John Wesley, *Telford;* Systematic Theology, *Raymond.*

Section 11. A. C. TURRELL.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd;* Primer of Psychology, *Ladd;* Larger Catechism, *Nast;* Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Syllabi of Local Preachers.

Section 12. A. B. AUSTIN.—Introduction to Sociology, *Fairbanks;* History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vol. I, *Stevens.*

Section 13. M. B. FULLER.—Introduction to Holy Scriptures, *Harman;* Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill;* History of Methodism (abridged), *Stevens.*

Section 14. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900; Digest of Methodist Law (edition of 1900), *Merrill.*

c. EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATIONS will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, December 5, 1901, and June 26, 1902, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1902.

Examinations in December will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Christian Purity; or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 1, 2), *Broadus;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Parts 1–5).

SECOND YEAR.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 3–5), *Broadus;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Part 6 to end).

THIRD YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren;* History of the Christian Church, Vol. I, *Hurst;* Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren;* History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst;* The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell.*

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

d. CLASSES.

FOURTH YEAR,	1903.—Charles P. Pumphrey,	Deacon.
THIRD YEAR,	1904.—Wilbur E. Hammaker,	Deacon.
	John F. Chenoweth,	Deacon.
SECOND YEAR,	1905.—William W. Reeves,	Elder.
	Asa J. Kestle.	
	Charles J. Moore.	
FIRST YEAR,	1906.—Edward W. Lutterman.	
	Jacob J. Hawk.	
	James M. Bailey.	
	Chas. J. Kelch.	

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VI.

Miscellany.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

Report of H. C. Weakley, Treasurer.

RESOURCES:		
Real estate	$27,500 00	
Bills receivable	19,452 62	
Cash on hand	1,840 12	
		$48,792 74
LIABILITIES:		
Capital account	$46,131 18	
Income account	1,571 56	
Annuity account	1,000 00	
Bills payable	90 00	
		48,792 74
RECEIPTS:		
Cash on hand September 1, 1901	$195 09	
Rents	801 96	
Interest	808 72	
Donation	25 00	
Membership fees	142 76	
Loans paid	7,004 88	
Annuity	1,000 00	
		$9,978 41
EXPENDITURES:		
Donations	$537 00	
Expense	616 29	
Loans on notes	6,935 00	
Interest on annuity	50 00	
Cash on hand	1,840 12	
		$9,978 41
ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT:		
Taxes	$245 71	
Repairs	275 85	
Printing of Constitution	23 50	
Rent of box in Safe Deposit Co	7 00	
Committee work:		
D. L. Aultman	$9 10	
M. E. Ketcham	7 63	
Meetings of Board	24 30	
Expense H. C. Weakley	15 40	
	56 43	
Recording mortgage	2 00	
Sundry items	5 80	
		$616 29

NOTE.—At the Annual Meeting of the Association reductions in valuations were made as follows:

In real estate	$5,769 49	
In bills receivable	300 00	
		$6,069 49

Above accounts duly audited. R. E. SMITH,
C. L. CONGER.

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT
Of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

FUNDS loaned, invested, and in bank, as follows:		
Little Miami Railroad certificate of stock		$1,500 00
Notes		5,400 00
Lot in Madisonville		70 00
119 shares "Mast, Foos & Co," par value		11,900 00
150 shares "P. P. Mast & Co.," par value		15,000 00
In bank		6,015 52
		$39,885 52
Received for Conference Year:		
Interest on notes	$344 13	
Interest on Little Miami Railroad certificate	126 00	
		470 13
		$40,455 65
Paid out for the year:		
Allowed by the Board for extra service	$5 00	
Expenses for meeting of the Board	11 00	
Tax on Madisonville lot	2 00	
Error last year	1 00	
Traveling expenses, stationery, and stamps	8 90	
Paid A. D. Maddox, Treasurer Board of Conference Stewards	442 23	
		470 13
		$39,885 52

Respectfully submitted. J. T. BAIL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Cincinnati Missionary Society has completed another active, aggressive year of labor for the Master.

The Gospel Wagon will not close its season until the 15th of September. This work has been under the supervision of Mr. H. B. Patterson, who appointed Mr. W. W. Youngson as leader. So far the audiences are estimated at 25,000; and 131 have requested prayers, 99 professing conversion.

The missions have all done good work. The statistical records have been revised. The following table shows the result:

MISSIONS.	MEMBERSHIP, Full,	MEMBERSHIP, Probationary,	Sunday-school Average,	Conversions,	IN CHARGE OF
McMicken	76	70	101	94	T. S. King.
Freeman	35	83	68	126	I. D. Jones.
Neave St.	60	22	68	17	W. H. Gilson.
Italian	10	.....	12	.....	G. B. Castellini.
Total	181	175	249	237	

The Italian Mission was established in the Society's property at Park Street and Carlisle Avenue. It demonstrated the impossibility of concentrating Italian work for the city at one point. Hence a number of localities were selected, in which Gospel meetings and Sunday-schools were conducted with satisfactory results.

The Society generously exchanged properties with the colored brethren of Ninth Street, giving them a splendid lot and building at Plum and Carlisle, in the midst of a colored population.

Madison Avenue and Camp Washington, reported last year, assumed Conference relations at the beginning of this year.

Respectfully. J. R. CLARK, *Superintendent.*

JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

Report of the Trustees for the year ending August 31, 1902.

FUNDS invested by the Trustees	$7,673 86	
Cash on hand uninvested	76 14	
		$7,750 00
RECEIPTS:		
August 31, 1901. Cash receipts from interest on bonds and notes from September 1, 1901, to August 31, 1902		$500 19
DISBURSEMENTS:		
August 31, 1902. Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher on file	$50 00	
Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher on file	50 00	
Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher on file	100 00	
Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society, per voucher on file	100 00	
Safety deposit box in Central Trust and Safe Deposit Co	5 00	
		305 00
Balance on hand for distribution		$195 19

We certify that the above is a true statement of the account for the past year. Respectfully. J. R. CLARK,
JOHN PEARSON,
W. A. ROBINSON,
Trustees of the John Mears Bequest.

LAKESIDE.

YOUR Committee to consider the request of the Lakeside Camp-meeting Association that this Conference become a patronizing Conference of said institution, and in pursuance of that relation appoint six (6) trustees—three ministers and three laymen—beg leave to report that after careful consideration we recommend that this Conference cordially accept the invitation and appoint the following trustees, on the condition that the Conference assumes thereby no financial obligation: Trustees—Ministers: John Pearson, for three years; W. A. Robinson, for two years; M. E. Ketcham, for one year. Laymen: General B. R. Cowen, for three years; S. B. LeSourd, for two years; H. C. Hopkins, for one year.

Respectfully submitted. J. G. VAUGHAN, J. S. PUMPHREY.
JOHN PEARSON,

SUPPORT OF SUPERANNUATES.

YOUR Committee to whom you referred the consideration of the Superannuation Fund proposed by certain parties in the North Ohio Conference, and patterned after the plan of the Methodist Church of Canada, report as follows:

We have given the matter what consideration we can during the busy session of the Conference, and are persuaded that the proposed plan, with its high assessments, both on pastors and Churches, is impracticable, at least for the present.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. PORTER, M. E. KETCHAM,
JOHN PEARSON, H. C. WEAKLEY.
D. LEE AULTMAN,

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

THIS Home, located at 641 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, is the headquarters of the city missionary work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The Home has just been put in order by a thorough renovation. It maintained eight workers last year, two of whom are deaconesses and three kindergartners. It has a boarding department, where for three dollars per week it affords a comfortable home for self-respecting and independent young women. It maintains three kindergartens, with an enrollment of 135; a Sunday-school, with 125 children, and cradle roll of 100. It conducts a Boys' Brigade, with 100 members; kitchengarden classes, with 110 members; sewing classes, with 75 children; dressmaking classes for older girls, with free instruction. It holds mothers' meetings, two missionary auxiliaries, and in addition has Cheerful Workers, Young Women's Circles, Bands, and Mothers' Jewels. It holds regular prayer-meetings for promoting the spiritual life. It gives Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter festivals, with summer outings for the enlargement of the social life. Its receipts last year were $3,307.65, in addition to many supplies donated. Its disbursements were $3,185.86.

AS TO ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

IN view of the adoption of the new Constitution, under an important provision of which the General Conference is to determine the method by which the lay members of the Church (over twenty-one years of age) shall choose delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference; and in view of the fact that the last General Conference took no action fixing the procedure or method of such elections in case of the adoption and promulgation of the proposed new fundamental law; and in view of the great importance of having such election conducted with becoming care and according to some uniform method throughout the Church, the Bishops, as the General Superintendents of the Church, make the following recommendations:

1. That in every circuit and station in the Fall Conferences of 1902 and the Spring Conferences of 1903 the first Quarterly Conference of the Conference year shall fix the time and place—or, for circuits having several appointments, the times and places—for holding the election of delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference.

2. That the same Quarterly Conference select three judges of election, or in circuits, if deemed best, one for each appointment or preaching

place, which judges should organize by the election of a chairman and secretary, determine the details of the election, and certfy the result to the Lay Electoral Conference.

3. The Presiding Elder, as administrator of the Discipline for his district, and the pastor for his charge, should see that such preparatory steps are taken in time, and the times and places of voting properly advertised. It may also devolve upon them in some instances to call the attention of the charges to the change in the mode of electing delegates, lest some proceed under the law that has been superseded by the new Constitution.

4. If for any reason the above action shall not be taken at the first Quarterly Conference, it should be taken at the next succeeding Quarterly Conference.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops,

J. N. FITZGERALD, *Secretary.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1856.—William Young, W. Nast, J. B. Finley, J. W. Fowble, G. W. Walker, A. Brown, C. Brooks, A. Lowrey, M. Dustin. *Reserves:* J. T. Mitchell, Charles Elliott, W. Ahrens.

1860.—William Nast, W. Young, J. T. Mitchell, M. Smith, M. Marlay, G. Moody, D. Reed. *Reserves:* W. Ahrens, M. Dustin, G. C. Crum.

1864.—L. D. McCabe, W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin. *Reserves:* W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.

1868.—A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, William Young, J. M. Walden, J. Armstrong. *Reserves:* M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.

1872.—J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves:* G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey. *Lay delegates:* Ichabod Corwin, Philip B. Swing. *Reserves:* Jacob Chambers, J. M. Phillips.

1876.—J. M. Walden, A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, G. Moody. *Reserves:* W. H. Sutherland, R. S. Rust. *Lay:* C. W. Rowland, W. R. Warnock. *Reserves:* Jacob Chambers, W. M. Meek.

1880.—J. M. Walden, W. L. Hypes, C. H. Payne, W. I. Fee. *Reserves:* S. A. Brewster, R. S. Rust. *Lay:* Edward Sargent, H. Elliott. *Reserves:* E. W. Mullikin, W. M. Meek.

1884.—J. M. Walden, A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, William Runyan. *Reserves:* R. S. Rust, L. F. Van Cleve. *Lay:* P. P. Mast, John W. Dale. *Reserves:* Thomas Brown, John C. Brooke.

1888.—C. H. Payne, A. B. Leonard, J. H. Bayliss, I. W. Joyce. *Reserves:* R. S. Rust, John Pearson. *Lay:* John E. Jones, John K. Pollard. *Reserves:* W. R. Warnock, Andrew Coffman.

1892.—A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, John Pearson, T. H. Pearne. *Reserves:* William Runyan, H. C. Weakley. *Lay:* William W. Wilson, James N. Gamble. *Reserves:* P. P. Mast, B. R. Cowen.

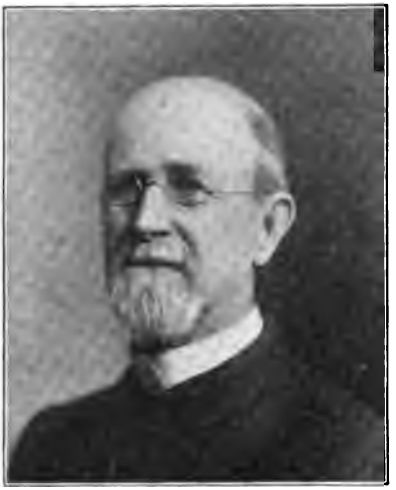
1896.—A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, J. W. Bashford, F. G. Mitchell, H. C. Weakley. *Reserves:* John Pearson, R. H. Rust. *Lay:* George B. Johnson, C. W. Bennett. *Reserves:* Alexander Boxwell, P. P. Mast.

1900.—A. B. Leonard, George H. Dart, J. W. Bashford, J. P. Porter. *Reserves:* S. O. Royal, John A. Story. *Lay:* W. R. Warnock, J. N. Gamble. *Reserves:* H. C. Minnich, George B. Johnson. *Provisional:* R. D. Burns, C. L. Greeno. *Alternates:* Alexander Boxwell, Richard Dymond.

Semi-Centennial.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME—REV. JAMES T. BAIL, D. D.

BISHOP WALDEN AND BRETHREN OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE,—I am glad to see you and welcome you to the fiftieth session of the Cincinnati Conference. Some who are here were present when the two Conferences met in Chillicothe in 1864, and Bishop Simpson delivered his inimitable address on our flag. It was a memorable occasion. The most sedate, quiet ministers, judges, physicians, and business men became wild with enthusiasm, threw up their hats, clapped their hands, and shouted, so that the Bishop frequently had to stop till quiet was restored. In seeing you, brethren, I am forcibly reminded of the blessed Christian fellowships of long ago, when we were laborers together with Him in the old Ohio Conference. Two of your deputation, Brother Creighton and Brother Adams, entered the Ohio Conference with me in the class admitted on probation in 1848. The class of 1848 numbered thirty-three. Of these, so far as I know, only six are now living.



REV. JAMES T. BAIL, D. D.

When the Conference was divided in 1852, and the Cincinnati Conference was organized and named, my lot was in the bounds of the Ohio Conference. In 1853 I was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, and appointed to Vienna Circuit, with David Sharp as colleague. I believed then that the transfer and appointment were providential. I was abundantly satisfied that they were before the year closed, as we had a grand revival of religion. Many souls were saved and added to the Church. And, too, it was in the bounds of this Conference I found my wife.

In 1852, the year of the separation, the Cincinnati Conference had six districts—East Cincinnati, West Cincinnati, Dayton, Urbana, Xenia, and Hillsboro. There were 26,688 members and 2,166 probationers, making a total of 28,854. The sum of $10,470.35 was paid for missions. This included the contributions of the Kentucky District and three German districts, then embraced in the Cincinnati Conference. There was given for Conference Claimants $1,708.31. The Book Concern paid $338.30, the Chartered Fund $120, and the circuits and stations $1,250.01. They looked after the cents then, and let the dollars take care of themselves. In 1901, the five districts of the Cincinnati Conference reported a total membership of 54,657. The sum of $20,249 was paid for missions, and of $5,293 for Conference Claimants.

Fifty years have brought many changes. When the Cincinnati Conference was formed there were forty-one circuits and thirty-three stations. A little more than two-thirds of the membership lived in the country. Now there are eighty-five circuits and seventy-four stations, a little more than one-half of the membership living in the country. Then the circuits had six, eight, or more preaching places, and two preachers—preacher in charge and junior preacher. In large circuits weekday preaching was necessary to make the round in four weeks. The first circuit I traveled—David Smith, preacher in charge—had twenty-nine preaching places, many of them being private dwellings and schoolhouses. With saddlebags filled with books to study, and the Methodist Hymn-book, the Discipline, and other books from the Book Concern to sell, the itinerant mounted his horse and went forth to perform the work assigned him, sometimes not returning for two, three, or four weeks. Now there is not a four weeks' circuit in the Cincinnati Conference, and none that requires more than one preacher. Then the preacher, as a rule, was his own evangelist. He with his local preachers and exhorters did the work of protracted-meetings, the brethren and sisters standing by their pastor, doing their part cheerfully and faithfully. Sometimes the pastor would exchange with a brother minister, giving work for work. Then a presiding elder's district had from twelve to fifteen charges. Quarterly-meetings were great occasions. The people looked forward to them with expectancy and great delight. The presiding elder was usually present for two days, and preached at the Quarterly Conference and love-feast. The love-feast—composed of men and women who knew they were saved, and told it joyfully and with confidence—was a most precious season. I believe the love-feast has done much to make the grand old Methodist Church what she is, the largest ecclesiastical body in the land.

The times have changed, and I would be slow to say that they have not changed for the better, that the Ohio Conference and the Cincinnati Conference had been in existence for fifty years without making the world better. Wilberforce University was founded practically and built up by the efforts of the Cincinnati Conference. With this enterprise Dr. R. S. Rust was prominently identified. Dr. Rust was also for many years Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and is still the Honorary Secretary. The present Secretary of the Missionary Society is Dr. A. B. Leonard, who for many years has been an honored member of this Conference. This Conference has given two Agents to the Book Concern. The first was John T. Mitchell, the father of our Frank G. Mitchell. He was a noble, godly man and grand preacher. I heard him preach a sermon once at a camp-meeting near East Liberty, Logan County, when the Spirit was poured upon the hundreds present and the scene witnessed was like unto Pentecost. The other Agent was John M. Walden, now our level-headed, thoughtful, beloved presiding Bishop. We all know him, and know him but to love him. Another Bishop is Isaac W. Joyce, laborious, enthusiastic, and hopeful. May these two chief shepherds be spared to the Church for many years!

Of the two hundred and four members of this Conference, fifteen are sons of members. The son of the late S. A. Brewster is a missionary in China, while Dr. A. B. Leonard's son is the pastor of the American Church in Rome. I have never met Brother A. W. Leonard, but I learn he is a chip off of the old block, or he may be a second edition revised and improved. We have sent one of our men, Charles W. Rishell, to Boston Theological School. We have sent two of our men to the Penitentiary, Brother Dustin and Dr. D. J. Starr. It has been my privilege to be intimately associated with Methodist preachers for more than half a century, and I can say with candor that I believe them to be as noble, upright, and true as any class of men in the world. Many of our truly good and useful men have gone from the toils and conflicts of this life

to the immortal joys beyond Death's river, forever with the Lord! Amen, so let it be. We hope to join them by and by, and share their joys at home.

Dear brethren, again I welcome you, and trust your stay will be pleasant and profitable to you, as I am sure it will to us.

LETTER FROM J. H. CREIGHTON, D. D.

LITHOPOLIS, OHIO, August 29, 1902.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE:

DEAR BRETHREN,—It would give me great pleasure to meet with you on this semi-centennial of our two Conferences; but as it is inconvenient for me to go, I will write a few words to let you know that "Joseph is yet alive." I think there is but one or two in each Conference that joined when I did. "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets? Do they live forever?" As we look back over the past century and a half, history does not furnish a credenda that has stood so long intact. Without reform or retrenchment. Nothing eliminated, nothing added. Our doctrines are few in number and clear in statement, unencumbered with non-essentials or doubtful theories. Like their Author, they never change. We believe them as a man believes he has a body and a soul. In the language of Carvosso, "Believing is a kind of knowing." We preach them "with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." We preach to large congregations. The people are yet "astonished" at Christ's doctrines when faithfully preached. They never get dry or time-worn. Methodism has produced as great preachers as ever lived, and they have all been doctrinal preachers. Our doctrines furnish endless variety, and reach the finest faculties of the soul. When true doctrines take the lead, sound ethics are sure to follow.

REV. DR. J. H. CREIGHTON.

The prominence we have given to evangelical preaching has preserved us from Ritualism on the one hand and Rationalism on the other. Nearly all our opposition until recently has been from without. Schism and doctrinal divisions have been from the first almost unknown among us.

As to the present state of our Church, and all the Churches, I think Dr. Buckley's statement before the late General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church is exactly true. In the closing sentences of that great address he said to that great body of ministers that at the present time our greatest foe is Materialism. While this is from without, we have little to fear, as we have always been able to contend for the faith. We have met the enemy and conquered; but there are a few (only a few) that meet not to conquer, but embrace. While justification by faith—the witness of the Spirit—the atonement of a supernatural Savior is preached, and great revivals go on; and while the honored eponym name of Wesley stands at the head of our standards we are safe. And great victories are yet before us. But there is "yet very much land to be possessed."

(Signed) JOSEPH H. CREIGHTON.

ADDRESS BY REV. ISAAC F. KING, D. D.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND BRETHREN OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE:

We, the delegates of the Ohio Conference, fully appreciate the hearty welcome you give us to-day. It was because of the rapid growth of the Church, under the labors of our fathers fifty years ago, that made a separation of the territory of the Ohio Conference into two bands necessary. The church buildings were large, and the hospitality of the people was almost boundless, yet it became quite impossible to find accommodation in any of our cities for the three hundred and fifty pastors and the two hundred horses which then was the number of our host.

REV. I. F. KING.

At the session in Springfield, in 1851, the plan of separation was agreed upon. The next year you, with one hundred and eighty-five members, met at Xenia, and we, with one hundred and fifteen, met at Zanesville. Both Conferences have always heartily recognized that we are *one* in origin, tradition, territory, talent, and purpose. This arises from the fact that we have the same parentage, and we have the same heritage; you are in the western part of the vineyard, and we are in the eastern.

To properly observe the semi-centennial will surely suggest the raising of an Ebenezer for blessings past and present. To review the heroic deeds of our fathers will give us inspiration for future conquests, and looking at their self-sacrificing work—the fruits of which we enjoy to-day—will cause us to confess great indebtedness to them. It was never more true of any people than of us, that "Other men have labored and we have entered into their labors."

In 1852 you had one hundred and eighty-five ministers; now you have two hundred. Then you had thirty thousand Church members; now you have more than fifty-two thousand in your lay ranks. Fifty years ago the Ohio Conference had one hundred and fifteen pastors; now we have two hundred and forty. Then we had twenty-eight thousand members; now the number of our laymen exceeds seventy-one thousand.

As you set up for yourselves, you had the vigorous George W. Walker, the powerful Michael Marlay, the zealous James B. Finley, the learned and athletic Charles Elliott, the versatile John T. Mitchell, the gigantic Granville Moody, Asbury Lowrey the Scripturian, John Miley the theologian, and L. D. McCabe the lovely and beloved teacher, and many others fully their peers were in your ranks.

We had the saintly Frederick Merrick; the master debater, Stephen M. Merrill; Joseph M. Trimble, the bountiful giver and the prince of exhorters. We also had the sweet-voiced, poetic John W. White; Zachariah Cornell, the master of Parliamentary law; the facile pen of the Rev. B. St. James Fry; the eloquent tongue of George W. Brush, and the self-sacrificing solicitor for benevolent gifts, Uriah Heath. But time forbids our calling the names of all our men of might.

Of those now living on your rolls, of that noble band there are but four names left, and we have but ten; while the names of Stephen M. Merrill, T. J. N. Simmons, and Isaac Dillon, who were of us then, are now enrolled elsewhere.

It was conceded in 1852 that you had the more desirable territory, and it is true even to-day; yet the undeveloped coal, the hidden oil, and the concealed gas of our territory have been developed, and have made rich our valleys and hills, until we, too, have wealthy cities and cultivated hamlets.

The effort to advance holy living, instituted by the Rev. John S.

Inskip, which afterward developed into a holiness camp-meeting association, about the year 1870, did not in the end produce satisfactory results. After that the efforts of the Woman's Crusade to overthrow the liquor power of the land helped us to forge ahead a little, but was like too many temperance efforts—spasmodic; yet that agitation kept the State of Ohio from adopting a license clause in its Constitution. And one of its best fruits was the organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The multiplication of high schools throughout the State caused us to withdraw patronage and support from six or more academies and ladies' schools in our bounds, and we have concentrated on the Ohio Wesleyan University. Yet the sequel shows that we should have rallied to the maintenance of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College, so that to-day we might do for our daughters in our own State and in our own Church that which they seek at Vassar, Wellesley, and Bryn Mawr.

A half-century ago we had but one theological seminary, located at Concord, New Hampshire; now we have twenty schools of theology, ten of them in the United States, and ten in other countries.

There is no better Methodist atmosphere anywhere than in Ohio, and some of us will rejoice when there is a school for the prophets connected with the Ohio Wesleyan University. We would be stronger to-day had our Churches offered larger salaries to more of our brightest and best educated young preachers, and not let them go out to strengthen the pulpits of our sister Churches.

Our ministerial fathers were eminently aggressive in their work. They were men of purpose and conviction. Their type of piety was pronounced. They spoke in the language of their times to the men of their times. This produced some peculiarities in the Church, which marked their times. Had we of the past been as wise as we might have been, we would at this period have a sufficient number of converted and trained Germans to evangelize Germany; and the same might have been true of Italians for Italy, of Chinese for China, and of Africans for Africa.

The Ohio Conference observed the semi-centennial of its existence at Lancaster in 1861, when the venerable John Stewart preached a commemoration sermon. Then followed a historical sketch of the Western Conference by the Rev. Zachariah Connell, whose concluding words were, "How few of us will be living when fifty more years have passed away!" The exercises concluded with a historical sketch of the Ohio Conference by the Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Trimble. His last sentence reads thus: "May the Ohio Conference continue to share in the smiles and approval of God, and ever be in the land a mighty power for good."

September 13, 1864, the Cincinnati Conference, holding its session at Greenfield, and the Ohio Conference, being in session at Walnut Street Church, Chillicothe, mutually agreed to hold a reunion session at Walnut Street Church, Chillicothe. After Philip Phillips sang "Your mission," Bishop Morris took the chair, and Bishop Ames made an address of welcome for the Ohio Conference to the Cincinnati Conference. After the Lord's Supper was administered there followed a memorable love-feast, participated in by C. W. Swain, William Simmons, Levi White, E. H. Field, Adam Poe, Granville Moody, J. Armstrong, H. O. Sheldon, M. P. Gaddis, David Lewis, J. J. Hill, John Stewart, M. Dustin, George C. Crum, J. C. Bontecue, and M. Marlay.

At that reunion we sent the following telegram to President Lincoln: "We recognize *you* as the legal head of our Nation, and pledge you our prayers and support." At the end of the love-feast, Bishop Ames read the list of ministerial appointments of the Ohio Conference. Dinner was served, and at two o'clock the Conference reassembled, when Bishop Morris told the people the story of his ministerial career and his hopes of heaven. Chaplain McCabe displayed on the platform the

flag of the Seventy-third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which had been at Cross Keys, Bull Run (No. 2), Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and had been waved in triumph on Lookout Mountain. The Rev. A. B. See offered the following: "*Resolved*, That we will live and die under our flag." This passed unanimously. During that session James Q. Lakin and Ezekiel Sibley asked for prayers for their sons, then prisoners of war in the South. The Rev. C. D. Battelle led in a prayer of wondrous directness and power. By request of the united Conference, Bishop Simpson delivered his matchless address on the state of the country. None who heard it will ever forget it. The last sentence or two of the peroration were as follows: "This flag is tattered and torn, but it hangs together," putting his index finger on the blue ground. "I ask whence came this blue? Did not an angel cut it from the blue vault, and deck it with stars of living gold, and send it on its mission of love and good will to the world?" Taking hold of the flagstaff, he exclaimed, in conclusion, "Long may it wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

At the end, the outburst of religious and patriotic enthusiasm was so great that quiet enough for the benediction was not obtained for nearly a quarter of an hour. Such burning words of eloquence, from an intensely impassioned orator, may not for a century to come inflame the souls of pastors and people so profoundly as the words from the golden-mouthed Simpson did that day.

The growth of the Church and the advancement of our civilization in the past fifty years can be more vividly seen in one picture than in many fragments. So we give a fancy sketch of a quarterly-meeting of the present day, presided over by a Presiding Elder of fifty years ago. If the Rev. Dr. Cyrus Brooks, who was in the office in our territory in 1852, should have slept during the fifty years, and should have awakened on a Friday morning of this last June, and should have mounted his horse to go to Canaanville Circuit to hold a quarterly-meeting at Fairmount Society, and return to his home in the city, he would have had vivid experiences as to the striking changes which have taken place in this semi-centennial period. As he rode out of the city, lo! a macadamized road instead of the clay pike, rubber-tired carriages passed him, and the rail fences formerly along the road were gone, and wire ones substituted. By the time he was fairly in the country, a traction engine, drawing a self-binding reaper, overtook him on its way to the fields of a neighboring farmer. As he approached the river, he found that the ferryboat had been laid aside, and an iron bridge had taken its place. At the end of a five hours' ride, he entered Canaanville, and found that if he had used the trolley car, which came on another road, he could have made the journey in less than one hour.

The children of the parsonage looked with wonderment at his white wool hat, his shad-bellied coat, his buff vest, his stock, leggings, and saddlebags. While the pastor's wife was preparing his luncheon, he took a walk, and found the principal streets of the town paved with asphalt, and the others with brick, and he discovered that the little city at night was lighted by electricity. In a talk with the preacher in charge he learned that Canaanville Circuit had now but one appointment out of town, and that at Fairmount. Further, he was advised that there were now two stations and one two weeks' circuit made of the societies which formerly constituted the old four weeks' circuit. The pastor handed him a copy of the Conference Minutes, and he was surprised to find it printed, and that it contained more than one hundred pages of nice clear type. In looking over the roll of the Conference, he found all of his compeers on the list of "Robed and Crowned," except his brother, Ancil Brooks, the senior member of the Conference,

who with James Mitchell, J. R. Prose, Jacob S. Adams, Joseph H. Creighton, Stephen C. Frampton, David Mann, William Morris, M. D. Vaughn, and W. S. Benner, survive.

While riding out of town, toward Fairmount Church, he heard a rushing noise in the rear, which at first he feared was a tornado, but, as it passed, behold! a horseless carriage! When he reached the house of the recording steward he was surprised to find natural gas used for fuel. Out on the farm he was informed coal-oil was being pumped from a well to the city of Marietta, a hundred miles away! His hostess, using a sewing-machine, kindly disclosed to him its wonders. At the dinner he ate roast beef dressed in Kansas City, a place he had never heard of before. Walking across the fields to Fairmount Church on Saturday morning, he found a new structure, beautiful in its architectural proportions, covered with slate. In the vestibule, he found a tile floor. The floor of the auditorium was descending, and, down at the pulpit, he found the choir-loft side by side with the minister, and not in the rear end of the church. In this apartment was a large cabinet organ. As the people ascended for worship, he found the men did not sit apart from the women, but there were family sittings. He entered the pulpit, and, looking for his Scripture lessons, found the old King James Version gone, and a revised one had taken its place. His text, Acts viii, 37, which read, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God," was not there! He took up a hymn-book, and behold! a Hymnal. The three hymns he intended to use were not in the new book. The first lines were as follows: "My heart is fixed on thee, my God;" "In thy presence we appear;" "Giver of concord, Prince of peace." He naturally turned the musical part of the service over to the pastor, who did not line the hymns he selected, for all seemed to be supplied with books. The sermon over, he took the chair in the Quarterly Conference. From his saddlebags he brought forth his Discipline, bound in calf; but the pastor approached him with the information that since his Discipline had been printed twelve revisions of the books had taken place!

This transition was well-nigh too much for the level-headed, patient presiding officer. While the pastor was looking in his satchel for a new Discipline, the elder cast a glance at the dress of the pastor, and was pleased with the neatness of the entire outfit—patent-leather shoes, gloss-laundried linen, and especially the neatly-balancing nose-glasses. When the call was made for the pastor's report, behold! it was typewritten; so also were other reports from Church officers. The business of the Quarterly Conference progressed rapidly, for the secretary had by his side a stenographer, who wrote as rapidly as business proceeded. When the benevolent societies of the Church were read, the Presiding Elder noted that, in addition to the Missionary and the Tract Society, were added Church Extension, Freedmen, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Woman's Home Missionary Society. He found that now in the Church we have "Official Boards" and Epworth League Chapters. Two young men were present—one from Garrett and the other from Boston Theological Seminary—who desired recommendation to the Annual Conference. The elder paused, and said the seminaries were new to him. As he turned to the Discipline to learn on what subjects the young men were to be examined, in turning the pages, to his amazement, he found a course of study for ministers in German, in Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Italian, Spanish, and Chinese, as well as English. And in looking through the English course of study for ministers, he found in the entire list of authors to study, only Butler's "Analogy" and Wesley's "Plain Account" left

of the former course. On another glance through the Discipline, he was dumfounded to find four new kinds of Conferences, viz.: District, Judicial, Lay Electoral, and Mission Conferences.

At an informal meeting of the Church officers, after the Quarterly Conference adjourned, he found, on making inquiry, as to the return of the pastor, who had been stationed there for two years, that the General Conference had removed the time limit. He found also that most of the quarterage had been paid in bank checks, and that the paper currency of the country was now National greenbacks; and that in this age there is no State-bank money, neither "red-dog" nor "wild-cat" paper, which had only a gold value on the counter of the bank which issued it, and was of uncertain value every other where.

On his way home with the Sabbath-school superintendent, he asked what was meant by Freedmen's Aid Society and by Decoration-day exercises, which he had heard of during the day. He then heard the story of the Civil War and its results. On reaching the dwelling, his eye fell on the Children's-day program, which excited his curiosity. At this moment the telephone-bell rang, and, when the message was received, he was informed that the superintendent had been talking with his brother in Denver, who had just received a wireless telegram from the ship on which his son had been sailing, announcing that they had just sighted the Philippine Islands, a new part of the United States, whither the young nephew was bound as a schoolteacher.

In conversing with the children, he found a son who was just home from the Ohio Wesleyan University, and, in looking over the catalogue with him, he found there was not a book in the course of study which was in it when he was Conference visitor to that institution. And he could not find even one name of the Faculty of 1852 in the list of professors.

As the love-feast opened next morning, he observed there were no doorkeepers, no use made of love-feast tickets, and no distribution of bread and water. The attendance was small, being confined almost exclusively to that Society. The exercises semed to him to lack fervor and enthusiasm. The pastor's report at the close had much about benevolent collections; even it specified Children's-day Fund, hospital, Anti-saloon League, and for the Home for the Aged; but there was nothing as to the Friday fast-day, nothing as to the fruit of the last revival, nor the class-meeting, and nothing for the American Colonization Society.

The strangest parts to the elder were the Epworth League, the Junior League, and the plan for forming Canaanville Society into an institutional Church. At the public service there was a congregation of moderate size, in which he observed that the older men wore full beards, and the younger ones were smooth shaven as their grandfathers were.

During the introductory services, conducted by the pastor, for the first time in his life the elder heard a Methodist congregation join in singing the "Gloria" and in repeating the Apostles' Creed, and in chanting with the choir the Lord's Prayer. The culmination of astonishment came at the Lord's table, because the cup he expected all to partake of was supplanted by as many dainty, toylike cups as there were communicants. And that which made his surprise the greater, was not a hint about the change appeared in the Ritual of the new Discipline he was now using.

The morning services being ended, on reaching the door of the church, he saw two trains of trolley cars in the highway nearly in front of the church, ready to transport the congregation in different

directions to their homes. A few of the people rode bicycles, many were in rubber-tired carriages, one family used an automobile, and a few were afoot. Not one person was on horseback.

As he and the minister returned to Canaanville in the afternoon he learned of the introduction of lay delegation into the General Conference, and of the adoption of a constitution for the Church. Entering the parsonage again, he appreciated the bathroom and the fact that the entire house was lighted by gas at night.

He visited the Canaanville Sabbath-school, and found it occupying a well-carpeted room, with sixteen separate class-rooms, separated from the main lecture-room by folding doors; also a separate room for the primary department. The music was led by a piano, a cabinet organ, an orchestra, and a quartet of choice voices. The songs and the music were suited to the age of the children and youth. The Scripture lessons were uniform, and the literature was the Sabbath-school Teachers' Journal, Lesson Helps, and Lesson Leaves for the pupils. The height and size of the seats were suited to the size of the children.

He took note that the Canaanville church had an elevated floor, cushioned pews, and a pipe-organ. This last-named costly instrument was to the Presiding Elder the first he had known in a Methodist church in Ohio.

In the evening the pastor had not a large congregation at Canaanville. It was composed of a few substantial families of the Church, with here and there a young person. The multitudes were in places of amusement. When Monday morning came, he noted in all of the schools of the little city women were the only teachers, except the principal of the high school. In the store and offices they seemed to have a monopoly as clerks, stenographers, and typewriters.

As to secret societies, he found that, added to the Freemasons and Odd Fellows of fifty years ago, we now have the Grand Army of the Republic, Druids, Woodmen, Red Men, Elks, Good Samaritans, Knights of Honor, Knights of Maccabees, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Knights of St. John. Also, he found clubs social, literary, and clubs political, and to these were added many trades unions.

During his ride of five hours to his home, the Presiding Elder had abundant time and food for reflection. In his soliloquy he said: "How can the Church be supported amid so many rival social societies? How can our city Churches provide adequately for the coming millions? Who will be left in the country in the near future to sustain the rural Church? If the sermon of last night is a fair specimen, the minister of this age has neither the earnestness, unction, nor power over his hearers his fathers had, although his diction and his dress are more elegant. And since the majority of men in this age are out of Christ, the time is not now, nor is it near, when preachers should cease to call sinners to repentance and reformation. Also parents and pastors must not neglect to teach and train children in the way of eternal life."

He rejoiced in the material progress of the country and in the growing efficiency of the Church; yet he believed that still "The children of this world are wiser than the children of the light."

As he entered the city on his weary horse, he concluded it is not possible for the Church nor society, in the next fifty years, to undergo as many changes as have characterized the last five decades. And he was confirmed in his belief that if Methodism is true to its traditions, it will, in all ages to come, be abreast of the age, and will be to the end of time a mighty power to turn men from sin to righteousness.

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ADDRESS BY REV. DR. ISAAC CROOK.

COULD we have met for a day, five hundred strong, it had been an event of a lifetime. But Methodist ministers are much alike. It has been my privilege to be a member of seven different Conferences, and officially related to three others, from the Ohio River to the Pacific Ocean. The men of those ten Conferences greatly resemble each other. I do not know that one could choose better company.

When the gathering of the clans now begun shall have lined up, ten thousand to twelve thousand men, there will not likely be twenty of them even charged with immorality. While we may lower our heads in grief and shame for the few, we can look along the line of any other calling and behold a thousand wrong-doers in their ranks to one in ours.

REV. DR. ISAAC CROOK.

Well for us and the Church if there be no more Nadabs offering strange fire. Out with all such! Our commissioners selected wisely on your part. This Cincinnati Conference fills a huge vessel, only less wonderful than that Peter saw at Joppa. But you have brought it to us by its Bail, which affectionately we grasp. My colleague is royal in name, and I respect him personally more than the one crowned the other day in Westminster Abbey. I am but his shepherd Crook. Since the local preacher who created our Church in the Isle of Man, and then as itinerant was a savior of life to North Ireland, who, when too ill to stand, would preach on his knees, was named Crook, my coat-of-arms is painted in the pictures of Him of whom it was written, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Now that I think of it, Dr. King's mother prophetically called him Isaac, meaning laughter. So did mine. Our Conference mother sent us here to make you laugh for joy, when we have done speaking.

Your admirable greeting and the comprehensive response of my colleague, so charmingly put, have prepared the way for a vast outlook.

On this hilltop, a century ago, savages lit their signal fires amid the walnut-trees. The whites came and lined yonder river with danger signals, and sent their patrols up and down the whole course of the valley. Soon Losantiville, as Cincinnati was then called, and this corner of Ohio became a garden for growing men. Here, on this hill, grew the Beechers. Down there Presidents, from the Harrisons on to Hayes. Judges, from the majestic McLean, whose ashes sleep in yonder cemetery, to the young Taft, magician of the Philippines, in spite of the pope. I can not stay to speak of governors, generals, and statesmen, reformers and poets, inventors and scholars of foremost rank.

The history of the southwest corner of Ohio is yet unwritten. We stand overlooking the literary center of Western Methodism. It has sent out a vigorous Church paper, many good books, much good liter-

ature, and one dozen Bishops. It is a very brooding nest of them. The wonder is it has made so few mistakes. What versatility to be able to push the publishing-house or *Advocate* down there, or this host of living witnesses with equal wisdom and vigor! Do I need any confirmation in the presence of this chairman?

Only one came of the pulpits of Cincinnati. May his kind increase! If there are seen any birds of passage, with bent beak ready to seize and appropriate a miter, well, what shall be done? Would you know what fine men and women grow in parsonages, look about you.

But it all came because first came the gospel. It came with the itinerant, but before him came such as Francis McCormick, giant in stature, wielding either fist or ax, and opening his cabin yonder on the Miami for worship, preaching the gospel himself as a local preacher. After him the gospel stream flowed in and up this valley. Would that his kind might return to the Church in thousands of lay preachers, not hampered by the name and office, but on fire with religious experience and zeal.

Brothers, this Miami Valley is the garden of the Lord, assigned you fifty years ago. We congratulate you! I try to be modest when I say the symbol of our Conference is the circle O for Ohio, and that is all-inclusive. We still claim you as of the circle, a daughter beloved and well-grown, of whom we are proud.

Our valley mainly is the Scioto. There the stream of grace ran up the valley, as often in the sky rain comes from the direction opposite that of the wind.

Two summers ago it was my privilege to speak at the one hundredth anniversary of the erection of the first house of worship by Methodism in the Northwest. It stands on a little stream confluent to the Scioto River. Like the few drops from the temple walls in Ezekiel's vision, it began a long course. My colleague has given you a vivid picture of a scene up the river in the old first State capital.

In Chillicothe our State Constitution was born, and well born, one hundred years ago in November. Dr. Tiffin, afterwards first governor of the State, was president; Thomas Scott, afterwards first supreme judge of Ohio, was secretary; and Philip Gatch, an influential member of the Constitutional Convention—three talented, earnest local preachers, not dumb dogs, but soul-winners.

Fortunate the State with such men to frame her Constitution! Was it not a fitting place for that Conference reunion to wave the old battle-scarred flag, and hear the matchless Ohio Bishop, and see staid Methodists toss their hats to the ceiling, and shout by the half-hour?

I can not stop at the present State capital to describe the sturdy type of Methodism there. She has a tremendous responsibility in that confluence of the political influence of the State, good and bad.

I can not forbear a glimpse at a tributary of the Scioto, the Olentangy. When our young, potent Augusta College was being stifled by the atmosphere of slavery, some good angel plucked and planted it by the shore of the Olentangy, and saw that the White Sulphur and the Odovine Springs should water its roots. Its first Faculty, like a brilliant star of five points, shone over it: Thomson, Merrick, Harris, McCabe, and Williams, of Cincinnati—last and equal. I wanted the trustees to organize the women of Ohio Methodism into a guild to support our university; for as go the women, so go the children, and thither will follow endowment enough to embarrass them.

But I wish to speak of it as a center of aggressive Methodism. Were it not for the embarrassment to others, I should ask the sons of Ohio Wesleyan University to stand. Then, if I should call in the men and women from Asia, Africa, the isles of the sea, South America, Mexico, and the West Indies, who were converted at the altars there,

or reclaimed, consecrated, sent out, you would wish to give a jubilee shout.

"Let all the nations know
To earth's remotest bound,
The year of jubilee has come."

I must extend our circle. The O, as usual, claims the earth. To complete this jubilee celebration, we invite you to the east bank of the Muskingum River, at Zanesville, second capital of Ohio. The three rivers of the south slope of Ohio are geographically a unit, as they are historically.

It was a choice lot of people who settled at the mouth of the Muskingum River and called the place for Marie Antoinette—Marietta. Among the early families was one McCabe, and to-day a descendant is shouting the forward move amid the Norway pines.

It must have been genuine gospel preaching that Sunday morning in 1816, by the itinerant Rev. Marcus Lindsay, that saved a despairing, drinking Negro, and so turned him that he followed the call of God up the river and across to the Sandusky, to begin mission work among the Wyandots.

That year there was a spindling youngster astride his horse, with library in a tin book-case, up here at the headwaters of the Miami; and his name was Durbin.

Stewart started it along the Muskingum, Finley pleaded its cause in the Scioto Valley at Conference in Chillicothe, Durbin from the Miami Valley vitalized the great Missionary Society whose missionaries are now protected by the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes the world round.

Our heart is enlarged as we look a little up the streams as they flow to the Muskingum. Where they start, uncertain whether to the Ohio or the Muskingum, is Cadiz, and Cadiz gave better than the old town of Andalusia, with its forts and guns and fruits and art. Our Cadiz gave to the world Matthew Simpson, Lincoln's adviser when the life of the Republic was at stake, and the funeral orator to utter the sorrow of the world at Springfield; and later, at Garfield's memorial; he lifted a British audience in London to its feet.

A little south of Cadiz is the hamlet where the Thoburns started: One here present, a nephew in Tokyo, one, after setting the pace for the education of Hindoo girls and for hospital work, here went home; another, the cosmopolitan seer, like St. James, Bishop of our Indian Empire. O brethren! Ezekiel saw a vision of waters issuing from Zion, and everything was healed whithersoever the waters came.

This is jubilee. Its major note is triumph. There is a minor. There are alarming symptoms. There is a spurious pietism, exaggerated, hysterical, repellant. It urges to leap down from the pinnacle, and is of the devil. There is a secularism in the pew, and gets into the pulpit. It discourses knowingly on capital, labor, trusts, and strikes (and it must know and press the gospel), but Satan says make bread if thou be divine.

There is another concession going on: An alarming secularization of the Sabbath fills the parks, groves, and beer gardens, sapping the Sunday-schools and Churches. It is powerfully promoted by the railroads buying the scruples of Methodists at one dollar or two dollars apiece fare saved!

Our fathers would have gone into it as Wesley and his helpers did, to snatch them from the mouth of the lion. Or as William Taylor in San Francisco did, and later in Calcutta, saying "he would succeed or die by his guns."

These things are around and before us. Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire. God is particular, and he slew them. We have seen men—

only a few—who offered the inspiration of wine or opium, and they died to the ministry. Is it better to offer the so-called eloquence begotten of human ambition and greed for power, and gain, and fame?

Are there not pedestals of salary and favoritism beneath men called to preach? Look along! I ask a theological school, "How is John doing?" "Well, he has a $1,000 salary." Ask his Presiding Elder, "How is John?" "He has a fifteen hundred charge." Ask his Conference colleagues, "How is John?" "O, he has a $500 or a $5,000 salary." Ask many a Church, "We offer a dollar mark—" Look along! There are such pedestals. O for the stone out of the mountain to scatter these feet of iron and clay to the four winds!

Jubilee meant Yobel, a shout. When we turn and look out at the survey before us, we might well sing, "Blow ye the trumpet."

With Israel it meant death to monopoly in lands, wages, and property. It meant equalization without strikes or communism. It meant emancipation from bondage.

True, we yet feel the yoke of the rum power. But many a town has come to jubilee all over our territory.

Mammon has his bands on our Sunday, our Churches, our homes. But here and there are signs that they will snap. But deeper personal bondage has been revealed, and a glorious personal freedom has come to thousands of immortal souls by our ministry. The jubilee has come. When the next one shall roll around, not one in a hundred of us shall be here. We must do our best meantime.

Take our Hymnal published so late as 1878. Read the fifteen names of the revisers. I know four living: James M. Buckley, Richard Wheatley, Erastus Wentworth, John N. Brown, Charles E. Hendrickson, Daniel A. Whedon, Calvin S. Harrington, William Rice, George Prentice, Charles F. Allen, Francis D. Hemenway, William Hunter, Arthur Edwards, Jeremiah H. Bayliss, and Charles H. Payne. James M. Buckley—long may he be spared! It would be lonesome without him—Wheatley, Whedon, and Rice yet live.

Who were the Bishops commending to us that selection of the ages? Levi Scott, Matthew Simpson, Edward R. Ames, Thomas Bowman, William L. Harris, Randolph S. Foster, Isaac W. Wiley, Stephen M. Merrill, Edward G. Andrews, Gilbert Haven, Jesse T. Peck.

To call the roll of this Conference of thirty years ago would break your hearts. As we look on these venerable men, survivors of the event already fifty years past, shadows gather round, and this seems a valley of Baca. But not if Christ be risen! Could transfiguration come to this mount, no knowing the throngs we might see of the seven hundred singers who started these hymns and left them flying the world round. We should scarcely know whom first to greet. I should like to know how Toplady and Wesley made up? And which of the Bishops to greet? Perhaps ask Haven more about there being no valley of the shadow of death, as he reported? And I should like to greet the great-hearted Harris, and, if not careful, should call him "Professor."

How we should listen to Whedon's uncle, arm in arm with Johnathan Edwards, each now sure of his freedom! Hemenway, with his exegesis, clear; Edwards, Bayliss, and Payne. Brethren here would, like Peter in the transfiguration, be beside themselves in the embrace of fathers and brothers. Then a voice would calm us: "This is my beloved Son. Hear him." Thence on to Calvary and the baptism of fire, the flame that tipped Abel's altar, shone on that of Noah when the wrath-swept world was yet damp from the flood; moved between the cloven sacrifice of Abraham; came behind fugitive Israel, and moved as a rear guard; settled in smoke and cloud and fire on Sinai; flashed back from Moses' face; guided the camp as long as headed for Canaan; dropped on Elijah's sacrifice; touched Isaiah's lips; came to every head in the one hundred and twenty men and women in the upper room. I look on more than

that group. We see more than ten thousand of them mustered ere the leaves are fallen. O that tongues of fire, thicker than autumn's foliage, may fall on each head, tongue, and heart!

As Charles Wesley sang:

"Refining fire, go through my heart,
And purify my soul;
Scatter the light through every part,
And sanctify the whole."

ADDRESS BY REV. W. H. SUTHERLAND, D. D.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN,—I confess that, in the language of the sailor, "I am taken all aback," here this morning. I had not the most distant idea that I would be called upon for a speech at this time. I know, indeed, that I am expected to speak at the Zanesville Conference; and I had blocked out, in my mind, some thoughts for that meeting; but I fear to trench now upon that "balm of Gilead," lest I should not have somewhat to say on that occasion. And I have no manuscript to lean upon, as these great Cæsars have. But I remember, for my comfort, what was said of the pioneer Methodist preachers — such men as James B. Finley, James Quinn, and others like them—that if you were to give a text to any one of them, at the foot of a hill, and chase him sharply up it, when he had reached its apex he would be ready to preach you a good sermon.

REV. W. H. SUTHERLAND, D. D.

Brethren, let us not be the degenerate sons of so illustrious sires!

The Ohio Conference was my *first love*. We lived together harmonously and fruitfully for almost ten years, until we were separated by the organization of the Cincinnati Conference. Since then, I have made several frantic efforts for a reunion; but somehow, I have not fully succeeded. And as I am now almost too old to remarry, I fear we shall never be reunited, until we meet at "the marriage supper of the Lamb." But I wish to say to these honored delegates—these tall sons of Anak, who have so eloquently addressed us this morning—that we highly appreciate and heartily reciprocate their fraternal greetings from the dear old Mother Conference. And may I be permitted to suggest, most respectfully, to our noble brother on the right, that his name is a sad misnomer—he is *no crook*, but a *true man*, in the most eminent sense. And may I say of our equally noble brother on the left that he is every inch *a king!* Know ye not, brethren, that we have heard the shout of a king in the camp to-day? And he has here received a more glorious coronation than that of Edward the Seventh!

I can not sit down without repeating and emphasizing the cordial welcome given by Dr. Bail, "Dearly beloved brethren of the grand old Ohio Conference, welcome are ye, thrice welcome, to our Conference, our homes, and our hearts!"

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, Richard Whatcoat.	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	Francis Asbury, W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Francis Asbury, W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	John Sale, P. E., .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky., ...	W. McKendree, Enoch George, .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O, ...	W. McKendree, R. R. Roberts, .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, Enoch George, .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, Enoch George, .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, R. R. Roberts, .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O., ...	Enoch George, W. McKendree, .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, R. R. Roberts, J. Soule, ...	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O, ...	Enoch George, . . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, W. McKendree.	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	J. Emory, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., ...	O. J. Andrew, J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., ...	B. Waugh, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., ...	E. Hedding, J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O., ...	B. Waugh, J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O, ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	B. Waugh, L. L. Hamline, .	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	E. S. Janes, T. A. Morris, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . .	T. A. Morris.	J. M. Trimble.

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1852 .	September 22,	Xenia, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1853 .	September 28,	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1854 .	September 23,	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1855 .	September 26,	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1856 .	October 1, . .	Ripley, O , ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1857 .	September 9, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1858 .	September 8, .	Lebanon, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1859 .	September 7, .	Dayton, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1860 .	September 5, .	Oxford, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1861 .	September 4, .	Springfield, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1862 .	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1863 .	September 2, .	Xenia, O., ...	O. C. Baker, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1864 .	September 8, .	Greenfield, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1865 .	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1866 .	August 29, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. Thomson, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1867 .	August 28, . .	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1868 .	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1869 .	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1870 .	August 24, . .	Piqua, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1871 .	August 30, . .	Dayton, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1872 .	August 28, . .	Eaton, O., ...	I. W. Wiley, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1873 .	August 27, . .	Springfield, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1874 .	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O , ...	R. S. Foster, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1875 .	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. G. Andrews, . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1876 .	August 30, . .	Oxford, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1877 .	September 5, .	Xenia, O., ...	G. Haven, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1878 .	September 4, .	Piqua, O., ...	W. L. Harris, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1879 .	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	David Judson Starr.
1880 .	September 1, .	Middletown, O., ...	Jesse T. Peck, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1881 .	September 7, .	Springfield, O., ...	Isaac W. Wiley, . .	David Judson Starr.
1882 .	September 6, .	Dayton, O., ...	T. Bowman, ...	David Judson Starr.
1883 .	September 5, .	Hamilton, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	David Judson Starr.
1884 .	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885 .	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	J. M. Walden, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887 .	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1888 .	September 5, .	Jamestown, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1889 .	September 4, .	Xenia, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1890 .	August 27, . .	Greenville, O., ...	I. W. Joyce, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1891 .	September 2, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1892 .	August 31, . .	Middletown, O., ...	W. X. Ninde, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1893 .	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	J. F. Hurst.	Stanley O. Royal.
1894 .	September 5, .	Wilmington, O., ...	D. A. Goodsell. . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1895 .	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	C. D. Foss, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1896 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1897 .	September 1, .	Springfield, O., ...	W. F. Mallalieu, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1898 .	August 31, . .	Xenia, O., ...	John H. Vincent, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1899 .	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1900 .	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1901 .	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O., . . .	Jas. N. FitzGerald,	Stanley O. Royal.
1902 .	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O	J. M. Walden, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.

VII.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	EST'D MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Phila	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Phila	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont	1857	1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.

*Missionary Bishops.

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OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky	...
William Young	May 16, 1786	July 8, 1812, Ohio	26
Ralph Lotspeich	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio	32
Walter Griffith	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.	40
Samuel Baker	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.	30
Alexander Cummins	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.	36
Nathan Walker	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.	30
John Walker	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia	April 5, 1849	52
John Sale	April 4, 1769, Virginia	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.	58
Michael Ellis	May 5, 1758	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.	72
John Ulin	1792, Virginia	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.	...
Thomas F. Sargent	April 10, 1776, Maryland	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.	57
William Page	Sept. 1772, New Jersey	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio	62
Philip Gatch	March 21, 1751, Maryland	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio	83
Russel Bigelow	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.	43
William Phillips	May 7, 1797, Kentucky	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.	39
Erastus Felton	Jan. 28, 1798, New York	June 25, 1837, Ohio	39
John A. Waterman	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.	47
James W. Finley	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio	June 11, 1838, Kentucky	38
William D. Barrett	July 19, 1797, Virginia	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio	42
Dudley Woodbridge	1814, Ohio	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.	25
Frederick B. Butler	July 22, 1803, Virginia	March 5, 1839, Ohio	36
Moses Crume	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.	73
George Fate	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.	20

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Age.
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

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Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	.....	1864	63 31
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1826	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32
M. G. Purkiser, .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40
E. House, . . .	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51
Samuel Brown, .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44
Wm. H. Lawder, .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43
Elijah H. Field, .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54
Alex. Meharry, .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48
John F. Wright, .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64
Wm. H. Miesse, .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10
John Barton, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43
Herman Lüders, .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4
David Warnock, .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48
James Kendall, .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31
George C. Crum, .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45
Charles Kalbfus, .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19
Willis M. Boyer, .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27
David Kemper, .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
Jesse M. Robinson,	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
Joseph J. Hill, .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
John C. Maddy, .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
David Whitmer, .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
I. S. Peregrine, .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
M. P. Gaddis, . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
William Mahon, .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Thomas Lee, . . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
J. W. Keely, . . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
L. F. Van Cleve, .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
G. W. Kelley, . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
W. H. Hines, . . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
W. N. Williams, .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
A. U. Beall, . . .	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
T. S. Cowden, . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
Henry Stokes, . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Benj. Glascock, .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
W. B. Jackson, . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
W. R. Webster, .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
T. C. Page, ...	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Jas. Murray, . . .	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Mighill Dustin, .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
W. L. Hypes, . . .	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
E. C. Smith, . . .	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Henry Miller, . .	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
W. J. Quarry, . .	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Wm. Herr, ...	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
J. L. Grover, . . .	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
L. D. McCabe, . .	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
Geo. T. Perry, . .	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Silas Bennett, . .	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Timothy Wones, .	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Asbury Lowrey, .	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
Jas. Stephenson, .	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
F. W. Hypes, . . .	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Patrick Carland, .	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
M. Kauffman, . .	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
John W. Cassatt, .	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Chas. H. Payne, .	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Wm. B. Moler, . .	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
A. M. Griffith, . .	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	.	59
James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
William I. Fee, . .	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
James P. Shultz, .	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
David C. Vance, .	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
J. H. Middleton, .	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
John F. Marlay, .	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
T. H. Pearne, . . .	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Thomas Collett, .	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Adam Miller, . . .	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
M. A. Richards, .	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
C. W. Gullette, . .	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
George B. Shanor,	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8

Memorial Sermon.

BY REV. GEORGE H. DART, D. D.

"If a man die, shall he live?"—JOB XIV, 14.

WITH his sword Constantine drew on the earth the outlines of a grave, and said, "In a few days this will be my empire!"

Saladin caused a herald to stand before him every day, and, with a shroud uplifted on a spear, cry, "This is the end of the glory of Saladin, the great!"

At the Roman festivals flax was burned before the emperors, and as the ashes fell, a herald proclaimed, "Thus passeth all earthly glory!"

It is the order of history. Greatness and glory, pomp and power, yield at last to Death, the ruthless conqueror. At his touch the generations have passed. We, too, shall soon pass.

Whither away shall we go? Into what conditions shall we come, or is there naught beyond these shores and shoals of time? Is death the last act of the tragedy which we call life? It is the problem of the ages.

As it is answered life grows great—greater than the earth or the stars or the material universe itself; or it becomes base and mean, all unworthy of the holding.

Voltaire says: "Life is a vast ocean. We are all struggling for the shore. He who cries, 'There is no shore!' deprives me of strength, and I sink. But he who cries, 'I see the shore!' animates me with new courage to struggle on."

To deny a future life is to yield incentive and stifle endeavor; to tear away the defenses and turn loose the furies. Without a future the present becomes a drama of horrors. In the view of the immortal life only man becomes majestic; man marred by sin yet glorified by the revelations of God; the atonement of his Son and the eternal possibilities which stretch, sunlit vistas, beyond the skies.

Tell me that I am not immortal, and you leave me but a brutal life, sensuous but soulless. I am but the drift of the sea. Whether I sink in the remorseless tides or am wrecked on ruthless shores concerns me not. I am but a little part of the eternal flow, the universal whole of Pantheistic being. From nothing I came; to nothing I hasten. Nirvana is the goal of life.

Materialism resolves this thinking, aspiring, loving self into organism—delicate, refined, exalted indeed, yet only of the dust. It orphans me—robs me of my franchise in the moral universe, and despoils me of my immortal heritage. It voices only desolation and death. Its boon is oblivion—the drear empire of forgetfulness. Let him who will cherish such thought; but let my hope compass immortal being. Let me live for another life, broader, freer, more enduring than this passing life—a life large enough for my noblest powers and loftiest aspirations. In this is my highest incentive to virtue. How can I, who am facing the eternities, be less than my noblest self? To-morrow I shall be open to the moral universe.

The trend is toward the material. Nature and habit incline to it.

Neighborhood enlarges and solidifies it. There is substance in it. So men build beneath the stars. Beyond is solitude and shadow—night and nothingness. The current is headlong. It threatens the foundations of life. The present grips us. The sensual stifles the spiritual. We are needing larger horizons and fuller visions. The true life is not a prison whose gratings only face skyward; but a Mount of Transfiguration open to all the heavens.

From Patmos John saw the Eternal City, and the glory and greatness of it. From Mount Clear the Holy Pilgrims beheld the Celestial Country, bright and fair. Men see it yet from mountains of faith and hope and prayer. It is of culture. Faculty makes vision. Mayhap there will be a day when men shall see the heavens with open vision. But whether they see or not, the heavens remain. Before the telescope there were constellations of glory and processions of splendor. No blindness fences the heavens or quenches their flames. It is good to cherish thoughts of the life everlasting. They exalt and enlarge toward the Infinite, and bring somewhat of the eternal greatness and glory into our little earthly years.

1. The present forecasts the future. As the bud to the blossom, as the dawn to the day, so the life that is faces the life that is to come. If man were the birth of earth and time alone, he would be but the fellow of creeping things. Appetite would extinguish aspiration. In that he feels immortal lineage, the stirrings of a great nature, the luring of a mighty destiny proclaims immortal being. It is primal, absolute, universal—the instinct of the race which no degradation can eclipse. It is a part of us, inalienable and ineradicable—the certain pledge of the life everlasting.

Sensation opens to us the material world—the order and opulence of nature. But it is not the eye which sees. The sight is of the soul. Sensuous organs suit surroundings. There are higher than material senses. By faculties all its own the immaterial soul grasps the immaterial universe. I see immensities immeasurable beyond this rim and rind of things. There is a sensing of a world of spirit as surely as of a world of matter. It is racial. All peoples confess it—the old Egyptians in monuments and mummies, hieroglyphics and vestal lamps within their tombs; the old Greeks in the coins which paid passage to the blessed abodes; the Indians in the bows and arrows which equipped their dead braves for the happy hunting-grounds of the Great Spirit. So has this fundamental faith of humanity formulated itself from the beginnings of history. Man knows no deeper consciousness than futurity. It is rooted into his deepest being.

The immortal hunger is insatiable. It knows no wasting, but flames to its full amid pain and penury and tarries to the last flutterings of life. Death is forever loathsome and repellent. The old paganisms painted it in blackest hues. The grave was the abode of desolation and despair. No day-dawn broke over its gloom, and no voices sounded amid its awful silence. Poetry, music, art, mythology, and philosophy but deepened its horrors. The very longing for remembrance is of the vital instinct. Men would live in the memory of their kind, and so widen life to the centuries or millenniums. So have they reared pyramids, founded cities, built temples, created institutions, and projected influences as memorials for the coming generations.

But nowhere does the appetite for life body itself more surely than amid early Christian sepulcher. Christian burial places were gardens of beauty. Over them fell the summer glory of a new hope. Desire fruited into expectation. The future was certain. The grave was but the vestibule of the temple of life. The Catacombs were eloquent of immortality. Amid the ashes of the dead were the symbols of life. Flowers bloomed, trees spread their evergreen branches, and shepherds led their flocks beside quiet waters and into plenteous pastures, pictures of serenity and

security, confidence and content, in the imperishable marble, and just where the gloom was deepest some hand in the far-away centuries incarnated the faith and hope of the Church in all the Christian ages in the blessed words, "*Jesus reigns.*" Yes, even in the dark domain of death Jesus reigns. He reigns alone. He has vanquished death, and brought life and immortality to light. He is the Revealer and the Bestower of the life everlasting. In him the forecast of the soul is realized, and the future assured. The continents of earth are not more certain than the world of life. Somewhere amid the amplitudes of Omnipotence, beyond our vision weak and dim, stretch its eternal shore lines. To-morrow the geography of the moral universe will be open to us.

On the pillars of Hercules the old Spaniards carved the legend, "*Ne plus ultra,*" no more beyond. There ended the vision. It was the world's uttermost limit. Beyond lay the infinite abyss. But when a mighty soul disclosed a continent beyond the Western sea they wrote, "*Plus ultra,*" more beyond. It is the parable of the immortal life. Pagan horizons were low and lowering, but Jesus broadened and brightened them to the infinite. In him the future is clear. He has blazoned the way. Whither he has gone we may follow. Let us not fear. We, too, pilgrims of a day, shall find the endless life.

2. The future completes the present. They are the two parts of the perfect sphere of being. Alone this life is but a fragment—the merest sliver of life. It must have a complement. Without, it is abnormal—a monstrosity in a universe of symmetry and correspondence; a cruel mischance; a blot on creative perfectness, and a protest against Infinite goodness and wisdom.

Man is built on a scale too gigantic for his earthly limitations. Millenniums will not meet its demands. Endless being alone measures its possibilities. Elsewhere powers decree place, but man is too large for his opportunities and environments. Peasants feel it. All other life suits the orbit of time, and needs naught beyond.

The lily bursts its prison bulb, mounts into stately life, and opens its blossom, fair as an angel's face, unto the day. But scarce has it reached its perfect bloom ere it wastes, it withers, it dies. The circle of its being is complete.

On gay and gilded wing the insect world flits athwart the summer air, a gleesome cavalcade, nor care, nor want, nor fear oppress. But lo! with evening shades the race is run. Within the compass of a day untold myriads of insect life have fulled and fallen, yet each life has found its perfect measure, nor needed aught beyond.

With eye upon the sun the eagle breaks the air with mighty pinion and rises higher and higher, until at last it floats a tiny speck against the cloudy panels of the sky. But see, it falters, it fails, it falls, until at last prone upon the earth it lies stark and cold in death. O, bird of the mountain peak, bird of the cloudy heights, bird of the sun, tell me, Is there naught beyond for thee? Echo answers, Naught. It has reached its climax.

But the end of man answers not to his promise or powers. Incompleteness crowns his life and invites a future. An infinite passion inflames him. He is tense with endeavor. Lofty attainments and vast achievements beckon him, yet he consciously fails of the goal. Life at its largest is an unfinished temple. Take a great soul at its meridian, blazing with mental and moral splendors. Suddenly eclipse falls upon it. Has the sun perished? Nay, it was but a passing cloud or the enfolding night. To-morrow the day will break and full. Man's largest powers are but rudimentary, germinal, mere beginnings—prophecies rather than realizations. To what stature might place and opportunity bring him? Even here and now great souls reach lofty heights. Their highest point to heights beyond. Great ages are coming. Ages in which Homer in poetry, Plato

in philosophy, Raphael in art, and Mozart in music will be but beginning. Perhaps in every soul, even the humblest, there are latent forces, all undeveloped, yet holding immeasurable possibilities for which a life immortal alone is adequate. Given such a life, what may be the measure of celestial manhood? *Fulfillment demands a future.*

Life is processional, a going on forever. Every advance is the starting point of a new advance. Each is a preparation for and a pledge of somewhat beyond. Shall the analogy fail at the last? Hugo says: "The tomb is not a blind alley, but a thoroughfare. It closes with the twilight, to open with the dawn." In every point and period of life there is sameness of being. I am linked to all my past not merely by the mystic cords of memory, but by the constant and conscious unity of life. There is a successional individuality. I never have been, and I never can be, other than myself. What I am, I shall be. Immensities and eternities will not change the law of my being. We are more certain of personality than of the material universe. Suns and stars and the solid globe are not so ponderable as souls. Whatever else we may doubt, so long as reason holds her throne we can not doubt ourselves.

There is absolutely no ground for supposing that death affects our true personal integrity. Every essential element of rational being will survive the grave. Mark, I say essential element of rational being, for I am not considering the doctrine of the resurrection, which I believe is rooted into the Scriptures, or the elements or conditions of the risen body, though I can conceive of no serious difficulties either in nature or science, for surely He who can pour the sun into the black carbon until it shines as the pillars of the day can reanimate and glorify these bodies of flesh and fit them for their higher sphere and loftier service. But I am considering our rational integrity or spiritual sameness beyond the grave.

Death is but the transition point between the present and the future. It introduces into new conditions, but not a new personality. Under its touch and when the millenniums have fled away we shall be ourselves. Abraham, Moses, and Elias after the centuries, and Dives and Lazarus fresh from the sting of death were the same. Eternal personality is the basis of recompense and recognition.

Perhaps the only difference between present and future personality lies in intensity and development, the like to which we see here as between the infant and the intellectual giant it becomes. Yet the figure but feebly unfolds the fact. The greatest soul here is but a hint of possible greatness there. The higher conditions work marvels of advance. Eternal progress is the law of spiritual being. In death the curtain falls on the earthly side; but the act goes on. There is continuity of life. To the good it is a blessed continuity—a going on amid loftier scenes, holier conditions, and more blessed communions forever. On the tomb of Albrecht Dürer is graven the single word, "Emigrated." The great genius whose art had glorified the city of his birth was not dead, but lived and wrought in other and larger realms. So may we record of those who companied with us till late. Emigrated. Not here, in a world of want and woe, of pain and penury, of disappointment and death; but *there*, in a world of light and love and life. In the retreat of the ten thousand Greeks Xenophon tells us that worn, exhausted, and almost dying, the ranks were pressing on, when suddenly the advance columns reached a summit which overlooked the Euxine Sea, and with an outburst of joy they cried, "The sea, the sea!" From rank to rank it ran. Pain and weariness and hunger were forgotten in the glorious vision. Just beyond the sea lay home and plenty and loved ones. It was the sum of all their hope. But who may tell the joy of the ransomed as they behold Immanuel's land, and realize the fruition of their hope in the glory of the King's presence?

To us death looks dark indeed, for we are standing amid the shadows and our eyes are dim with tears; but where the angels stand it is bright and fair, the golden gate to the summer land of life. It is but a pulse of pain; a passing shadow, and the heavens are gained. Parnell in his Hermit represents a company of pilgrims toiling along the dusty highway. Suddenly one of them threw aside his travel-worn garments, and mounted the heavens on eager wings. He seemed but a common pilgrim. He was an angel in human guise, and men knew him not. So have the angels companied with us but yesterday. They are of the heavens to-day. All hail, ye blessed spirits upon the mountain of God! Your dream is realized. It is better than your best hope. Let us grow wings. To-morrow we, too, may be of the angels.

At the death of Bishop Simpson the Preachers' Meeting of the city held memorial services. Many spoke to his honor—one of his noble character; another of his marvelous speech; another of his far-reaching influence; another of his circle of friendship; and so on and on. At last Bishop Wiley arose. He was in the full of his noble manhood, yet even now, though we saw it not, the shadows of life's evening were falling thick about him. From that hour it was but the journey of a few months to the quiet grave at Foochow and the Father's house and the crown of life. His words were prophetic of his own hastening future:

"Brethren, your words amaze me. They carry a deep undertone of *loss* to Bishop Simpson, as though in death he had met disappointment and failure. It is not so. Whatever of greatness or glory was his on earth, it is as nothing beside the eternal blessedness of the heavenly inheritance. Bishop Simpson has found infinitely more than he lost. The most glorious day that breaks across a good man's life on earth is that in which he enters the immortal life."

Conscience anticipates destiny. You may see it in the sense of guilt which masters men and clothes death with terror; in the trend of life toward fixedness which presages the eternity of character; in the inadequacy of earthly requital which compels future awards; in the antedating of heavenly blessedness in holy experiences—prelibations of glory.

"There is a hell," cried a dying robber. "I feel it." It was the baleful shadow of eternal death.

"There is a heaven," exclaimed a dying saint in holy ecstasy. "Already I taste its joy." It was the firstfruits of the heavenly vintage.

"Who art thou?" cried Brutus to the shade at midnight in his tent. "I am thine Evil Genius, Brutus. We meet again at Philippi." At Philippi Brutus met his fate.

Philippi awaits us all. It is the hour of destiny. In it we shall be overtaken of ourselves. The revelation shall be full. Memory will re-enact the past. Not an event, however transient, shall fail. Thoughts, impressions, desires, even the most obscure and complicated, will stand out clear and strong, a part of our very being. If the insubstantial shadows of photography and the merest whispers of the phonograph become fixed into perpetuity, may not the soul, by the law of its nature, hold forever its past and make it a part of every future? Every day I am projecting into the future the material of my immortal being, be it good or ill. I shall inhabit as I build. From myself I can never escape.

Every soul will hold to its own. Gravitation is not more essential to the integrity of the natural than to the moral universe. Judas "went to his own place." There was no other place for him. He was fitted for nowhere else. It was not of decree, but qualification. He was at home whither he went. He had cultured himself toward the underworld of lost spirits. Jesus "ascended to his Father"—the great overworld of holy intelligences.

Heaven and hell are not specters, but certainties of the soul. Revelation does not create them, but only reveals them. Charts of the sea

disclose harbors and maelstroms. They do not create them. Revelation exhausts the speech and figures of men in describing the glories of celestial habitation. God speaks to us as we speak to our children. Things familiar are made to represent unfamiliar things. All unite to present to us a world of perfect and unending beatitude—a sorrowless and deathless world. Affinities rule us. Life aggregates. Like seeks like. Kinds congregate. The law holds in all worlds.

The multitude which John saw before the eternal throne were the spirits of just men made perfect through the blood of the atoning Lamb of God, drawn by the law of spiritual attraction into the heavenly communion, the commonwealth of holy souls. Into this holy and everlasting communion our loved and honored dead have passed. For ourselves we may sorrow that we shall see their faces no more on earth. For them we need not sorrow, for to them has come the full and final and everlasting beatitude of the blessed dead. Richards, the genial, courteous, benignant Christian gentleman and minister of Jesus Christ. Gullette, the gifted and eloquent preacher, the kind and considerate pastor, the true and loyal friend. Taggart, the patient sufferer, the earnest worker, the joyful believer. Shanor, the ardent and aspiring, the studious and steadfast man of affairs, to whom large achievement seemed open. Sister Bowers, the ideal home-maker, the loving companion and noble Christian woman. Sister Price, energetic, sympathetic, and devout; the true wife, tender mother, and helpful friend. Sister Taggart, the solace and support of her husband through the years of trial until they came together to the home beautiful and eternal.

Beloved and cherished friends of my earlier and later years, hail, all hail! I hope to meet you all again beyond the shadow of death.

"Now Bunyan saw as Christian and Hopeful entered the gate of the city that they were transfigured and had raiment that shone like gold put upon them, and harps and crowns were given them, and the bells of the city rang. And the city shone like the sun, and its streets were paved with gold, and many there were with crowns and palms and harps, and there were also them that had wings, and they answered one another without intermission, saying, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,' which when I had seen I wished myself among them."

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Memoirs.

REV. JOSEPH I. TAGGART.

JOSEPH I. TAGGART was born in Hampshire County, West Virginia, September 21, 1833. He was converted when eighteen years of age, accepting the first invitation to become a Christian and unite with the Church. This was in 1851. In 1854 he was licensed to exhort. In November, 1857, he came to Ohio, and settled near Winchester, identifying himself at once with the Church by letter. He was licensed to preach in the fall of 1859, Rev. M. Kauffman Presiding Elder. Owing to sickness he was prevented from preaching until 1868, when he was appointed by Rev. James Kendall to serve as a supply on Highland Circuit, living at Rainsboro, where he remained for three years. It was then he formed an attachment for the place with which his interests in the future were to be so largely connected. He served Bowersville Charge three years, and Sinking Spring one. In 1875 he was admitted to the Cincinnati Conference, and sent to Clarksville Circuit, living in Martinsville. The circuit was divided the next year, and he was sent to Clarksville. In 1878 he was appointed to Leesburg. His health failed in 1880, and in 1881 he took a superannuated relation. He was a most efficient pastor, and served with great acceptability the different charges to which he was sent. His preaching was not remarkable for its eloquence or rhetoric, but for its simplicity, its earnestness, and the conviction it carried to the hearts of those who heard. The people loved him, and for this reason his preaching was always effective. His words had weight with them because they believed so fully in the man behind the words. Revivals occurred wherever he went.

REV. JOSEPH I. TAGGART.

He owed much of his success to his wife, to whom he was united in marriage September 21, 1854. All a wife could do to bless and brighten a life blasted by disease was done. She was in the truest sense her husband's helpmeet.

This in brief outline is the record of his life. It seemed to him and to his friends, when his health failed in 1880, that his work was done. But the story of his life would be most incomplete without the record of the last seventeen years. These were the crowning years of his life. It is given to few men to exert such an influence for good as he did

in the community where he lived during these years. He was connected with almost every interest of the community. His good judgment, his careful business habits, his executive ability, made him a valuable citizen and wise counselor. He was in great demand as the administrator of estates, which service he performed so faithfully as to command the confidence and praise of judges, attorneys, and heirs. He was active in all departments of Church work. At the time of his death he was class-leader, a teacher in the Sunday-school, and an officer of the Epworth League. He loved the public worship. The preaching of the Word by the humblest minister of Christ was a means of grace to him. He was a sympathetic listener. And then his prayer at the close of the sermon was like a sweet benediction, helpful alike to pastor and people. It would be impossible to estimate the influence he has had on the spiritual life of the Church during these years. This was especially felt in the class-meeting. His testimony was always sweet and hopeful. The experiences of his long life seemed to crystallize into these testimonies.

For nearly a score of years he and his wife lived their quiet life among the people of Rainsboro. Whatever was good in the community received their hearty support. It was indeed a beautiful life they lived together. And as in life they had walked so long hand in hand, how beautiful that in death they were not to be separated! The end came on Saturday, November 9th. His beloved wife had preceded him but a few hours to the heavenly home. They were "lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." Sunday they both lay in the caskets, side by side, in the home where for so many years they had welcomed their friends. The funeral took place at the church on Monday, at ten o'clock. Ten ministers were present and took part in the service.

Many have been more widely known and loved by more, but no minister and his wife could be more deeply and more universally loved by those who knew them, and no minister ever made more thorough proof of his vocation, and none have been more efficient as preacher and pastor within the limited range of his opportunities.

REV. MADISON ABIJAH RICHARDS.

MADISON ABIJAH RICHARDS was born near Wilkesville, Ohio, March 24, 1841, and died in Cincinnati (after a week of great suffering from severe injuries incurred in being thrown from a trolley car), on Sunday, May 11th, having but recently passed his sixty-first birthday anniversary. A pattern of manly development and vigor, and in the prime of his powers, his tragic and sudden taking off was an inexpressible shock and grief to his household, to the community, and to a wide circle of devoted friends and former parishioners scattered throughout half a dozen States.

His parents were members of the Disciples Communion, and they trained the boy with care and devotion; but his conversion occurred in his teens at Indianola, Iowa, under Methodist auspices, the home of the family at that time being in that delightful college center. Boy though he was, the change wrought upon him was vivid and transforming, involving a gladdening and triumphant experience which gave type and tone to his whole later life. It was accompanied, or soon followed, by the conviction that he was called to preach the gospel. The impression at the same time took hold of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Indianola, with which the boy had united himself, that God had a work for him to do in the ministry. The boy was happily impelled by his collegiate surroundings to equip himself educationally for his

work. He undertook a course of study at Simpson College, Indianola, at the same time supporting himself by teaching a district school. In recognition of his early association with this college its authorities afterward conferred on him the well-deserved degree of Doctor of Divinity.

From Indianola, in due time, he removed to Delaware, Ohio, to enter Ohio Wesleyan University, whence he graduated in 1864, immediately afterward entering the Cincinnati Conference. His ministerial advancement, achieved by merit of honest, assiduous, and faithful workmanship, in the study, in the pulpit, and in pastoral visitation, was steady and straightforward, as may be indicated by the list of the charges which he served during the fifteen years which he then spent in the Conference: 1864-65, Mt. Auburn; 1866-67, Seven Mile; 1868-70, Springboro and Red Lion; 1871, Grace Church, Piqua; 1872-73, Grace Church, Dayton; 1874-76, First Church, Xenia; 1877, Grace Church, Avondale; 1878-79, Troy.

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In the midst of this career of growth and usefulness he was stimulated and helped by his marriage, on August 4, 1868, at Seven Mile, to Miss Anna Mary Stewart, a union of heart, hand, and co-operative and loving labor, which was ideal in its tenderness and beauty. Thenceforward this happy pair shared the joys, the sorrows, and the burdens of the itinerancy together, their home life as well as their joint activities bringing cheer, comfort, and blessing wherever they lived. A gifted and loving daughter in due time brightened their household, and still lives to be a joy and helper to her mother in this time of bereavement.

In 1880 an invitation came to Brother Richards to enter the Wilmington Conference, and, following what seemed the order of Providential direction, he accepted the call, serving for a year our Church at Newcastle, Delaware, and then, for a year or two, St. Paul Church, in Wilmington. Thence he was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference to act as pastor of one of the strongest and noblest of our Churches in that city, "old Green Street," for a happy three-year term, at the end of which he went to the New England Conference, to become pastor of our First Church in Lawrence, Mass. Here, aided by Rev. Dr. George F. Pentecost, he was singularly blessed with a widespreading work of grace, which was not confined to his own people, but swept through nearly all the congregations of that busy center, and which brought hundreds of souls to the Savior. In the midst of a work which was of unusual scope and promise, his plans were broken up by the prostration of the health of his wife, who was forced to spend a winter in the South, and was forbidden to try to live again in the trying New England climate. The situation became so ominous as to require him to cease from pastoral activities, and devote himself for the time being to the precious life which was interwoven with his own. In the year

1890 he asked for a location, and shortly afterward settled in this city, engaging in business, and at the same time accepting whatever pulpit-supply work came within his reach. In 1899 the Cincinnati Conference cordially opened the way for his return to its ranks, and he became a supernumerary on the Conference roll, a relation which continued until his death. But he never became a secularized man. His heart was always with his brethren and with the work of the pastorate. Within the year preceding his death he had seriously considered the possibilities of re-entering that field, from which for the past dozen years the decisions of Providence had debarred his steps. He was especially interested in the Cincinnati City Mission work, and was one of the men who could always be relied upon by the managers of that great enterprise for pulpit service. He enjoyed preaching the gospel to the poor, and freely gave his sympathies, his counsels, and his time to the relief of the struggling Churches. His example in secular life was worth much to the cause of Christ, and his integrity, his industry, and his financial capacity, consecrated by a devout and godly walk, set before all who were associated with him a pattern of devotion to be admired and imitated.

During his active ministry, Dr. Richards was a diligent student. In later years he was a broad and discerning reader, never losing sight of the interests and affairs of his denomination and of the larger communion of saints, who make up the world-wide Church of the living God. The pulpits which he served betoken his genuine ability as a preacher. No man could have filled them with credit without intellectual discipline, broad culture, and evangelical devotion. In pastoral work he was full of tenderness and sympathy, his own unwavering faith in an overruling and a guiding Providence enabling him very often to help bewildering and doubting ones to look through their tears into their Heavenly Father's face, and to reveal to sufferers immured in gloom the silver lining of the cloud out of which sometimes God's most precious messages are spoken. He was particularly gifted in prayer; his "blessing" at the table, and his morning prayers at the family altar, devoid of conventional terms and full of fresh and spontaneous devotion, often threw a brightness over each new day. He was a help and a comfort to those in whose pastoral charges his membership was held during these recent years. His face was a benediction. His greetings and his brotherly fellowship sent a thrill of new courage into weary hearts.

Blessed and grateful opportunities were given to him at the last. He was allowed to recover consciousness, and to hold sweet converse with those he loved, to test the supporting power of grace during a week of peril and suffering; to greet his ministerial brethren and unite with them while they prayed at his bedside and held his hand and looked into his cheery and courageous face. And then—"he was not; for God took him." His first words to his wife, when he came to his senses, hours after the dreadful accident, may indicate his thoughts and experience. Perhaps they will also be his greeting to her, and to us, in the other world, when we meet him there:

"And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give
For his redeeming grace!"

The memorial services were held in St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, May 14th, and were attended by the Methodist Preachers' Meeting in a body, and by a large congregation of deeply-moved people. The services were in charge of Rev. Dr. Davis W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the district. The honorary pallbearers were: Revs. William A. Robin-

son, R. I. Watkins, George B. Shanor, George V. Morris, and A. K. Stabler, and Messrs. W. F. Boyd, D. D. Woodmansee, and J. Gordon R. Wright, and Dr. Fittin, of Hamilton. Brief but most discerning and generous tributes were paid to the deceased by Dr. Clark, Rev. George W. Dubois, of Troy, and Rev. E. Trumbull Lee, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. The lessons were read by Rev. Dr. William Runyan and Rev. E. T. Wells, of Wilmington, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Levi Gilbert. The choir of Walnut Hills Church sang with singular tenderness two pieces, "Lead, kindly Light," and "My Jesus, as thou wilt." The burial took place at Hamilton.

REV. C. W. GULLETTE.

CHARLES WESLEY GULLETTE was born on a farm between Dillsboro and Aurora, Ind., November 17, 1853. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Ohio, his father's people having originally come from Delaware, and his mother's family from Massachusetts. Charles was the fourth of seven children, four of whom are still living—Rev. J. C. Gullette, of Denver, Col.; Dr. W. L. Gullette, of Van Buren, Ark.; Mrs. Davidson, of Dillsboro, Ind.; and Mrs. Spencer, of Moores Hill. He was raised amidst the rugged surroundings of rustic home, whose simpler life is calculated to awaken the less conventional, more thoughtful, and yet aspiring elements of mind and heart. His early advantages were found in the country school, where the personality of the immediate teacher is the most vital element of the school equipment. His home was a typical pioneer Methodist home, whose hospitality flung wide the door at the coming of the itinerant circuit-rider, regarding him as the messenger of God for good to them, and of whom no ill was ever spoken. Trained in the atmosphere of reverence, he was impressible to the appeals to conscience, and at sixteen years of age was led by Rev. D. A. Robinson, the circuit pastor, to the altar, where he was most happily converted. This marked a new era in his life. New ideals, new possibilities, were presented to the wakening vision. He stepped out of the old into the new. His life was transformed.

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Two years later he left home, taught for a brief time in a country district to secure his further way at school, then attended Moores Hill College, where he was given license to preach, and from which he graduated in 1877 at twenty-four years of age.

That same year he was married to Miss Katharine Mapes, daughter of a Methodist minister at Moores Hill, and united with the Southeast Indiana Conference. Three children graced their home, whose unclouded happiness continued till death claimed one of the circle, the eldest and infant daughter. Then in 1894, in Hamilton, the mother

was taken. Two bright daughters were spared to the home—Ruby and Elaine, now aged respectively fifteen and thirteen years.

In September, 1895, the home was re-established, in his marriage to Miss Minnie Cameron, of Cincinnati. One son, Cameron, gladdened this union, who, not yet six years of age, is left fatherless. Mrs. Gullette became to her husband the angel of blessing. When through sickness the bright hopes of what seemed a cloudless future were darkened, she tirelessly ministered to his every comfort. Naturally timid, she summoned the reserved elements of true modesty, always greatest in the crisis, and during weary months faltered not nor feared, but calmly accompanied him in hope to the very grave. It seemed that neither he nor she could realize that a separation was inevitable, so that even to within a few days of death they planned the coming beauties of a Southern home, where health might still be regained.

Slowly the insidious disease crept on. He battled it back, and seemed to rally from the serious attack in Cincinnati five years ago. Then, two years ago, he was again prostrated, at which time a fall complicated the trouble. The winter in Florida seemed to swing out with the tide, and then bring him back to life. He rallied for the few months that followed, but succumbed at last. The giant frame, the scaffolding of a still more rugged spirit, seemed built to brace the storms of age. But inch by inch it was torn away, until he lay only the wreck of former strength. Then death brought relief. He said to me a few days ago, "O, I'm so tired—so tired!" But now he is at rest.

During all his sickness he has been borne in the love of a loyal, devoted people to the Throne in daily prayer. They have waited and watched and pleaded and hoped, for they loved him, and while he lived none should be preferred to him. All honor to a Church that will be thus true to God's messenger in the hour of calamity! We trust the angel of the covenant, through the memory of their loved pastor, will break over the hearts of the people the alabaster box of precious ointment, and that the altars of their church may bear the perfume and grace of their sacrifice in the years to come.

Dr. Gullette's ministry began in 1877 at Cross Plains, Ind. The next year he served at Delaware, Ind., from which, the next spring, he was transferred to the South Kansas Conference, being stationed successively at Americus, Eureka, Paoli, Ottawa, and Baldwin, the seat of Baker University. From there, in 1889, he was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, and stationed at St. Paul, Springfield. In 1890 he was sent to Hamilton, in 1894 to Trinity, Cincinnati, and in 1898 to Grace Church, Dayton, in whose interests he ministered so devotedly, and by whose sympathy he was carried to the very gate of the unseen kingdom.

Let us now stand on this outline scaffolding of his life and look at the man.

He was well endowed in mental and moral nature. His mind was alert, yet seemed to gain its maturity through study rather than through the gift of genius at birth. His pastoral ability was equal to the full stature of the average. As demands increased, he rose with them; and whatever his competitors reached, they saw him keeping pace. He possessed a discriminating judgment, urged forward by a desire to do right, yet tempered with a self-protection which made the radical unnatural. He was not a reformer. He did not flash genius into the unexplored; nor did he burn life in the focus of a single great passion. He did not covet martyrdom, yet was possessed of uncompromising honesty. Were we to hold to view that trait which most made his life, we would say it was an unconquered, all-conquering will. He was not stubborn, but firm. Pliable in the management of forces,

he maintained the settled mastery of his final purpose, which, though unvoiced, always leads to conviction. To this assertion of nature he added the kindness of a sympathetic heart, and the hopefulness of assured success. It was this latter quality, which, enforced by the will, held death's decree so long at bay. It was as though a strongly entrenched and provisioned garrison, impossible of destruction from outward foe, should slowly die of the scourge behind the unshattered walls. How he struggled to live! He said but shortly ago, "O if I could only get well!" He was brilliant in his desperate battle with death. In all he was uncomplaining. When every move was pain, and rest was torture, he murmured not. He thrice challenged the last foe with the theme of immortality, on as many successive Sabbath mornings, from his pulpit last fall, when scarcely able to drag himself from home, when others must needs buckle his armor on him, and while suffering the pain of death within him.

O brave bearer of the tidings of the risen Son of God! Thou art not slain, but only gone to the great reward.

He was responsive to every public call, and would burst into a flame when the flag was unfurled or the honor of the country at stake.

To those of us who knew him well he was possessed of many virtues, though having his faults withal. He was not one whom every one ardently loved. His friendships were not cemented by that rush of affection that would thrust every guard aside. He was genial, though he had few confidants, and might have seemed lonely had he not been self-reliant. He seemed not to crave many friends, except as association made them necessary. Yet in sickness he was sympathetic, and was a ministering spirit to many in their trouble. Through bereavement and continued suffering he had learned the ways of grief, and thus had fellowship with the sorrowing. He was appreciative of kindness, as his frequent testimony bore witness in answer to the care of his Church in his long sickness.

Though friendship was guarded, and he seldom became the uncautious companion, yet he was none the less true for that. He was reticent of habit, and spoke but seldom with freedom of his spiritual experiences, even as death approached. This resulted in part from expectation of recovery. When, however, he led you into his confidence, he surprised you with the depth of his spiritual life.

A few days ago, as he and I were alone, and I knelt by his bedside and prayed, he responded with that love that only heaven seems to know. And when I asked him how he felt in regard to the future, he replied quickly, "It is all well."

He was not gifted with unusual administrative power, nor did his strength lie in developing the unused abilities in the Church. He was a leader, not in that comprehensive grasp that sways and swings into action every force on the field, but rather that presents a strong, fearless figure in the army's van and inspires by his own magnetic presence. He was pre-eminently a preacher. When he took his text you could not easily anticipate his thought, but soon found it full in line, and wondered you had not thought of it before. He was incisive, clear, surprising, strong. He did not plead his cause in logical propositions, but announced his conclusions, adorned and beautified with the choicest facts of history, often quoting even in extended phrase; always apt, never abrupt, while over all was cast the glow of a soul in love with its Maker. He would take the most common affairs of life, and, by a single stroke, flash them into a beauty that would rivet every gaze. Ordinarily he seemed to wield himself with a rather delayed grace. But in public address, by a master stroke he would gather himself in full command to rush on in his theme. His eye would flash, his face become radiant, and his description wonderful. He

painted as he preached. The brush stroked the canvas into figured beauty, that made one forget himself, and then the surroundings, and then the speaker, and at the climax you stood face to face with the Son of God. Then, with a suddenness of the unheralded lightning's flash, he left you there, gazing into the face of the Redeemer. His pulpit was truly his throne.

During many weeks of pain and prayer and waiting he endured, while the constant and never-failing care of physician, and nurses, and friends, and hospital, and home ministered to every need. But all skill was baffled by a disease which was incurable. He himself seemed never to surrender hope. It was only the evening before his death, when his wife asked him if he was going to leave, he seemed surprised, then said, "It is all right," and kissed her again and again.

Shortly after midnight, at 6.30 of whose coming morning (June 14, 1902) he died, he tried in his delirium to sing, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates!" Here his voice failed, then again became audible in the word "Hosanna," and faltered. The gate lifted, and, free from pain, he stood triumphant in the presence of the King.

What glories have already burst upon his vision! What worlds are now revealed! Hallelujah to the Lamb! Ours is the grief of parting. But beyond it, our brother's death marks the triumph of a victorious herald of the conquering Christ. Glory be to our God forever!

HEBER D. KETCHAM.

REV. GEORGE B. SHANOR.

GEORGE B. SHANOR was born in Venango County, Pa., May 11, 1864, and died at Christ's Hospital, Cincinnati, O., August 9, 1902, in the thirty-ninth year of his age. He was one of a family of six children, three of whom, with his mother, are still living. He came with his parents to Dayton, O., when he was but a youth continuing his course in the public schools, and was graduated from the high school of that city in 1882. In the revival services conducted by the Rev. Lucien Clark in Raper Chapel that winter he was deeply convicted of sin, repented, and was wonderfully saved. He was intensely happy, and began earnestly to seek the salvation of others. God honored him as the instrument in bringing many during that revival to Jesus and his salvation, and gave him and the Church a clear evidence of his Divine call into the ministry. He at once began as best he could to prepare for it. His means were limited; he was therefore compelled to work hard all day as a clerk, and at night, while others slept, he studied, and at five o'clock in the morning would recite his Greek and other studies to the Rev. J. N. Irvin at his home. He was successful, and began to teach in the winter, and during the spring and summer would attend the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio.

It was here, while under the ministry of the Rev. George H. Dart, that he was recommended and licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference, April 30, 1886, Rev. D. J. Starr, D. D., his cousin, Presiding Elder. With his increased responsibility came also a new call to prepare himself for the itinerancy. Hence at the earliest opportunity, when he had gathered sufficient means by teaching and otherwise, he entered as a student the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he graduated in 1894. One of his classmates, who was with him through the entire course at Delaware, said, "George Shanor was one of the hardest, closest students of our class; and when he completed a lesson he was always able to recall it in recitation at any time." And more, he won his place and distinction in the class by close study and hard work.

While at Delaware he met Miss Maude Spence, who was also a student at the university. There grew up between them a personal fondness and admiration for each other which never ceased. They were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Spence, Cozaddale, Ohio, July 3, 1894, by Rev. Carey F. Crum.

At the next session of our Annual Conference, held in Wilmington, Ohio, September 1, 1894, he was received on trial, and appointed by Bishop Goodsell to the Martinsville Charge. At the close of that year his Presiding Elder, Dr. Thomas H. Pearne, in his report to the Conference, said of him: "George B. Shanor is in his first year as a probationer. He is an earnest and successful worker. He has revelled in revivals, in paying off Church debts, and raising Church benevolences all over his charge. He is a young man of tact and push and power." But at the next session of our Conference, feeling that he must have a still more thorough equipment for the great work to which God had called him, he asked to be left without an appointment in order to attend one of our schools; and this was the relation he sustained for the next three years.

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While at Boston he was a regular supply for the Congregational Church at Rochester, Mass., where he was greatly beloved, and his ministry blessed of God in the salvation of scores of souls. As good evidence of his strong hold on the hearts of that people, he was earnestly requested to spend his vacation with them this summer and supply their pulpit during the pastor's absence. But the health of his good wife would not permit.

Graduating from the Boston School of Theology, he returned to his own Conference, and in 1897 was appointed to the Centenary Charge. After that he was pastor at Felicity, Grace Church, Norwood, and closed his ministerial career at Northside, Cincinnati, O., full of labors and anxious care for the Church he loved. In all these charges his labors were crowned with success, revivals attended his ministry, souls were saved, debts canceled, the Church built up, and God's name glorified.

Brother Shanor's personal qualities were superior and admirable. Mentally he was devoted to books of the scholarly class, and but recently he completed the post-graduate course of the Wittemberg College, of Springfield, Ohio, receiving at its Commencement the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He was indeed a tireless worker..

Considering the Christian ministry as the highest and most sacred calling that could come to man, he gave it, in the highest and broadest sense, his very best in study, thought, and prayer. He so studied Christ and his Word that these themes became the inspiration of his life; so that with great power and assurance he presented to men the Christ and his salvation which he had found to be so precious. His sympathy with the struggling and the doubting, with the tempted and the sorrowing, so asserted itself that his sermons were characterized by the

tenderest compassion. In preaching the truth his only aim seemed to be to lead them to Christ; and in the simplest language, with an earnestness and eloquence born of the Holy Ghost, and in a manner of delivery which seemed an inspiration, he presented the gospel and pleaded with men to be reconciled with God. He was so faithful with his work that his preaching and his life appealed to the best in men. His congregation can never forget the pathos and tenderness of the last sermons he preached, on the 27th of July, and speak of them as models of beauty and simplicity, and preached in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. Surely the love of God knows no bounds, and these sermons will echo and re-echo through the souls of men while they live. "The memory of the just shall be blessed."

Socially he was gentle, genial, and religious, while he could use strong terms in denouncing wickedness, outside or inside the Church. To those whom he met as friends, and especially as Christians, he was mild and loving. He was most at home among the members of his own Church. Toward them his love abounded and overflowed.

We may never know the worth of this man, "who gave himself to spend and to be spent" for God and his cause. O the burdens he bore, the prayers he offered, the toil and energy he expended for the Church where he labored, none can know! For him it might be said, "The zeal of the Lord's house hath eaten me up."

As he left home to join his wife and children on that last Monday of July everything was in order. Supplies for the pulpit for August had been provided, all the details of work on his charge had been looked after. The benevolences had been collected, paid over, and the receipts placed in their proper envelopes; insurance paid, Church records posted, and he was off for a visit and rest—but not for long. Disease was awaiting him, and death was drawing near. While away he was called up to Martinsville, his first charge, to help in their temperance fight. Going to the railroad to return home, by some means he made a misstep, and his hand-satchel was thrown under the car and utterly demolished. As he reached home, still pale, and told his experience, his wife said, "And what if it had been you under the car, and you had been killed?" He replied, "It would have been all right; I am ready to go at any time." And so he was.

As a husband, a father, a son, and brother, what words shall I summon to describe him? United in the holiest of bonds to one he esteemed the best of women, he lived in a paradise of domestic love. His two boys—George Bashford, four and a half years old, and baby Theodore David, five months old—were his greatest delight and joy. His particular care for his family, apprehending all their needs, makes them feel more keenly and deeply their helplessness and great loss. May God keep, lead, and direct all their interests, and bring both family and friends at last to their glorious home on high!

When we recall Brother Shanor's heroic and successful efforts at self-education, his eminent labors as a minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, his fervent piety, dying grace and testimony, his ability as a preacher, his unswerving fidelity as a pastor, his warm affection as a son, brother, husband, and father, we are strongly impressed with the singular completeness and fullness of his character as a man and Christian. He leaves all who so deeply lament his early death an honored name, and a sanctified memory; an example of faithfulness, gentleness, and Christian patience. We do well to imitate. He lived for God, and died preaching the gospel of Christ, and closed his life singing the entire song, "The Holy City," and at its close heard the Master's summons, "It is enough; come up higher!" May we all meet him here!

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MRS. RACHEL E. TAGGART.

RACHEL E. TAGGART was born in Farmington, W. Va., July 6, 1836. She was the daughter of C. C. and Eliza Davis. When in her fifteenth year she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Aaron Vincent, pastor. She was married to Rev. J. I. Taggart, September 21, 1854. Of this union three children were born—Silas M. Taggart, of Jeffersonville, O.; Mrs. Alice Hodge, of Rainsboro, O.; and one daughter who died in infancy. Mrs. Taggart was in the truest and fullest sense her husband's helpmeet in the work of the ministry. No wife was ever more tenderly solicitous for the welfare and happiness of her husband than was she. She studied to conceal from him any trouble which might in the least disturb his shattered, nervous system. She was of a bright, cheerful disposition. No one could be sad where she was. Her bright, smiling face and cheerful conversation brought sunshine and hope into many afflicted homes. As we stood around her bedside, she said: "Do n't look so sad. It is all so bright! I did n't think I could come down to death so calmly." She was always very timid in Church work. Scarcely ever did she attempt to speak but she would break down and cry. But when she came down to the last there was not a tremor. Then as we sang "Prepare me, dear Savior, for glory, my home," she said, "How glad I am I do n't have to trouble about that now!" When told by her physician that the end was near, she rejoiced greatly, and gave a glowing testimony that all was well, expressions of hope and victory which her children and friends will treasure in their hearts as a precious legacy. She died November 7, 1901.

MRS. VIRGINIA E. BOWERS.

MRS. VIRGINIA E. BOWERS died at her residence in Piqua, Ohio, June 10, 1902. She was born and reared in Cincinnati, the daughter of John W. and Mary Reiley. She graduated from the Wesleyan Female College when Dr. P. B. Wilber, of cherished memory, was president. She was president of the Wesleyan Alumni Association the year of its Silver Anniversary. Her early years were marked by a deep piety and consistent religious experience, which were characteristic of her useful life. She was married to Rev. Adam Bowers, D. D., of the Cincinnati Conference, June 11, 1867. They walked together in unusual devotion to each other for thirty-five years..

The following historical dates mark, in a brief way, the record of her busy and fruitful life: After her marriage, in 1867, she went with her husband to the Port Union Circuit. Here they labored for one year; then to old Mears Chapel. From 1869 to 1870 their field of labor was Winton Place; thence on to old Sears Street (now St. Paul's), Dayton. During the years of 1872-1875, Dr. Bowers was pastor of East Pearl Street, Cincinnati; then to Asbury. In 1878-81 they were at Madisonville; then on to Lockland-Wyoming, 1881-83.

From 1883 to 1886, Dr. Bowers occupied the pulpit at Greene Street, Piqua, and his beloved wife graced the parsonage. The fruit of their effective ministry abides still.

In 1886, Dr. Bowers was appointed Presiding Elder of the Dayton District. He served his term, and during his services on the district Mrs. Bowers was president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She was always an inspiration to the local Societies, and traveled much with her husband, organizing new Societies wherever they were needed.

In 1892, Dr. Bowers was sent back to Lockland, and from here, on account of his failing health, he removed to Piqua, Ohio, where he still abides, the care and cheer of his hosts of friends.

This is the record, but it can not recount the deeds of love, the words, the labors in the Sunday-school, her deep interest in revival work, and her unfailing inspiration to her husband. These all have left their record in the life of the Churches she touched.

A beautiful life has gathered to itself all the excellencies of Christian faith, the rich fruition of faithful service and sacrifice, and has passed on to the richer ministries of heaven.

Words are idle in an attempt to describe a life like hers. In it were combined great force of character and great tenderness of heart. Hers was a strong personality, enriched by the Christian graces and by marked capabilities for Christian work. She was a power in the Church and home as a pastor's wife for more than a third of a century, and has left in every community they served the sweet memories of countless deeds of love and Christian example, which shall abide through the years like a benediction.

She daily walked with God in strong faith, patient endurance, and sweet unselfishness. The path she trod has led up to the throne.

"And we shall look into her face once more,
And clasp her hand again. O blissful spell!
To dream of heaven, where no sad farewell
Vexes the ransomed ones for evermore."

Mrs. Bowers never lost her personal interest in the Church. After her removal to Piqua, though she found another in the parsonage once occupied by her husband and herself, yet she never lost her zeal and love for the work.

From these associations she will be greatly missed. But most of all she will be missed from the side of her sorrowing and afflicted husband, to whom she had ministered so faithfully and with such sacred, persistent devotion in his prolonged and serious illness.

But hers is the heritage of the saints. She rests in the beautiful Forest Hill Cemetery at Piqua, Ohio, awaiting the resurrection of the just.

"Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Fair spirit, rest thee now;
E'en while with us thy footsteps trod,
His seal was on thy brow.

Dust, to its narrow home beneath!
Soul, to its place on high!
They that have seen thy look in death
No more may fear to die.

Lone are the paths, and sad the bowers,
Whence the meek smile is gone;
But O, a brighter home than ours
In heaven is now thine own!"

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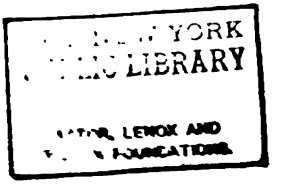
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1. AFTER the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

2. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

3. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

4. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.

6. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

7. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

8. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

9. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.

15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

21. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

22. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

23. The presiding elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

24. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1903.

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1844	Richard S. Rust,	P.	1871	William A. Robinson,	P.
1845	William H. Sutherland,	P.	"	Charles W. Blodgett,	P.
1848	Samuel B. Smith,	P.	1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.
1850	James T. Bail,	P.	"	John Wilson,	P.
1851	John F. Loyd,*	.....	1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.
"	Milton P. Zink,	P.	"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.
1856	John Vance,	.....	"	Charles J. Wells,	P.
1857	George M. Edgar,	.....	"	Lafayette Young,	.....
"	William N. Maxey,	.....	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	William M. West,	.....
1858	Evan P. James,	P.	"	James E. Gilbert,	.....
"	George H. Dart,	P.	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.
"	John W. Mason,	P.	"	Lyman E. Prentiss,	P.
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1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	"	John C. Eckles,	P.
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"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	George W. Fee,	.....	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	.....	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
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1862	Thomas J. Harris,	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
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1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.	"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
"	Richard H. Rust,	P.	"	George. S. Easton,	P.
"	Jesse B. Young,	P.	1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
1871	Seren N. Marsh,	.....	"	James L. Glascock,	.....

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"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	George H. Smith,	P.
"	William B. Brown,	P.	1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.	"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Charles Hartley,	.....	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Ira Edgar Price,¶	.....	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	"	William D. English,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
"	John H. McNary,	P.	"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
1891	James E. Abrams,	P.	1898	James A. Geissinger,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.	1899	Howard L. Torbet,	.....
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.	"	Henry C. Hutchinson,*	P.
"	John P. Ninde,	P.	"	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.	"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	James R. Hill,	P.	"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
"	William E. Spurrier,	P.	"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.	1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	Philip Trout,	P.	"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,	P.	"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.	1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	P.
"	William H. Spybey,	P.	"	Samuel A. Keen	P.
"	Charles F. Enyart,	P.	"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
"	William E. Putt,	P.	1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
"	James P. Gilliland,	P.	"	John F. Chenoweth,	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.	"	Asa J. Kestle,	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	P.	"	William W. Reeves,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.	"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
"	William M. Coffman,	P.	"	Hugh G. Scudday,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.	"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.

*Transferred to New England Southern Conference.
¶Transferred to the Northwest Indiana Conference.
‡Transferred to the Kentucky Conference.

WESLEY CHURCH, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Wednesday, September 2, 1903.

AT half-past eight o'clock this morning the ministers of the Cincinnati Annual Conference met in Wesley Church and held a devotional service of a half an hour.

At nine o'clock Bishop Charles H. Fowler, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to more than two hundred communicants, thus opening the fifty-second annual session of the Conference.

The Secretary of last year's Conference called the roll and one hundred and thirty-six members responded.

The names of three of the members who had died during the year were called, the Conference reverently standing—these members being John F. Loyd, admitted in 1851; William Runyan, admitted in 1855; and Adam Bowers, admitted in 1857.

The presence of Bishop John M. Walden, honorary member, and of T. J. Harris, John F. Hull, and J. W. Mason, beloved superannuates, who have been prevented from attendance recently, was noted with great pleasure.

Organization.—The staff of Conference Officers was formed by the following elections: Stanley O. Royal, Secretary, with D. Lee Aultman, J. R. Colley, and C. C. Peale assistants.

George S. Easton was elected Statistical Secretary, with D. G. Latshaw, W. J. Dunham, H. E. Armacost, C. H. Haines, J. H. McNary, and G. M. Hammell, assistants.

Calvin W. Horn was elected Treasurer, with W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, and J. W. Patton, assistants.

An address of cordial welcome was given by William G. Roberts on behalf of Wesley Chapel, and at the request of the Conference, Bishop Fowler gave appropriate response.

Transfers.—The following transfers were announced: Adna W. Leonard, from the Italy Conference; Thomas W. Salt, from the Central Tennessee Conference; James P. Gilliland, from the South American Conference; John E. Thomas, from the New England Southern Conference; Elmer W. Serl, a probationer, from the Holston Conference; and Hugh G. Scudday, a probationer, from the Gulf Mission Conference.

The nominations of the Standing Committees as reported last year were read, and after a few changes they were adopted.

The Committee on Nominating Standing Committees was instructed to fill any vacancies necessary.

The Committee on Memoirs was formed as follows: For J. F. Loyd, C. C. Peale; for Adam Bowers, R. J. Wyckoff; for William Runyan, W. A. Robinson; for Mrs. M. P. Gaddis, J. J. McCabe; for Mrs. J. McD. Mathews, S. O. Royal; for Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts, J. P. Porter; for Mrs. N. McDonald, O. M. Sellers; for Mrs. Howard Henderson, F. G. Mitchell.

On motion of Gervaise Roughton, the Conference Bar was fixed at the fourth window from the front.

The Rules of Order as printed in the Minutes were adopted on motion of D. J. Starr.

The Statistical Secretary asked for instructions concerning Special Collections. It was directed that the Emergency Collections for Missions be reported as a part of the regular Missionary collection, and that a special report on that subject be printed in the Minutes.

It was also directed that the collections for Christ's Hospital and for the Home of the Aged be printed as last year.

The Thirteenth Question—"*Was the character of each preacher examined?*"—was called by the Bishop. Davis W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, read his report.

The names of the effective elders of the district were called, and they gave their reports.

Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, read his report, and the effective elders of the district were called, each one reporting concerning his collections.

On motion of Dr. Ketcham, the Conference requested the appointment of the following members to the same work as last year: D. L. Aultman, Field Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern; L. E. Prentiss, Financial Secretary of the U. S. Grant University; C. F. Enyart, Professor in the Southwest Kansas College; and Guy P. Benton, President of the Miami University.

The report of the work on the Hillsboro District was read by V. F. Brown, the Presiding Elder.

Order of the Day.—At the request of Bishop Fowler, the time for receiving the Probationers into Full Connection was fixed at 9.30 A. M., Thursday.

On motion of D. L. Aultman, it was resolved that balloting for delegates to the General Conference take place immediately after the admission of the class.

The report of the work on Milford District was read by A. N. Spahr, Presiding Elder.

It was resolved that the Conference meet at half-past two this afternoon for a Statistical Session, announcement of Committees to be made at that session.

R. K. Deem was appointed to preside at the afternoon session.

E. S. Gaddis was voted leave of absence for to-morrow to attend a funeral.

J. P. Porter was appointed to conduct the religious services this afternoon, and O. M. Sellers for the devotional services to-morrow morning.

Announcements were made, and the morning session adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON.

At half-past two R. K. Deem took the chair. J. P. Porter read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

The charges and pastors were called in regular order, and reports of collections and statistics were presented.

The Standing Committees were called, the chairman of each named time and place of meeting.

Papers on various subjects were referred to proper Committees.

The session adjourned with the benediction by D. L. Aultman.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 3, 1903.

THE Conference opened this morning with devotions conducted by O. M. Sellers.

At nine o'clock Bishop Fowler took the chair, and the minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the District Missionary secretaries were instructed to gather the reports of the Emergency Fund collection for separate printing in the Minutes.

The Committee on Nominations reported changes in the Standing Committees, which were by vote adopted.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and C. W. Barnes, the Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, was called, and read his report.

The Seventh Question—"*Who have been admitted into full membership?*—was taken up as the order of the day. W. W. Reeves, J. F. Chenoweth, A. J. Kestle, W. E. Hammaker, H. G. Scudday, and Elmer W. Serl were called. Bishop Fowler addressed them and the Conference on the work of a minister, in general, and on the position and duties of a Methodist preacher, in particular, at the close of which they responded to the Disciplinary questions for admission in Full Connection.

The further consideration of the question was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The Statistical Secretary called the names of charges whose reports had not been received. He was directed to fill blanks with last year's report in case of all charges not reporting by to-morrow.

H. C. Weakley read the report of his work in connection with the Home for the Aged.

Rev. A. H. Norcross, Presiding Elder of the Columbus District of the Ohio Conference, was introduced.

Dr. J. B. Young was added to the Committee on Public Worship.

Announcements were made, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 4, 1903.

CONFERENCE opened with devotional exercises at 8.45.

At nine o'clock, with Bishop Fowler in the chair, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following resolution was offered by D. J. Starr:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed by the chair to bear the greetings of the Cincinnati Conference to the Lay Electoral Conference in session in St. Paul's Church, and invite the Lay Conference to visit this Conference in a body, at a time that may be mutually convenient, and should the invitation be accepted, report to this body a plan for the holding of a joint meeting.

The resolution was adopted, and D. J. Starr, A. B. Leonard, and R. S. Rust were appointed the Committee.

The Seventh Question—"*Who are admitted into Full Membership?*"—was taken up. The following names were called: A. J. Kestle, was passed to the studies of the Third Year, admitted into Full Connection and elected to Deacon's Orders; W. W. Reeves was admitted into Full Connection, passed to the Studies of the Third Year, already being in Elders' Orders; J. F. Chenoweth was passed in the studies of the Fourth Year, admitted into Full Connection, and elected to Elders' Orders; W. E. Hammaker was passed in the studies of the Fourth Year, admitted into Full Connection, and was elected to Elders' Orders; E. W. Serl passed in the studies of the Third and the Fourth Years, was admitted into Full Connection, and elected to Elders' Orders; H. G. Scudday was admitted into Full Connection, having already completed the Course of Study in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and being in Elders' Orders; C. J. Moore was continued on Trial in studies of the Second Year, and left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

C. L. Conger was elected Assistant Secretary, having charge of all registrations of undergraduates and records of examinations.

J. B. Young offered the following, which was adopted by a count vote of 71 to 51:

Resolved, That we request Bishop Fowler to transfer to this Conference Rev. Edward J. Moore, of the East Ohio Conference, and to appoint him Field Agent for the Anti-Saloon League.

D. L. AULTMAN, J. B. YOUNG, W. L. Y. DAVIS,
E. BURDSAL, C. L. CONGER, J. ALLEN GEISSINGER.

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A letter from W. W. Ramsay was read by the Secretary.

On motion of R. H. Rust, the Conference requested the Bishop to transfer him to this Conference. The Bishop announced his transfer.

Election.—The order of the day was taken up. The following were appointed tellers: A. B. Austin, C. P. Pumphrey, S. W. Bell, and U. G. Humphrey. It was directed that defective ballots be thrown out, those having more or less than the requisite number to be voted for being considered defective.

A ballot was cast for delegates to the General Conference, and the tellers retired.

The Tenth Question—"*What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*"—was taken up. C. P. Pumphrey was passed in the studies of the Fourth Year. He was elected to Elder's Orders, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The Fifth Question—"*Who have been continued on Trial?*"—was taken up. Chas J. Kelch and Edward W. Lutterman were continued on Trial in the studies of the First Year, the latter to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools. Jacob J. Hawk and James M. Bailey were continued on Trial in the studies of the Second Year.

The Chairman of the Board of Stewards reported a grant to Mrs. Adam Miller of one hundred dollars after the adjournment of Conference last year. Their action was approved.

Bishop Fowler presented drafts amounting to $22 from the Chartered Fund, and $899 from the Book Concern Dividend for the Conference Claimants, and the drafts were ordered.

The following memorial to the General Conference was presented by F. G. Mitchell, and by vote it was adopted by the Conference:

Resolved, 1. That we hereby memorialize the General Conference to amend Paragraph 165, Section 2 of the Discipline, by striking out the words "thereafter" and "but" in subsection (3), and the words "previously to such reception on trial" in subsection (4), and by inserting the word "and" in subsection (3), so that the whole section will read: "Those who (1) have been Local Preachers for two full years, and (2) also at and during the same time regular students in one of our theological seminaries, (3) shall have been received on Trial, and (4) shall have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference Course of Study."

Resolved, 2. That the Secretary of this Conference be directed to furnish a copy of the foregoing resolution to the delegates elected to represent us in the General Conference.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, S. O. ROYAL, V. F. BROWN,
HEBER D. KETCHAM, C. W. BARNES, W. H. WEHRLY,
C. L. CONGER.

The Thirtieth Question—"*Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?*" was called. An invitation from Miamisburg was accepted by unanimous vote.

V. F. Brown presented a report of the sale of property of Pike Chapel, Mowrytown Circuit, and the money received from the sale, amounting to $50, was ordered paid to the Conference Trustees.

Episcopal Fund.—Bishop Fowler presented a communication from the Treasurer of the Episcoal Fund announcing an apportionment of $2,071 to this Conference for the ensuing year. It was referred to the Presiding Elders for reapportionment among the charges.

T. C. Iliff, an Assistant Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and spoke of the work under his care.

S. H. Pye, one of the Publishing Agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and spoke concerning publishing interests.

Election.—The tellers having returned, the result of the vote was announced as follows: 173 votes cast; necessary to a choice, 87. A. B. Leonard having received 118, was declared elected. A second ballot was then taken.

Dr. Levi Gilbert, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced and made an effective address concerning the work of the religious press.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. The names of the effective elders of the Hillsboro, Milford, and Springfield Districts were called, and they reported their collections.

By vote the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint E. S. Gaddis Financial Agent for the Epworth Heights Camp-meeting Association.

C. D. Munsey and J. E. H. Sentman were each granted a superannuate relation, and the Board of Stewards were requested to consider the necessities of each.

G. H. Dart was granted a supernumery relation and he spoke earnestly concerning his ministerial life and labors.

The Bishop was requested to continue C. W. Rishell and G. L. Tufts in their present appointments.

The Second Ballot for delegates to General Conference was announced as follows: 158 votes cast; necessary to a choice, 80. J. W. Bashford having received 90 votes, was declared elected.

Brothers Munsey and Sentman spoke a few words relative to their retiring from the effective ranks of the ministry.

John Pearson presented a communication from the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church concerning trust funds and annuities, which was referred to the Board of Stewards.

A communication was read from the *Cincinnati Post* asking the privilege of taking a picture of the Conference at the close of the session. The invitation was accepted.

A communication was also read from the Cincinnati District Epworth League inviting the Conference to accept their courtesy on an excursion by boat on the Ohio River. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Third Ballot for General Conference Delegates was announced. Whole number of votes 161; necessary to a choice, 81. W. P. Thirkield received 96 and was declared elected.

The appointments for Sunday Services were read by J. B. Young.

The illness of Brother H. C. Hutchinson, recently a member of this Conference, was reported and the Secretary was directed to send a letter of sympathy.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint F. M. Clemans Field Agent of the Anti-Saloon League.

I. R. Marshall and Charles Hartley were placed on the supernumerary list at their own request.

The Fourth Ballot was announced. Total number of votes 140; necessary to a choice, 71. There was no election.

The fifth ballot was taken, which resulted in no election.

On motion, it was decided that further balloting be postponed until to-morrow morning.

Announcements were made and the session adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Fowler.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 5, 1903.

THE fourth day's session of the Conference opened at eight thirty o'clock this morning with devotional exercises led by C. W. Blodgett.

At nine o'clock, Bishop Fowler called for the Journal of yesterday's session, and it was read and approved.

D. J. Starr reported for the Committee appointed to visit the Lay Electoral Conference as follows:

Your Committee appointed to visit the Lay Electoral Conference and arrange for a joint meeting of the two bodies, respectfully report that as your representatives they were most cordially received by the Lay Electoral Conference, and that after consultation with the Committee appointed for that purpose by the Lay Conference, and with Bishop Fowler, they have arranged for a fraternal meeting of the two Conferences, to be held at the opening of the session Saturday morning, and we recommend that such meeting be now held, and that the members of the Lay Electoral Conference be now invited to occupy front seats within the bar of the Conference, and that their representatives be given seats upon the platform; and that Bishop Fowler be requested to address the meeting upon behalf of the Conference, and by the Hon. D. D. Woodmansee, who has been appointed to speak on behalf of the Lay Electoral Conference.

D. J. STARR,
A. B. LEONARD,
R. S. RUST,
Committee.

This report was adopted, and the members of the Lay Conference entered and occupied seats in the center of the church. Judge J. S. Kimbro, President of the Lay Conference, was introduced, and was invited to the platform.

Bishop Walden was introduced, and made remarks. Bishop Fowler then introduced Mr. D. D. Woodmansee, who spoke eloquent words of fraternal greeting. Bishop Fowler responded with forcible remarks concerning the relations between the ministry and laity.

The sixth ballot for delegates to General Conference was taken.

The Board of Stewards presented, with their commendations, the proposals of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church providing for receiving donations on the annuity plan. It was ordered that the plan be printed in the Minutes. The Board of Stewards then read their preliminary report.

Edward McHugh asked for a supernumerary relation, and it was granted, and the Board of Stewards were directed to consider favorably his needs.

The report of the tellers on the sixth ballot for General Conference Delegates was read, which resulted in no election, and a seventh ballot was taken, which likewise resulted in no election.

On motion of W. A. Robinson, a collection was taken for Brother McHugh, which amounted to $82.78.

J. W. Bashford, J. Verity, and W. M. Coffman were excused from further attendance on account of pressing engagements.

J. W. Bashford spoke concerning the movement for Church Federation, and on his motion the subject was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Twenty-second Question—"*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"—was called. W. G. Warner was granted a supernumerary relation; E. T. Wells was continued in the same relation, and G. M. Hammell was granted an effective relation.

The Twenty-third Question—"*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*"—was called. The list of superannuates was read, and all were continued in the same relation. (See List, p. 477.)

The Eighth Ballot was read, showing the whole number of votes cast, 153; necessary to a choice, 77. Heber D. Ketcham had received 83, and he was declared elected.

A ballot was taken for Reserve Delegates, and it was voted that the two receiving the highest number of votes should be elected.

John Pearson, Agent for the American Bible Society, was introduced and made brief remarks concerning the work of the Society.

Dr. W. L. Davidson, representing the American University, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning that great enterprise.

For Reserve Delegates the ballot was read, showing that out of 152 votes, the whole number cast, J. A. Story had received 107 and H. C. Weakley, 74. These, being the two highest, they were declared elected.

J. W. Bashford spoke concerning the Ohio Wesleyan University.

W. A. Robinson, representing the Deaconess work, addressed the Conference.

The Fourth Question—"*Who are received on Trial?*" was called. Louis Oliver Hartman, recommended by the Bond Hill Quarterly Conference, was received on trial, passed in the studies of the First and Second Years, and was elected to Deacon's Orders as a local preacher.

Dr. H. C. Jennings, Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

J. F. McColm was appointed to lead the devotions this afternoon, and W. A. Wiant to lead to-morrow morning.

On motion of Dr. R. H. Rust, it was decided to hold a session this afternoon at two o'clock, for the hearing of reports and for other business.

J. B. Young was appointed to preside at the afternoon session. Announcements were made, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Fowler.

AFTERNOON.

AT two o'clock this afternoon J. B. Young called the Conference to order.

The report concerning the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was read by F. C. English, and it was approved.

It was resolved to call the list of Standing Committees in alphabetical order for the hearing of reports.

G. W. Dubois presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Cincinnati Conference request the General Conference to make such alteration in the Constitution and Discipline as will make General Conference officers ex-officio delegates at large with full powers.

Resolved, That our delegates to General Conference be directed to present this memorial, in due form, to the next General Conference, and earnestly to advocate its passage.

Signed by J. Allen Geissinger, and fifty others.

The following reports were read and adopted: On Church Extension, read by O. L. Seward; on Education, read by C. M. Van Pelt; on Epworth League, read by C. P. Pumphrey; on Missions, by John Wilson; on Parsonages, by S. G. Pollard; on Sabbath Observance, by C. W. Blodgett; on State of the Church, by Howard Henderson; on Public Morals, by M. B. Fuller.

The Stewards, not having received application papers, were authorized to make a contingent appropriation of one hundred dollars for Mrs. Adam Miller, to be held by them until word comes from her.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern accounts was read by R. J. Wyckoff. On motion of R. H. Rust, the report was recommitted and F. G. Mitchell and W. H. Wehrly were added to the Committee.

The session then adjourned with the benediction by S. O. Royal.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 7, 1903.

AT half-past eight this morning the Conference assembled, and began the session with devotions led by W. A. Wiant, with Bishop Fowler in the chair.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The transfer of William E. Verity, a probationer of the First Year from the California Conference, was announced. He was afterward reported by the Board of Examiners and passed to the studies of the Second Year.

Bishop Fowler presented the following Certificate of Ordination:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies, *That on September 6, 1903, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, I ordained Asa J. Kestle and Louis O. Hartman,* DEACONS; *and on the same day, and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained John F. Chenoweth, Elmer W. Serl, Charles P. Pumphrey, Wilbur E. Hammaker,* ELDERS, *according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 6, 1903.

C. H. Fowler.

Bishop.

William J. Baker presented the report on the American Bible Society, which was read and adopted. (See Report, page 521.)

The Statistical Reports not being complete, the Secretary was directed, on motion of C. L. Conger, to harmonize his report with that of the Treasurer, and print his report without reading.

The Report of the Milford District Missionary Secretary concerning the Emergency Fund was presented by H. W. Bailey for printing in the Minutes. (See report, page 507.)

The report on Deaconess Work was read by Gervaise Roughton and approved. (See Report, page 523.)

The recommendations of the Board were adopted by the licensing of the following five Deaconesses: Nettie Hathorn, Adda Day, Delina Fidler, Vanluah Jacques, Lelia Lybarger.

The following forty-five Deaconesses were continued in office for the ensuing year: Mary Pauline Abbott, Effie Austin, Anna R. Bassett, Azuba Buxton, Willa Cassel, Carra Close, Caraline Dau, Adda Day, Florence Deaver, Anna Dwinell, Emma Enders, L. May Eyre, Flora Faber, Delina Fidler, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Nettie Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Ida Haer, Gertrude Holbert, Lucelia House, Emma Huston, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jacques, Amanda Longbrake, Lelia Lybarger, Mary McEwan, Olive Marshall, Sarah Martin, India Paff, Harriet Pellman, Ida Pennell, Hannah H. Pierce, Laura Jean Pearson, Alice Rodgers, Lotta Sinnett, Ella Slear, Bessie Smith, Clora Solomon, Lina Terrell, Alice Thatcher, Carrie Thompson, Margaret Veach, Lulu White, Sadie Williams.

On motion of D. J. Starr the time for the Memorial Service was fixed for half-past ten instead of eleven.

Bishop Walden was invited to the chair.

W. A. Robinson read the report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest, which was received and ordered printed. (See Report, page 537.)

D. J. Starr offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The National Prison Congress has set apart and requested that all the Churches in the United States observe the last Sunday of October as Prison Sunday, for the purposes of gathering and disseminating information as to the causes of crime, and the remedies for crime, and for the reform of criminals; therefore,

Resolved, That, so far as we may be able to do so, we will observe this call in all our churches.

W. A. ROBINSON, FRANK G. MITCHELL,
D. J. STARR, W. H. WEHRLY,
C. L. CONGER.

A letter from A. D. Raleigh, Helena, Montana, acknowledging the receipt of last year's donation was read.

J. P. Porter addressed the Conference with reference to the work of the Preachers' Relief Society.

The Board of Trustees was excused for a short meeting.

The Committee on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was given the same privilege.

Dr. J. C. Floyd, Field Agent of the Missionary Society, and member of the Michigan Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

T. P. Walter read the report of the Committee on Sunday-school work. Adopted. (See page 534.)

The Committee on Temperance reported through S. A. Keen. The report was recommitted for amendment.

Rev. G. H. Jones, a missionary from Korea, and Dr. W. F. Oldham, a Missionary Secretary, were introduced.

Memorial Service.—W. P. Thirkield was called to the chair to preside during the Memorial Service.

A brief memorial note concerning each of the following ministers, was read: J. F. Loyd, Adam Bowers, William Runyan, Mrs. M. P. Gaddis, Mrs. N. McDonald, Mrs. J. McD. Mathews, Mrs. H. A. M. Henderson.

The Memorial Sermon was then preached by J. S. Pumphrey. (For Sermon see page 549.)

On motion of G. H. Dart, the sermon was asked for printing in the Minutes as a part of the Memorial Service.

The Memoirs, as read, were adopted, with the direction that the memoir of Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts be furnished for publication.

The Fourth Question—"*Who have been received On Trial?*—was called by Bishop Fowler and Fred. J. Reinbarth, recommended from the South Lebanon Quarterly Conference, was received on trial.

S. A. Keen read the additions to the Temperance Report, and the Report was adopted. (See report, page 534.)

D. J. Starr offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a letter signed by the President and Secretary of this Conference be sent to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of War, embodying the sentiments of the report on the subject of providing for the comfort of the soldiers and of the sale of opium in the Philippine Islands.

The motion was carried.

The final report of the Board of Stewards was read by J. E. Abrams, and the report was adopted. (See report, page 505.)

The report of the Treasurer was read by C. W. Horn, and it was adopted. (See report, page 507.)

By vote the Presiding Elders were requested to prepare condensed reports, not exceeding three pages each, for printing in the Minutes.

By vote it was directed that all reports next year be limited to fifteen minutes.

On motion of R. H. Rust, the Publishing Committee was authorized to proceed with the publication of the Minutes, omitting all documents not in their hands within forty-eight hours after the close of the Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, Seretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts was read by J. A. Geissinger, and on motion of U. G. Humphrey, the report was recommitted, with instructions to prepare a report favorable to the *Western Christian Advocate* for Publication in the Minutes. (See Report, page 528.)

On motion of R. H. Rust, it was directed, that next year when statistical reports are not in by Thursday noon, the blanks be filled with this year's reports.

On motion of D. W. Clark, the request of H. A. M. Henderson for a superannuated relation was granted. The Conference listened with interest to a brief address by Dr. Henderson.

On motion of the Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, the following special appointments were provided for: W. K. Brown, Professor in Miami Military Institute; J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the Society for Religious Education; D. J. Starr, Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary; M. M. Kugler, Instructor in the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home.

On a count vote, carrying more than a two-thirds' majority, the Bishop was requested to appoint J. L. Glascock and H. G. Scudday Conference Evangelists.

J. P. Porter read the report of the Conference Trustees, and the report was received and ordered printed.

The nominations for officers of Conference Societies and Boards were read by V. F. Brown and approved. (See page 446.)

C. W. Barnes offered the following, which was adopted:

We desire to thank the Laymen for approving in this year's session of the Lay Electoral Conference the resolution passed by this Conference last year, suggesting $600 and house as the minimum support for a pastor's family.

C. W. BARNES. HEBER D. KETCHAM, A. N. SPAHR,
V. F. BROWN, D. W. CLARK.

E. S. Gaddis spoke to the Conference concerning the Epworth Heights Camp-meeting Association.

The District Missionary Secretaries were elected as follows: C. C. Peale, for the Cincinnati District; U. G. Humphrey, for the Dayton District; George W. Vorhis, for the Hillsboro District; H. W. Bailey, for the Milford District; and E. H. Cherington, for the Springfield District.

A collection for the janitor was taken, which amounted to $16.

The Board of Managers for the Home of the Aged, to serve three years, was appointed as follows: H. C. Weakley, J. P. Porter, Mrs. Obed J. Wilson, R. W. Burns.

It was voted, that after the reading of the minutes and the announcement of the appointments, that the Conference stand adjourned.

The Journal was read and approved.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fowler.

EVENING.

AFTER a very impressive service, in which five deaconesses were consecrated by Bishop Fowler, the appointments for the ensuing year were read, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
James P. Gilliland, from South American Conference; Adna W. Leonard, from the Italy Conference; Thomas W. Salt, from the Central Tennessee Conference; John E. Thomas, from the New England Southern Conference; Elmer W. Serl, from the Holston Conference; Hugh G. Scudday, from Gulf Mission Conference; *William E. Verity*, probationer, from the California Conference; William W. Ramsay, from the Kentucky Conference; Edward J. Moore, from the East Ohio Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Fred J. Reinbarth.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*Louis O. Hartman.*

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Charles J. Kelch, Edward Lutterman.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Charles J. Moore, Jacob J. Hawk, James M. Bailey, William E. Verity.*

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*Asa J. Kestle.*
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—John F. Chenoweth, *William W. Reeves*, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Hugh G. Scudday, Elmer W. Serl.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*Asa J. Kestle, William M. Reeves.*

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
None.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—John F. Chenoweth, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Elmer W. Serl, Charles P. Pumphrey.
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—Hugh G. Scudday.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*
(*a*) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—Louis O. Hartman.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*
None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*
It was, in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*
George V. Morris, to the Kentucky Conference; Henry C. Hutchinson, to the New England Southern; Ira E. Price, to the Northwest Indiana.

15. *Who have Died?*
Adam Bowers, William Runyan, John F. Loyd.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*
None.

17. *Who have been Located?*
None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*
None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*
None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*
None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*
None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
E. T. Wells, 2; Philip Trout, 2; G. H. Dart, 1; I. R. Marshall, 1; Charles Hartley, 1; Edward McHugh, 1.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
L. F. Young, W. T. McMullen, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, H. M. Keck, W. N. Maxey, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, W. P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, J. W. Mason, J. H. Davis, Sylvester Weeks, Charles H. Kalbfus, Charles J. Wells, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, J. E. H. Sentman, H. A. M. Henderson.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*
E. Burdsall, W. A. Wiant, J. S. Pumphrey, C. M. Van Pelt, E. H. Cherington, J. P. Porter, J. C. Eckles.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*
Probationers, 1,637; increase, 280. Members, 51,552; decrease, 1, 188.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*
$64,193.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
$11,215.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*
$8,699. From the Chartered Fund, etc.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
See Appointments, page 474.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*
Miamisburg, Ohio.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 7, 1903.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 2-7, 1903, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

C. H. Fowler.
Bishop presiding.

S. O. Royal
Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

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Edward W. Lutterman, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

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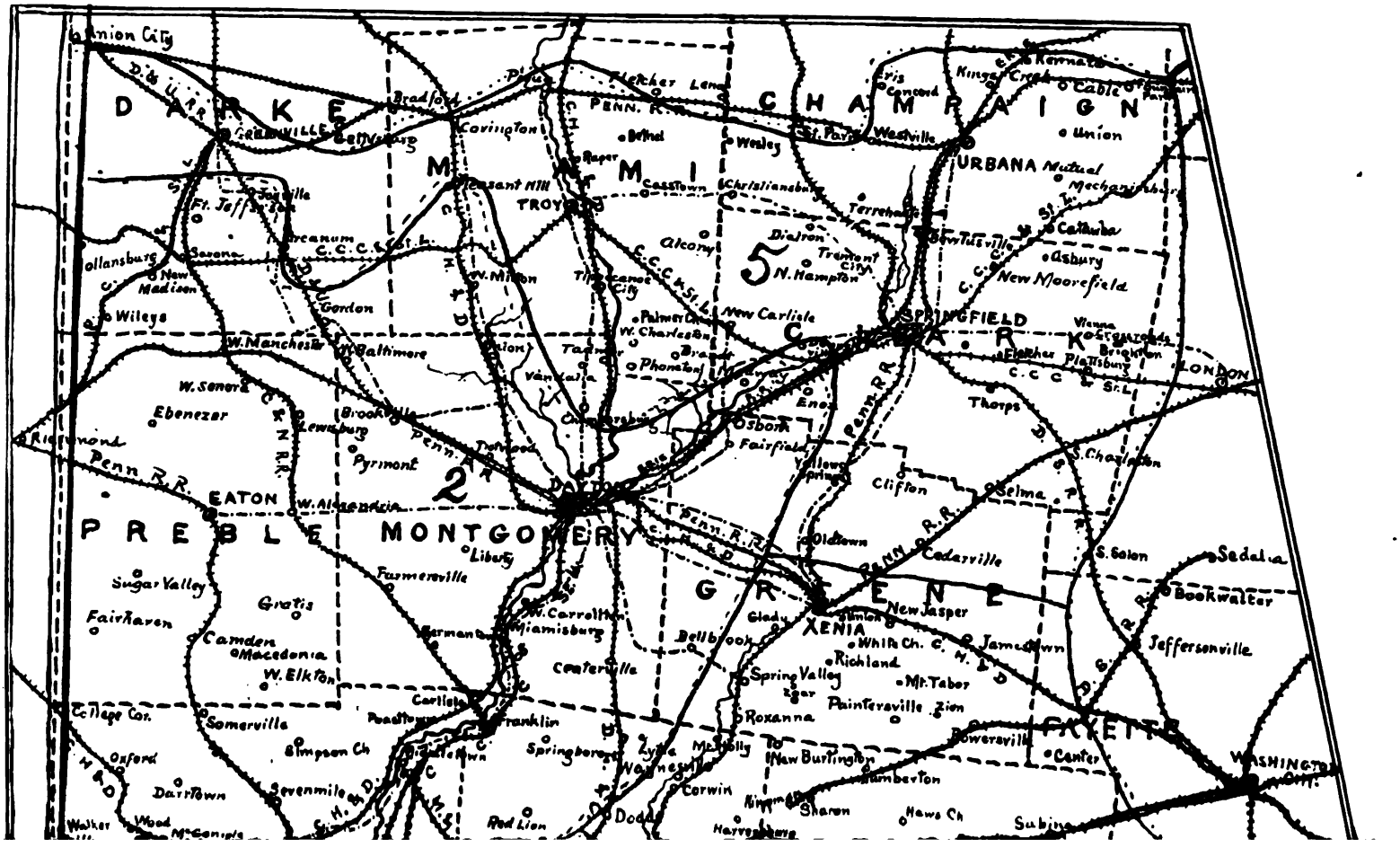
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E. S. Gaddis, Superintendent Epworth Heights Camp-meeting Association, Avondale Quarterly Conference.

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SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service, those before the number of years in present relation.

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2. Philip Trout, 12, ... Springfield, O.
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1. Charles Hartley, ... Delaware, O.

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J. W. Mason, 44, ... Springfield, Milford Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs.
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Carlisle.
J. E. H. Sentman, 26, . . . Williamsburg, O.
C. D. Munsey, 24, ... Cleveland, Tenn.
Howard Henderson, 47, . Hartwell, O.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry.		Consecr'd Bishop.	Residence.
		Conference.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Stephen Mason Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	Buffalo, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
James Newbury FitzGerald	July. 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Omaha, Neb.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Portland, Ore.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl
*Francis W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Calcutta, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Shanghai, China.
John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.

*Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

Note.—1. Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise stated.

Abrams, J. E., Urbana.
Armacost, H. E., New Carlisle.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Greenville.
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Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Ripley.
Bailey, J. M., Sinking Spring.
Baker, W. J., Felicity.
Barnes, C. W., Springfield.
Bashford, J. W., Delaware.
Becker, O. D., Ross.
Beery, J. E., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bell, S. W., Miamisburg.
Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Blodgett, C. W., Cincinnati.
Briggs, C. W., Lynchburg.
Brokaw, A. L., Cincinnati.
Brown, V. F., Hillsboro.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Brown, Wm. B., Summerside.
Burdsall, E., Winton Place.
Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.
Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Urbana.
Chapman, C. L., Fair Haven.
Chenoweth, John F., Cincinnati.
Cherington, E. H., Urbana.
Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clemans, F. M., Dayton.
Coffman, W. M., Waynesville.
Colley, J. R., Delhi.
Conger, C. L., Springfield.
Cowgill, A. T., South Charleston.
Crum, C. T., Amelia.
Cundy, T., Bowersville.

Curless, H. G., Springfield.
Dalbey, J. L., Dialton.
Darling, J. D., Williamsburg.
Dart, G. H. (Sn.), Hamilton.
Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Davis, L. M., Loveland.
Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
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Duckwall, J. L., Springfield.
Dunham, W. J., New Richmond.
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Easton, J. A., Winchester.
Eckles, J. C. Cincinnati.
Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Hillsboro.
Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.
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Elliott, C. W., Dayton.
Ellsworth, E. M., Cincinnati.
English, F. C., Cincinnati.
English, W. D., Red Lion.
Enyart, C. F., Winfield, Kan.
Ewry, D. S., Decatur.
Fee, G. W. (Sa.), Mt. Orab.
Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Upper Sandusky.
Fuller, M. B., Cincinnati.
Fulton, G. M., Goshen.
Gaddis, J. W., West Carrollton.
Gaddis, E. S., Loveland.
Geissinger, J. A., Cincinnati.
Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
Gilliland, Jas. P., Lewisburg.
Glascock, J. L., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Gray, W. S., Mainville.
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Hamilton, A., New Vienna.
Hammaker, W. E., Dayton.
Hammell, Geo. M., Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati.
Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Station H, Cin'ti.
Hartley, Chas. (Sn.), Delaware.
Hartman, L. O.
Hawk, J. J., McGonigle.
Henderson, H. A. M. (Sa.), Hartwell.
Hershey, H., New Jasper.
Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Delaware, O.
Hill, J. R., Highland.
Hoffman, O. P., Seven Mile.
Hollingsworth, E. L., Kings Creek.
Horn, C. W., Georgetown.
Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.
Humphrey, U. G., Middletown.
Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.
Hypes, B. D., Yellow Springs.
Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Blanchester.
James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.
Jameson, H. C., Dayton.
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Kalbfus, C. H. (Sa.), Yellow Springs.
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Kelch, C. J., Martinsville.
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Ketcham, H. D., Dayton.
Kirgan, F. M., Fairmount.
Kugler, M. M., Westwood.
Laird, J. F., Troy.
Lane, E. T., Morrow.
Latshaw, David G., Westwood.
Lease, J. H., Bethany.
Leever, F., Osborn.
Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
Leonard, A. W., Piqua.
LeSourd, M., Milford.
Lutterman, Edward J., Madison, N. J
Maddox, A. D., Westville.
Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
Marshall, I. R., Port Union.
Mason, John W. (Sa.), Springfield.
Maxey, W. N. (Sa.), Russell.
McCabe, J. J., Dayton.
McColm, D. A., Chilo.
McColm, J. F., West Chester.
McColm, R. S., New Moorefield.
McHugh, E. (Sn.).
McMullen, W. T. (Sa.), Goshen.
McNary, J. H., Clarksville.
Middleton, H. C., Cedarville.
Mitchell, F. G., Hartwell.
Mitchell, Wm. C., West Union.
Moore, C. J., Boston.
Moore, E. J., Cincinnati.
Moore, T. D., Cleves.
Munsey, C. D. (Sa), Cleveland, Tenn.
Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.
Newton, A. G., Owensville.
Ninde, J. P., Cincinnati.
Patton, J. W., Springboro.
Patton, W. M., Spring Valley.
Peale, C. C., Cincinnati.
Pearson, Jno., Cincinnati.
Peters, J. W., Springfield.
Phillips, John, Peebles.
Pollard, S. G., Carthage.
Porter, J. P., Jamestown.
Prentiss, L. E., Athens, Tenn.
Pumphrey, Chas. P., Arcanum.
Pumphrey, J. S., Wilmington.
Putt, W. E., Mason.
Ramsay, W. W., Winchester.
Reeves, W. W., Oxford.
Reinbarth, F. J., West Milton.
Rishell, C. W., Newtonville, Mass.
Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
Royal, S. O., Madisonville.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.

Ruggles, J. S., Mutual.
Rust, R. H., Xenia.
Rust, R. S., Cincinnati.
Salt, T. W., Moscow.
Schenk, C. E., Hamilton.
Scudday, H. G., Cincinnati.
Sellers, O. M., Dayton.
Sentman, J. E. H. (Sa.), Williamsb'g.
Serl, E. W., Riverside.
Seward, O. L., Christiansburg.
Shively, J. L., Lebanon.
Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Smith, R. E., Stockton.
Smith, S. B. (Sa.), Grand Rapids, Mich.
Smith, G. H., New Burlington.
Spahr, A. N., Piqua.
Spurrier, W. E., Laurel.
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Stabler, A. K., Station H, Cincinnati.
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Stephan, S. A., Hamilton.
Story, J. A., Springfield.
Sutherland, W. H. (Sa.), Wyoming.
Thirkield, W. P., Cincinnati.
Thomas, J. E., Linwood.
Timmons, S. B., Camden.
Torbet, H. L., Boston, Mass.
Travis, G. L., Covington.
Trout, P. (Sn.), Springfield.
Tufts, G. L., New Carlisle.
Turrell, A. C., Xenia.
Utter, O. L., Cincinnati.
Vance, John (Sa.), New Moorefield.
Van Pelt, C. M., Oxford.
Vaughan, J. G., Dayton.
Verity, J., Manchester.
Verity, W. E., Dayton.
Vorhis, G. W., Blanchester.
Walter, T. P., Newton.
Warner, W. G. (Sn.), Dayton.
Washburn, D. W. C., Bell.
Washburn, L. A., Bethel.
Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
Weeks, S. (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
Wehrly, W. H., Greenfield.
Wells, C. J. (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
Wells, E. T. (Sn.), Toledo.
West, W. M. (Sa.), Newtown.
White, J. A., Centerville.
Wiant, W. A., Eaton.
Williams, T. G., Mt. Orab.
Wilson, J., Catawba.
Winkler, J. A., Marathon.
Wones, Creighton, Franklin.
Wyckoff, R. J., Piqua.
Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
Young, L. F. (Sa.), Georgetown.
Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.

SUMMARY.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—		
Superannuated	34	
Supernumerary	6	
Effective	161	
Total Members		206
PROBATIONERS—		
First Year	3	
Second Year	4	
		7
Total, Members and Probationers		213
LOCAL PREACHERS		107
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LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics;* and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

BENSON, W. C. (Wesley), Cincinnati.
Cornuelle, V., Madisonville.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
Gilson, W. H. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Grafious, Henry Louis, Delaware, O.
Halley, R. H. (Finley), Cincinnati.
Kernan, Arthur, (Columbia), New York City.
King, Thos. Sam'l (Northside), Cin'ti.
Leaverton, Landon W. (First Church), Northside.
LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, Wyom'g.
O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.
Olenslayger, L. (Asbury), Cincinnati.
Phipps, Chas. Francis (Trinity), Cin'ti
Pugh, Albert H. (Avondale), Cin'ti.
ROWLAND, Charles W. (Mt. Lookout), Cincinnati.
Simpkinson, W. H. (First Church), Norwood.
Thayer, Warren H. (Grace), Norwood.
Whiting, Herbert R. (Mt. Auburn), Cincinnati.
Wright, H. G. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A. (R. F. D., No. 5), Dayton.
Bates, A. E., Dayton.
Clark, D. W., New Paris.
Crouder, George, Heno.
Eckert, Clark, Glen Cairn.
Ganster, Howard A., Evanston, Ill.
Gowdy, Clark, Gordon.
GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford.
Grouse, Clarence, Dayton.
Hill, W. T., Enon.
Hoffman, George W.
Howell, E. S., West Elkton.
HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
Jones, T. S., Dayton.
Lamm, Chas., Camden.
Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
RICKETTS, S. B., Dayton.
SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton.
Silvers, H. D. (R. F. D.), Eaton.
Vorhis, J. S., Dayton.
Webber, Leroy, Heno.
Weisenbarger, Elmer C., (R. F. D., No. 3), Arcanum.

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Collins, H. O., Dunbarton.
Curless, Ashur, Blanchester.
DeLong, John E., Hillsboro.
Furguson, D. S., Leesburg.
Hardy, Chas. R., Centerfield.
Hill, John P. J., Westboro.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.
MCKAY, O. F., (R. F. D. No. 1.) Xenia.
McKay, Irving, Xenia.
Milburn, W. D., Xenia.
Murphey, Geo., Turkey.
Naylor, John S., Hillsboro.
Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
Roberts, Walter E., Seaman.
Scarff, T. R., Spring Valley.
Semple, Robert, Cedar Mills.
SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
Thompson, Milton, Greenfield, O.
WINGET, C. L., Rainsboro.

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Cox, Edward, Point Pleasant.
DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
DURHAM, J. L., Bethel.
Gudgeon, H. W., Williamsburg.
HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
Hatfield, Geo. B., Batavia.
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Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hockett, Wm., Newtonville.
Keen, G. W., Newton.
Lewis, Edwin, Amelia.
Lewis, Benj., Amelia.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
MCMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
Moore, J. F., Felicity.
Rhodes, J. N., Williamsburg.
Richards, D. S., Moscow.
Thompson, E. B., Brecon.
Thoroman, S., West Union.
Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

ALBRIGHT, S., Arcanum.
BENNETT, C. W.. Greenville.

CLINGER, I. W., Springfield.
Clutch, David, Alcony.
Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.
Gilham, Albert, Springfield.
GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
Herr, D., Springfield.
Martz, G. H., Greenville.
Mitchell, R. M., Urbana.
Morris, R. W., New Carlisle.
Stevens, A. A., Tippecanoe City.
Swisher, Milton, King's Creek.
Taylor, Alfred, Springfield.
Thompson, C. W., Covington.
Trout, John, Springfield.
Trout, Joseph D., Harmony.
Van Wicklin, P. S., Delaware.
Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

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Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O., 44.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky., 10.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O., 12.
Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenville, O., 41.
Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Wilkinson Street, Dayton, O., 47.
Collett, Mrs. Thos., Middletown, O., 51.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
Darlington, Mrs. N.W., West Union, O.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
Gullett, Mrs. C. W., Mt. Clemans, Mich., 22.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky., 6.
Herr, Mrs. Wm., Dayton, O., 56.
Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., 10.
Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensville, Ohio, 37.
Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Sharon, Pa., 13.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Delaware, O., 35.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O., 6.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, Christiansburg, O., 13.
Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O., 42.
Loyd, Mrs. J. F., Highland, O., 23.
Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.
Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51.
McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 52.
McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
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Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, Ohio, 30.
Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.
Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H, Cincinnati, 62.
Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
Purkhiser, Mrs. M.G., Hillsboro, O, 32.
Richards, Mrs. M. A., Station H, Cincinnati, O.
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Runyan, Mrs. Wm., Cincinnati, O.
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Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.
Shanor, Mrs. Geo., Blanchester, O., 6.
Smith, Mrs. E. C., Cleves, O., 18.
Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown, O., 37.
Stokes, Mrs. H., Lambert Point, Norfolk, Va.
Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.
Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O., 40.
Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., South Lebanon, 29.
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IV.

Conference Studies.

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A. C. TURRELL.
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b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Extemporaneous Oratory, *Buckley;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus;* Essays and Syllabi, Class of Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Outlines of Bible History, *Hurst;* Essays and Syllabi of Candidates for Admission.

Section 3. G. W. DUBOIS.—English and American Literature, *Beers;* Sermons and Syllabi, Class of First Year; Sermons and Syllabi, Class of Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren;* Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren;* The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell;* Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, *Walker.*

Section 5. J. P. PORTER.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Christian Purity, or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster;* Essays and Syllabi, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. ABRAMS.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley.*

Section 7. U. G. HUMPHREY.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* Students' American History, *Montgomery;* Introduction to the Gospel Records, *Nast.*

Section 8. A. J. GEISSINGER.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler;* Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 10. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches; Life of John Wesley, *Telford;* Systematic Theology, *Raymond;* Smaller Scripture History, *Smith.*

Section 11. A. C. TURRELL.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd;* Primer of Psychology, *Ladd;* Larger Catechism, *Nast;* Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books Read by Local Preachers.

Section 12. A. B. AUSTIN.—Introduction to Sociology, *Fairbanks;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vol. I, *Stevens;* Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill.*

Section 13. M. B. FULLER.—Introduction to Holy Scriptures, *Harman;* History of Methodism (abridged), *Stevens;* History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* Theological Compend, *Binney.*

Section 14. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900; Digest of Methodist Law (edition of 1900), *Merrill.*

c. EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATIONS will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, on the first Thursday in December 1903, and on the last Thursday in June, 1904, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1904.

Examinations in December will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Christian Purity; or, The Heritage of Faith, *Foster;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 1, 2), *Broadus;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Parts 1–5).

SECOND YEAR.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Parts 3–5), *Broadus;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1900 (Part 6 to end).

THIRD YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren;* History of the Christian Church, Vol. I, *Hurst;* Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren;* History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst;* The Foundations of the Christian Faith, *Rishell.*

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

d. CLASSES.

THIRD YEAR,	William W. Reeves,	Elder.
" "	Asa J. Kestle,	Deacon.
" "	Louis O. Hartman,	Deacon.
SECOND YEAR,	Charles J. Moore.	
" "	Jacob J. Hawk.	
" "	James M. Bailey.	
" "	William E. Verity.	
FIRST YEAR,	Edward W. Lutterman.	
" "	Chas. J. Kelch.	
" "	Fred J. Reinbarth.	

V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder.

IN two successive years the Cincinnati Conference is invited to hold its session within the bounds of the Cincinnati District. Never were invitations more hearty than those extended by Walnut Hills and Wesley Churches. It was hoped that this double entertainment of the Annual Conference might be followed by the convening of the General Conference in our city in May next. It is now known that the Queen City was the only real rival of Los Angeles. On this issue our watchword is,—General Conference, Cincinnati, 1908.

Some personal notation should be made at this point. No change has occurred in the company of our honored fathers and brethren, the superannuated members of this body,—W. H. Sutherland, J. T. Bail, Sylvester Weeks, T. J. Harris, L. O. Deputy. At the close of our last session there came to my district by special transfer two brethren, J. Elbert Thomas and Elmer W. Serl, who took the difficult places assigned them, and have worked with marked success during the year. We are under obligations to other Conferences who do the trying of our young preachers for us. Two of my brethren, Gervaise Roughton and J. R. Colley, by the generosity of their congregations have been privileged to visit their birthplaces across the sea, and to look once more into the faces of their aged parents after long absence. Dr. Edward McHugh during his critical illness had many tokens of the universal esteem in which he is held by the members of this body and the laity at large. Upon our dear comrade in the Church militant, Dr. Howard Henderson, there has fallen the heaviest possible bereavement in the loss of his loved companion.

I am now driven by the limitation of time to a choice between the briefest reference to each charge and pastor in succession, or a general view of the district as a whole. For obvious reasons I choose the latter course, although regretfully, as it deprives me of the pleasure of individual commendation. However, if from the survey of larger facts and tendencies I can make sentient, and stimulate hope for certain desired ends, my brethren will gain more largely than they can by any mere personal mention.

Before passing to this survey I must refer to our philanthropies. This city and district is to be congratulated upon acquiring what is destined to become one of the most superb eleemosynary foundations in the Ohio Val-

ley,—the Methodist Home for the Aged. On land, generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wilson, of Clifton, crowning the heights of College Hill, the proposed building will stand for generations to come, a memorial to kindness and a shelter to the homeless aged. Mrs. John L. Whetstone, of Mt. Auburn, will erect the central administration pavilion as a memorial to her husband, one of the distinguished laymen of Cincinnati. The name of Dr. H. C. Weakley as projector will be indissolubly linked with this enterprise. Samuel Hannaford, architect.

The superior and kindly service at Christ Hospital has brought more patients to its doors than can be possibly accommodated. This has led Mr. James N. Gamble, one of the founders, to plan extensive enlargement, which when completed will cost upwards of $40,000. The improvement consists in the adding of a fourth story, and of an ice, electric-light, and laundry plant under a separate roof. Seven hundred and one patients were treated and 342 operations performed during the fiscal year. For one-third of this service no charge was made. The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home continues its many-sided and helpful ministries. The association is singularly fortunate in the person of its Corresponding Secretary, Dr. William A. Robinson. Glenn Home wears an honored name in local Methodism, and is under conduct of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The vitality of the district further shows itself in the erection of new churches. The enlargement and refitting of our church at Avondale at an expense of $10,000 will make it practically a new edifice. Dr. Eugene P. Edmonds, pastor. The enterprise in Norwood, which was already under contemplation, was precipitated by the fire which completely destroyed its edifice, and set the congregation adrift without a roof over its head. Under the leadership of the pastor, John E. Beery, and with the consent of the Board of Church Location, a new site has been selected. The lot is 150 by 141 feet. The new building will be of concrete, brick, and wood. The seating capacity of auditorium and connecting rooms will be eight hundred. Estimated cost, $14,800. The present undertaking in Linwood strikingly illustrates the possible migrations of a Church's population. The first church was built in Red Bank in 1875. After twenty years it was discovered that the constituency had shifted so much that there were actually more members living in Linwood than in Red Bank. The society therefore transferred to the former place. This was not the creation of a new Church, but only a change of base. For seven years the congregation has worshiped in the Town Hall. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. Elbert Thomas, a finely located lot on Eastern Avenue and Linwood Road has been purchased, 87 by 120 feet, for $1,600. Charles Crapsey, architect. The new church at Reading is the first English-speaking Protestant Church in this town for a third of a century. Mr. Fred Shierloe organized a Sunday-school about a year ago, which had a large attendance at once. The school has developed into a Methodist society, which recently bought a lot on the main street and has erected a chapel. It is demonstrated in this instance that inexpensiveness is not synonymous with ugliness. There is a harmony of coloring and proportion outside and in which makes the structure a thing of beauty. It was my joy and honor to dedicate the church July 19th, free of debt, and without any collection save a free-will offering. On invitation forty persons came to the altar and presented themselves for membership. A young and vigorous society in a needy place awaits the appointment of a pastor. This successful issue could not have been secured except for the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Roettinger, of Wyoming.

For an account of the aggressive work of the City Missionary Society, Dr. I. D. Jones president, the Conference is referred to the report of the superintendent, Mr. Jesse R. Clark. The young life of the Church is splendidly organized in the District Epworth League, Mr. Sam W. Bell president. The Charles Wesley Brotherhood has an inspiring leader in

the person of Mr. L. A. Burrell president. Several of the Sunday-schools have phenomenal increase of attendance through the service of that phenomenal Sunday-school canvasser, Mr. B. H. Cox, of Kansas City. The report of the Conference Treasurer will show in the most significant manner the fidelity and skill with which the pastors have presented the great benevolences of the Church, and the liberality with which our parishioners have made their responses.

The ministers and communicants of this district deserve the congratulation of the Conference upon a great achievement. Three years ago the mortgage indebtedness of the district amounted to $39,087.86. To-day it stands at $3,500, and this amount entirely covered by bona fide subscriptions; so that I may report, probably for the first time in its history, the entire property of the district free of debt. The mortgages have been released of record, and burned in the sight of a happy people. The liquidation has taken place at the rate of $13,000 per annum; but in point of fact $22,702.25 were paid in the single year just passed. Our Roman Catholic friends have a class of priests whom they call Irremovable. They have this honor because they have ridden their parishes of debt. If the Methodist Church put the same premium upon monetary thrift, seventeen of my pastors would be beyond the power of a bishop to make them other assignments. The whole corps of pastors and many other ministers resident in Cincinnati co-operated by personal efforts and generous gifts. The widespread interest is indicated by the fact that there were upwards of four hundred individual subscribers. Highest possible honor attaches to the district Twentieth-century Thank-offering Commission: James N. Gamble, Jesse Bowman Young, commissioners appointed by Cincinnati Conference; John E. Jones, Jesse R. Clark, appointed by Board of District Stewards; Philip Roettinger, H. B. Patterson, appointed by City Missionary Society; L. A. Burrell, added as financial secretary; Davis W. Clark, presiding elder, president *ex-officio*. Bishop David H. Moore aided splendidly, as did our resident bishop, Bishop Walden.

Around the city of Cincinnati there is a belt which is neither flesh, fish, nor fowl; neither city, suburb, nor country. Dotted here and there through this strip are chapels which were once connected with circuits, and in which good congregations met for worship. The earlier generation is gone, the present is scattered. The farms are subdivided, and occupied in most instances by German truck gardeners. There stands the chapel surrounded by its God's half acre! The conditions present a problem as perplexing as any city enigma. Sunday-schools are still maintained in every one of these chapels. If the schools were to be disbanded, it is improbable that the children would go anywhere else. In some instances, to my knowledge, the scholars already have to walk three miles to attend. The chapel forms a social and intellectual, as well as religious, rendezvous for the young people of the neighborhood. When preaching is announced congregations varying from a score to several scores attend. The conditions of these neighborhoods are destined to be further changed by the network of traction ways now forming. These will certainly either increase the population of the locality, or make it possible for the residents to reach a suburban or even city Church quickly and inexpensively. In the former case it is evident that the chapel should be sustained; in the latter they may be abandoned; but in either case it would seem wise to maintain them until time shall decide their future. The difficulty of sustaining regular preaching services is evident. The contributing membership of the societies is so depleted that their contributions are not sufficient for the support of the preachers. While the territory is palpably missionary, there is no appropriation. At this juncture one of my suburban Churches makes a generous proposition. It guarantees a handsome sum toward the support of a minister, on condition that the three adjacent country charges pledge a certain other sum, and on the further conditions that the incumbent shall

be the associate pastor of the suburban Church. The outcome of this experiment is looked for with deep interest as a possible aid to the solution of the problem suggested—a problem far from local.

A popular magazine in a current number says editorially: "The minister is one of the world's workmen. Some ministers work more than others; some work more wisely than others; but all work." If this be true, the minister is entitled to fair remuneration. Unhappily in many instances he is not so requited. If the Church were more *equitable* it would not need to be so *benevolent*. If estimates for ministerial support were more adequate, and salaries were paid more promptly, the ranks of Conference claimants would be depleted, and that collection would be unnecessary, except in cases of extreme emergency. The Presiding Eldership of this district stands for increased *ministerial support*. It is gratifying to report an aggregate gain in annual estimates during the past three years of $4,095. Instead of adding three men to our ministerial corps at a salary of $1,365 each, we have added the combined salaries of three men to that of the men already in the service. With debts removed and bills for interest stopped, the good work of remunerating the ministers more adequately can go on without unduly burdening the congregations.

Much stress has been laid in this report upon offerings, buildings, and betterments. The pastors of the Cincinnati District know that the Church does not consist in these things. These are accidents, not substance. The essential to the Church is *people*. *Ecclesia* means assembly; men, women, and children. The chief calling of the ministry is to build these as living stones into the Spiritual Temple. In this there has been gratifying success.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, Presiding Elder.

THE highest encomium ever placed upon human character is the heaven-inspired call to the Christian ministry. Its claims are urgent, its authority is absolute, and its pledge of power supreme. There is, therefore, a required success of every true herald, which should drive him to the depths of anguish and prayer if he does not possess it, and lead to a more conquering faith if he does. In the report of the work of the Dayton District, it seems to us that there is just one test that is worthy of mention; that is, *have we been able to save men?*

I would, if possible, gather the deeds of our forty-four itinerant heralds, our twenty-four local preachers, our three exhorters, our seventy-four churches, and our twelve thousand members, and test them alone by the standards of a spiritual awakening, whose seal was found in the souls that were saved. Self-seeking ministers, ease-loving students of morals, godless laymen are a curse to any Church. Out upon them! May heaven defend us against them!

As a class our preachers are well prepared, deeply devoted, and the wonder is so many do so uniformly well. Since the days when fishermen, quondam zealots, tradesmen, and tax-gatherers formed the first Apostolic College, the inwrought conviction to preach seems to fasten upon the consciences of clear-brained, two-fisted, clean-tongued human nature, born in mediocrity, nurtured in self denial, and wrought into power alone by the Spirit of God. The men of the ministry may be termed average men, yet they are great in a Divine fellowship and in the conscious conviction of an inner call.

In the twelve months past no shroud has darkened any household in the active Conference rank. One in our local ministry, J. H. Paine, while supplying at Brookville as an assistant pastor, died. He had been a local

preacher for almost a half-century, and with the zeal of youth entered his work, but soon was taken from us. One home in our honored roll was stricken. Mrs. Gaddis, wife of Maxwell P. Gaddis, of sainted memory, and mother of our own Eugene Gaddis, was fatally hurt in a runaway accident. Her residence for years had been in Dayton, and her membership in Grace Church. She was deeply devoted, a determined Methodist, an uncompromising Christian. When she fell asleep it was at the evening time of contented toil, safe in the kingdom of conscious fellowship with God.

In summarizing the field for a report, we desire to throw six peaks to the sunlight, that the winds of our prosperity may the better circle about them.

I. Our Material Gains.—New Madison ($20), Hollandsburg ($20), Ebenezer ($60), Camden ($180), New Baltimore ($290), West Chester ($345), Union on the West Milton Circuit ($58), Centerville ($250), Bellbrook ($300), Eaton ($475), St. Paul in Dayton ($1,360), Middletown ($1,500), and Bethany ($100), have all improved and beautified the church buildings, at an aggregate cost of $4,778, at which last place J. H. Lease presents the finest example of youth in age in the active ranks of the Conference.

Four items are worthy of note in regard to our parsonages. At Fair Haven a new parsonage is projected at a cost of $2,000, fully covered by subscriptions. All credit to C. L. Chapman. During the year St. Paul in Dayton has come into possession of the house in which the pastor has been living, valued at $5,000, with other assests balancing the debt, leaving but $1,500. Grace, Dayton, has purchased a new site on the Boulevard, overlooking the Big Miami, for a parsonage, which in all is to cost $11,000. At Oxford, after an itinerancy of three moves during the year, the pastor, C. M. Van Pelt, is settled in the new parsonage, a modern brick veneer, on the lot next to the church.

Two new buildings were dedicated early in the year. The Church at Osborn, convenient, attractive, planned, and generaled by the pastor, R. E. Smith, was dedicated, with the $1,600 of debt covered by $1,800 of gilt-edged subscriptions. Woodward Avenue, dedicated at the opening of the year of O. L. Utter's pastorate, cost $1,600, all of which was raised and paid, and that without one dollar from the Church Extension Society. In this Church are found the forces of what is the best testifying society in the Dayton District.

Three new enterprises are also under way. West Carrollton, under the leadership of the devoted John Gaddis, has planned a new church to cost $15,000, of which $8,000 have been pledged to be paid on eight rally days, three months apart. At Miamisburg the five years' pastorate of J. E. Abrams is being crowned with honor in the new beautiful stone church, to be dedicated September 20th. Centrally located, fronting the park, itself attractive and commodious, modern in every feature, and of gray-blue Delaware stone to the old English cap of the tower, the church is a fit home for the worship of one of our most favored and loyal congregations. The invitation is hereby extended to hold the next session of the Cincinnati Conference in this new church.

A second five years' pastorate in the district is being completed at Raper in Dayton by J. J. McCabe, whose administration has been so signally blessed of God. The old Raper of the sacred sixty years past has given place to the new. Though the walls have fallen, the shouts still circle, for memory easily lifts the old back into form; and we trust the "Amens" will soon be as much at home under the new arches as in the old rectangle. The structure will cost $45,000, $24,000 being already paid, and stands on the site of the old, where the seas of humanity meet and men need to be saved. It has flung its pressed-brick, stone-capped, slate-roofed, Gothic form heavenward, to stand a veritable giant in the clanging avenues of trade, to challenge hell in transit and compel men to believe.

II. Our Benevolent and Philanthropic Work.—All our benevolences are measuring up, and we feel confident will in every line surpass last year. In May we devoted the first part of our bicentennal program to the missionary thought, and had the splendid help of our Missionary Secretary, A. B. Leonard, and new Field Agent, J. C. Floyd. Our other collections have all been carefully presented. Among them in particular we would note the Freedmen's Aid cause, whose presentation by one of its secretaries, W. P. Thirkield, a member of our Dayton District, has been well commended. In our benevolent plan we believe in the distributed gains all along the line, for there is no permanent benefit to any cause in a spasmodic advance which would lead to a too sanguine policy and a consequent reaction in the field. We would almost feel the Church would be wise in recommending an equitable distribution of the moneys raised, regardless of the special representation that brought the larger gains.

Whether the plan proposed for the consolidating of our benevolences shall carry or not, one thing is certain, no scheme born of the desire to lessen the demands for Christian giving in the aggregate will ever be sanctioned of Providence. Every one of these causes has seemed heaven-sent.

We lament the lack of better support for our honored superannuates, disabled by the intense demand of itinerant toil. Yet the time will probably never come when the pension plan will be in vogue. The people will never give above the absolute need. In fact, better salaries while working, and help according to necessity will best secure the Church in both its might and morals.

Among all the appeals none come with more touching tenderness than those for the Home of the Aged, where weary pilgrims may rest, and the deaconess and hospital work. The deaconesses, with faces unveiled to reflect the glory of God, stand at the crossing avenues of sin, or walk the ways of grief, messengers of purity to the degraded, angels of mercy to the sorrowing. May heaven defend their hallowed work, and bring the thousands of our gold into their needy coffers!

In the line of philanthropy, aside from the regular, our best organized work is in the Anti-saloon League. F. M. Clemans has done splendid work in the Miami Valley in leading the fight, until compelled to retire to his home in Fayette County for a needed rest.

III. Our Country Problem.—The great cry of the day has been, What shall be done with our cities? and in the ebb of its repeated echo the country work has been drifting out. Emigration is to the centers, nor can this be stopped. Our question is, How can we supplement the country work? where more character is created to the square sermon and square home, if not square acre, than any place in the universe besides. The process with our young converts seems, however, to be—convert them, instruct them, and ticket them for town; so that the circuit preacher feels he is forever rolling the Sisyphean stone. You may take a line from the southern edge of our district within ten miles of the Cincinnati smoke, midway between the Miami and the Indiana line, and travel straight through for sixty miles until you strike the placid contentment of the Springfield District in Darke County, and, barring out an exception or two, you will scarcely find a branch of Zion flourishing enough to be a contented resting-place for the dove from the ark. Men like Becker, Jenkinson, Hoffman, and others seem able for the time to stay the tide. But who will follow them? Our country people should equal their advancing demands upon the ministry with their greater gifts to the cause. Yet there ought to be a sustentation fund somehow created, to throw into the hard and all but abandoned places, away from the centers, a force strong enough to save our neglected fields and help to stop the awful tide of Sabbath desecration which is cursing the youth with a godless education.

There is also a phase of our combined country-city problem which, we believe, deserves special attention. We are losing hundreds of members every year by a lax plan of transference. United Methodism has been too much divided. Country and city have been too far apart. Our people should recognize that when they unite with the Church they join the Methodist Episcopal Church of the world, and not of a local society. When the residence is changed, the agreement of the people should sanction the transference of the membership, and that without any lay medium, so that the pastors, without even a request, except to know to what city Church, should send to the new pastor the letter.

IV. Over against the country problem we desire to put OUR CITY NEED. Dayton Methodism has in round numbers four thousand members, with a constituency of twice that size. We have no pronounced slum element, therefore less need for the Salvation Army plan. What we do need is Methodism in touch with men. Each one of our Churches has its individual character, and should emphasize that individual quality, that all classes of society may be reached.

Grace Church, capable, central, destined for commanding influence, with H. C. Jameson, so recently come to this kingdom of opportunity, should ever remain a cultured center for Dayton Methodism. Raper, well generaled by J. J. McCabe, should find its adaptation in the great industrial problems so vital in our American life. Broadway, with its pastor, C. W. Elliott, a born organizer, with Woodward and Homestead Avenues on the wings, must dominate West Dayton. Trinity is a veritable "people's Church," with all North Dayton an undisputed constituency. Riverdale, led by W. E. Hammaker, gathers its strength from the settled, substantial, newer Dayton, while St. Paul, where J. G. Vaughan is completing the only double five years' pastorate in the Conference, is a Church among the homes. We trust in the not far future it will add an audience-room to a remodeled structure, and become the new East Dayton cathedral of Methodism.

During the summer a new departure has been tried by Earle Ellsworth, of Trinity, in open-air services at three different points of North Dayton. The plan has been so successful that hundreds have heard the gospel who would have wandered aimlessly about, and the Church itself is now in the midst of a genuine awakening as a result.

A new enterprise has been started at Lindenwald in Hamilton. For four years C. E. Schenk, our pastor there, has led the forces to ever-increasing success, augmenting the membership, paying the debt, measuring up with every demand of the widening horizon, and now has succeeded in organizing a new society at Lindenwald, backed by the First Church and asking for an assistant pastor. What is this but the readopted, wisely-arranged, two-men circuit plan of early Methodism. We trust the example will be catching. Even a Church, situated as Middletown, with a leader such as U. G. Humphrey, who never knows how to fail, might double its strength. A great Church with its satellites is better than the scattering comets struggling under the curious gaze of a pitying public.

V. OUR PROBLEM OF METHODIST EDUCATION.—We lament the fact that our younger Methodism is not better instructed in the doctrines and discipline of the Church. Early Methodism had its weaknesses, but one thing was certain, the people knew the cardinal features for which Methodism stood, and could awaken even in the midnight at the call of the trumpet to defend them. Our Epworth League has come to the kingdom to stay the declining testimony in the Church and to better drill the new recruits. Though the class-meeting had been for one hundred years the best school of experimental divinity known to Christendom, yet it had been slain in the house of its friends when God called the League into life. Our Junior work rivals the regular in the urgency of its real worth. Too much stress can not be laid upon "diligently instructing the children in every place."

The prime requisite upon a minister is to be able to *preach*. Yet not one man in the district is succeeding who undervalues the pastoral part, and none are best serving the future who are lax in the work for the children. There is a crying and absolute need to better emphasize infant baptism, organize the children into classes, and better instruct the youth.

In educating our people in Methodism, we feel, too, that the Book Concern should be in more vital touch with the members of the Church. The average Methodist knows and cares little for it. We commend the wisdom which sends into the field a special herald like D. Lee Aultman, who has literally traveled through the connection. On fire with zeal for God, in touch with vital Methodism, he has done much in spreading our literature.

We might carry the suggestion of education into its more distinctive field. The Ohio Wesleyan University, as a queen from her throne, commands the loyal devotion of her ten thousand admirers, and we trust may never lose her supreme influence in the life of Ohio. We are, however, not blind to the educational trend of the day, as seen in the Miami Military Academy, under the direction of Colonel Brown, at Germantown, and the Miami University, both within our district. State education in the higher branches, with an unlimited public treasury back of it, is an assured fact in Ohio. Whether we look askance at the new departure or welcome the State-robed visitor to our intellectual friendship, the State school is here to stay. The question now is, How can we put Christian men into the control of these centers of destined power? At Oxford, the honored Miami has called to the presidency Guy Potter Benton, a recently accepted member of this Conference. He has already won just recognition in his chosen field, is a successful champion of higher learning, a genial friend, and a straightout Methodist preacher withal. We trust Miami's Presbyterian foundation, State superstructure, and Methodist capping may bring its hundreds and thousands into the kingdom of God.

VI. We come now to the thought which lies nearest the heart of a Methodist preacher, *our aggressive evangelism*. The inclement weather made difficult our special efforts. The three largest results were in Dayton itself—at St. Paul, with 110 conversions; Broadway, with 77; and Raper, with 53—while the largest country gain was reported at Fair Haven. Despite all difficulties, it flashed along the district wire that 500 were converted to God. For two years I have walked with my brethren. I have lived alone in their sorrows, and rejoiced in their triumphs. I have entered with them the valley of prayer. I have stood with them in the hour of their appeal. They are men of God, and have done great good. Yet from the vantage point of faith, while the gleanings have sustained our Church's life, it seems to us the field has received back to itself the greater harvest to die ungarnered.

Too often the sickle has been timidly thrust in. Or, when the swish was heard in the ripened grain the faint-hearted reaper failed at the task, or lacked lay-helpers to bind and shock and thresh. It is a sad day for the Church when, in the lack of a widespread spiritual power, souls die in the very throes of the agony of a promised new birth. Early in the year the preachers met at Dayton to consider the revival work. The result was seen both in quickened zeal and combined effort. The embarrassment, however, of two or three pastors uniting for services lies in the frequent inability to remain from home, and in the need of remaining at home to care for the new converts. At several places evangelists helped the pastors with good results. I will confess in this presence that it would be a pleasure beyond words to express to go swinging round the district, accompanied by the pastors in turn helping each other. Yet this is impossible excepting as an ideal. The work of a Presiding Elder must be inspirational and administrative. We wish there might be a plan inaugurated of district evangelization, where one, led of God, and supported from a voluntary

district fund, could aid in succession the Churches, or a succession of evangelists aid the Churches under the Disciplinary supervision, and yet be independent of all financial thought. Whatever we do, let us not despise the Divine leading with the *true* evangelist.

Other Churches are taking up the spirit and method of our own Methodism. They are donning the very armor we are discarding, and are succeeding. In their growth we rejoice; but where are the successors of the leaders of Christendom who for almost two centuries have won such spiritual victories, that they have made earth rock, hell tremble, and men turn to God?

It would be a consummation devoutly to be wished if an Itinerants' Club for Bible-study could be held, to take the place of our now powerless camp-meetings, where preachers and people together might waive earth aside to see the King, then touching anew the scepter might go recommissioned, heaven-sent, with the shout of victory already heard. We need more Bible study and less ecclesiasticism, more consecrated laymen, more daring, towering preachers, more men that God owns!

We must return to the simpler elements of faith, and test every recruit to the ministry by the Shibboleth of a dying, agonizing, deathless, determined passion to save men. No lecture fever, nor simple desire to please can answer. Human nature is too keen to be so easily deceived. One may compliment himself into the supposed truth of published headlines, till, devoid of power, he condones the Church's failure in the changed conditions of society, and seems not to know that he himself stands accused at the bar of a Divine Justice whose pledge of power he long since knew, and forgot. Has the modern David no sling? Are there no stones in the brook? Is Goliath to triumph? or what is equally bad, Is Saul to be forever king? I would, if possible, condense the ministry into one never-dying appeal, one impassioned, piercing cry, one ever-recurring throb of Gethsemane's anguish, and send it quivering into the consciences of men, to bring them to a knowledge of the kingdom of God.

May heaven help and reanoint the sons of earth, that Methodism, clothed with prophetic power, may go forth to conquer, and God reign in the affairs of men!

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. Brown, Presiding Elder.

Bishop Fowler, Dear Fathers and Brethren,—The great Methodist wheel of the Cincinnati Conference has completed another revolution. One years ago, after six days in the repair shop, and after a thorough overhauling by Bishop Walden and his five assistants, it was put in motion. Noiselessly and with but little friction it has moved steadily onward, and now, having completed the circuit, we bring it to you for your further inspection. Just what repairs or alterations you may find it necessary to make, or how much lubrication you may deem it necessary to apply, we know not now, but we shall know by the time this session adjourns. Within a very brief time after the close of the last session the brethren repaired to their fields, and plans were carefully made for an honest year's work for the Church and the Master. These plans, with such alterations as time and the surrounding circumstances required, have been pursued by as tireless and consecrated a band of Methodist preachers as ever received their appointments from episcopal hands. God has most graciously blessed their toil, owned the message they have proclaimed in his name, and crowned their labors with success.

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SHADOWS.—As the months have glided by across some of the parsonage homes some shadows have fallen. At the semi-centennial reunion of this and the Ohio Conference one year ago, four men who had helped to constitute the Cincinnati Conference in 1852 were with us. During the months past one of this number has received his final appointment to the city of gold, Brother John F. Loyd, sincere, sympathetic, tender, true, and patient, and we laid his body away in the hope of a glorious resurrection. Sister J. M. Mathews, widow of the late Dr. Mathews, and sister A. W. Tibbitts, widow of the late Allen W. Tibbitts, have gone to their reward. Brother and Sister Andrew Hamilton were sorely and suddenly bereft of their youngest son, while the little babe loaned to Brother and Sister J. H. McNary was recalled after a six months' stay. These families have the comfort in their great grief that "of such is the kingdom of God." Brothers J. S. Pumphrey and R. K. Deem have passed through very severe personal illness, each spending some time in our Christ's Hospital, the latter passing under the surgeon's knife; but by the blessing of the Lord they are doing full duty again, and we trust their stay will be prolonged for many years.

TEMPERANCE TRIUMPHS.—It has been intimated by some that my report of one year ago was very *"dry."* I am pleased to report a continuation of the same kind of drought, and that it is increasing in intensity. Rum's river does not flow with as great freedom through the bounds of the Hillsboro District as in years past. Hillsboro, the birthplace of the Women's Temperance Crusade went "dry" by a very decisive majority. Other places have voted the same way, the last to enter the dry land being Sabina, and not a few townships have buried the accursed business under a shower of ballots, all but unanimous, which shows the sentiment of the rural parts toward this monster rum. The Methodist preachers and Methodist voters have borne a conspicuous part in all these contests. We are expansionists on this line, and earnestly pray,

"Blest river of salvation,
Pursue thine onward way."

SPIRITUAL GROWTH.—Along with temperance reform has been the manifest purpose to deepen and intensify the spiritual life of the people, the aim being not only to save men from sin, but for service, and we are pleased to report the conversion of about 600 souls, and the addition to the Church upon probation of about 500, and a total addition to the Church upon probation and by certificate of about 825. Perhaps special mention should be made of that most signal victory on the New Jasper Charge, Brother Henry Hershey pastor, where the power of God was manifested in a marvelous degree, resulting in the conversion of about 100 souls and the addition to the Church of a large number. Convictions and conversions were of the old-time type, when people fell prostrate under the mighty power of God and cried for mercy. The influence of the meeting was felt for miles around, and abides a benediction to-day. The open winter, with bad roads and prevailing illness, made revival work in rural districts exceedingly difficult; but these tireless toilers remained at their places and pressed the battle vigorously. This brings me to note some

COUNTRY DIFFICULTIES.—I called attention to these matters in my report of three years ago. Time has not helped us in their solution. Cities have their problems, and sometimes city pastors think the men in the outskirts have no such trying questions to face as they, but in this they are in error. True, the difficulties may not be of the same kind, but they are as real and perplexing. We often hear the question discussed, What is to become of the city Churches, the downtown ones especially? It can with as much fairness be asked, What is to become of the country Church in many places? The rush to the centers, the increasing greed for gain, the distillation of the city's corruption through the Sunday excursions, picnics, and Sunday newspapers scattered even throughout rural districts, the irre-

sponsible evangelist, so called, tramping to and fro in the land sowing discord and tares in many instances and denouncing all Church authority, the lack of systematic and generous support from many of the membership, thereby making it exceedingly difficult to keep the Church machinery going, together with the other things too numerous to mention here, make more and more difficult the country problem, Where shall we look for relief and help? My position on special evangelists is well known by my brethren; but have we not almost reached the place where to meet and displace the irresponsible and erratic sort of which we have in some localities an altogether overgrowth, something must be done? Might not a district evangelist, or general assistant helper or pastor, be appointed and used with advantage to both charges and pastors, working under the direction of the presiding elder and pastors, or a district committee, giving his whole time to assisting the pastors, and receive a stated sum for his services? A man of superior pulpit ability, tactful, resourceful, and deeply evangelistic and spiritual, yet free from rant and wildfire, a brother beloved from our own ranks. To be the pastor of a large circuit and do the work thereto belonging, and come to the pulpit with fresh, helpful sermons week after week, such as the people require and need, and at the same time conduct from three to six special revival services of from three to six weeks each, thus giving from ten to twenty weeks or more of the year to special revival effort, is placing a very heavy tax on any man. It is to help at such places, and thereby strengthen these weak places that are on the verge of abandonment, that the district evangelist or general assistant helper or pastor is to be appointed and employed, and while the problem of support and the time for holding meetings so as to cover the whole field may require careful attention, we believe some such plan is worthy of consideration and experiment. To help to this end, we have encouraged an exchange of pastoral effort as far as and wherever practicable.

RALLIES.—At various times during the year the working forces have been summoned to some central place for conference. In the early fall the ministers assembled at Highland for their annual district meeting. By previous arrangement each charge was represented by one layman also, and the union of ministry and laity in such meetings has resulted in most helpful district gatherings. A District Missionary Convention was held at New Vienna in May, at which most helpful services were rendered by Dr. A. B. Leonard and Dr. J. C. Floyd. The Epworth Leagues held their annual meeting in First Church, Xenia, in July, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in Hillsboro in May, all calculated to strengthen the hands and faith of the tireless toilers in the Master's vineyard. We have sought to enlist all the available laborers at our command to advance the interest of the kingdom. Brother J. H. Worley, of China, home for rest, accepted appointments for no less than one-third of the charges in the district, and gave most interesting and helpful addresses, deepening the interest of the people in our neighbors across the sea and in a world-wide evangelism. We have everywhere and in every way, in pulpit and conference and private, as well as through the *Quarterly*, urged and insisted upon a systematic, liberal support of all the claims of the gospel. One immediate result of such seed-sowing, together with a faithful presentation of the needs and opportunities of the work by the pastors, is seen in an increased offering for the various

BENEVOLENCES, and notably so for missions. Last year we were pleased to report an advance of several hundred dollars, with five charges on the honor roll, having met their apportionments in full. This year the number on the honor roll embraces almost half of the charges in the district, while the total advance over last year is $650, and over two years ago of almost $1,000. The leaven is at work, and the cause is getting hold of the hearts of the people. This handsome advance, be it said, has not come from one or two Churches only, but from all along the line, twenty-two charges out

of the twenty-eight showing an advance. We are especially pleased to note that this gain has not been made at the expense of the other benevolences, for here also gains have been made. Some special offerings should be noted. A gift from Brother Joseph Worthington, one of our noble laymen from the Leesburg Charge, of $1,000 for Christ's Hospital, and of $5,000 for Grant University of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, in all $6,000. Likewise a special gift of $2,500 for the "Home of the Aged" by Brother E. L. McLean, of Greenfield, a most liberal member of our Church, this in addition to his large gifts for the new church at home. Such gifts deserve special commendation.

In this connection permit me to state that the thank-offering triumphs throughout the district from the date of the call to January last, during which period debts, both small and great, of short and also of long duration, have been annihilated, either in whole or in part, as a result of the inspiration from this rallying call, represents not less than $20,000, which, added to special gifts for thank-offering objects, aggregates between $40,000 and $50,000, and all this without any special bequests.

MATERIAL PROSPERITY.—The year has been characterized by extensive improvements and betterments in church and parsonage properties. To write the entire list would occupy too much time, for it would be to name almost the entire list of charges, nearly all sharing to some degree therein. In the early spring it was our good fortune to dedicate free from debt the new church at Bowersville, Brother Thomas Cundy pastor,—a beautiful village church, representing an expenditure of almost $5,000; while Center and Zion, on the same charge, have been improved at an expense of about $220. Summarized, the list of improvements, cancellation of debts, etc., would read as follows: Belfast Charge, $350; Blanchester, $700, and valid subscriptions for the entire $2,000 indebtedness; Clarksville, $150; Dunkinsville, $35; Greenfield, $25,000; Highland, including her new parsonage home, $3,100; Lynchburg, $245; Martinsville, $950; Mt. Orab, $175; New Burlington, $1,000; New Vienna, $130; Sabina, $100; Sugar Tree Ridge, $350; Union, $750; Wilmington, $1,100; Winchester, $750; First Church, Xenia, $2,400; Trinity, Xenia, $1,000.

And what shall I say of Greenfield's new church enterprise? Equal to any, if not surpassing all in the Conference, and suitable to adorn any of our great metropolitan cities east or west. Its massiveness and symmetry are alike pleasing, and when completed and dedicated will be the most commodious structure and best equipped plant for Church work within our bounds. The estimated cost of constructing and furnishing is $75,000. Brother W. H. Wehrly, the pastor, is pushing the work with great rapidity and care. Many societies have done nobly, but in this particular Greenfield exceeds them all. Summarizing, this gives us a total of $45,000 expended within the bounds of the district for building and improving and paying of debts for the year, leaving an indebtedness of about $6,000 on property valued at $350,000. With devout thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the year upon pastors and people, and with an obedient, willing, and trustful spirit, our faces are toward the future, glad to serve the Church and the Master.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

ALBERT N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder.

I PRESENT my report with deep emotion, because I stand on holy ground. Here where thirty-three years ago I was called to take my place in the long line of men accepted and welcomed as pastors of this historic Church. To me this hour, this presence, with the tender memories they

inspire, make me feel that "this place is privileged above the common walks of life quite on the verge of heaven!"

Then I stand, where Dr. Runyan a short year ago expected to stand. His passing left me greatly bereaved, and yet, strange as it may seem, after looking for the last time upon his familiar face as he lay in his casket, an overpowering conviction came upon me that God called me to take up the work he left, when the heavenly chariot swung low and carried him into the open heavens to be welcomed by Jesus to the "Father's house of many mansions!"

God put it into the mind and heart of Bishop J. M. Walden, an honorary member of our Conference, our comrade and brother, to assign me to this place of grave responsibility, and so while our beloved Brother Runyan "stands before the King," I represent in his absence the Milford District.

Then the field with its history, needs, and possibilities almost overwhelms me. Memories are awakened of precious names and places reaching back to 1797, to the very beginnings of Methodism in this part of the Northwestern Territory. Then the thirty-three true, tried, and consecrated pastors whom I found on this historic and sacred soil captured me at once. Such a company of self-denying, devoted, and loving brethren I have never seen surpassed in any district of this Conference. And such wives and children—God bless them!—as I found in the parsonages! For nearly four months after their leader ascended, directed by Rev. M. LeSourd, in harmony with Bishop Walden's counsel, the pastors held their own, or helped each other to hold the quarterly-meetings, sending the presiding elder's claim to the sorrowing widow. The 1st of March I entered upon my work, graciously welcomed by pastors and people.

The pastors have toiled faithfully, and their labor has not been in vain in the Lord. Some rejoice in victories won, and others have had a year of toil and disappointment. One sows, another reaps. God will reward each according to his work. The "record on high" may change the credits, and the weary and apparently fruitless years may bring at last the "richest recompense of reward." I could say in truth many things about my comrades on this field which would seem almost fulsome; but I forbear, giving you only a glimpse of their work and its results.

Nearly all report conversions and accessions to the Church, the number ranging from 2 up to 65 converted, all aggregating 439 converted; accessions to the Church from 4 to 60, all aggregating 433. The largest fruits were gathered at Laurel, Georgetown, New Richmond, Lebanon, Feesburg, Bethel, and Mason.

The pastors of the following charges report an increase in the benevolent collections: Amelia, Batavia, Bethel, Feesburg, Milford, Moscow, Mt. Washington, New Richmond, Newtown, South Lebanon; Centenary, 200 per cent increase; Chilo, 100 per cent increase; Laurel, 100 per cent; Manchester, 60 per cent; Owensville, 300 per cent increase; Lebanon an increase, especially on missions, advancing from $219 last year to $300 this year. The pastors were urged to see that no blanks should appear in their reports.

The pastors of the following charges report raised for improvements or debts as follows: Amelia, $335; Bethel, $680; Butlerville, $195; Chilo, $150; Decatur, $100; Feesburg, $100 on debt paid, and $1,200 raised to build new church at Hamersville; Georgetown, for beautifying the Georgetown church $1,200, and $100 for parsonage improvements; Goshen, $72; Marathon, $120; Mason also and West Union add to the list of beautiful churches the church at Mason and the church at West Union, Mason raising $600 and West Union $935 for all the improvements made; Montgomery, on debts $643; Morrow, $55; Moscow, $165; Mt. Washington, $60 for the church in California; New Richmond, for general improvements on church and parsonage, $1,000—the transformation there is wonderful;

Owensville, $313; South Lebanon also beautified the church $175; Summerside, on churches and parsonages, $665; Williamsburg Circuit, $1,550, $1,400 subscribed and $815 paid on new church at Salem, which is nearly completed, lacking only a few finishing touches. It is a gem. Total cost, $1,600. Ripley, for interior decorations on church, $100.

The Sunday-schools generally are in good condition. On the whole, there is probably an increase in the activity and usefulness of the Epworth League.

The vacancy created at Manchester by the transfer of Brother Price was filled by Brother J. Verity, who met a grave emergency and has won signal success. Dr. Thomas W. Salt, transferred to this from the Central Tennessee Conference, has served the Moscow Charge, and has had a good year. I commend Dr. Salt as worthy to be welcomed at once by this Conference as a brother beloved in the Lord.

Brother J. E. H. Sentman has preached acceptably as he has had opportunity, but continues to suffer, and will ask to be changed from the supernumerary to the superannuated relation. Brothers J. W. Mason and J. H. Hunter, honored brethren in the superannuated relation, are still walking with God. Brother McMullen is in feeble health.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

A District Missionary Convention was held in May at Bethel. Brother Washburn and his people most hospitably provided for its entertainment. The pastors on the program responded splendidly. The subject of missions in an *unusual* measure had the right of way. Drs. Leonard and Floyd stirred and thrilled their hearers with their eloquent appeals.

A District League Convention was held at Epworth Heights, June 23d to 26th, under the management of the efficient district president, George O. March, of Lebanon, and his worthy associates of the District Cabinet. It was not largely attended, but an occasion of physical and spiritual refreshing to those who were able to be present. The League Chapters in some localities are being brought more largely into sympathy with missionary work. I rejoice in this, for the missionary spirit is the spirit of Christ, without which we are none of his.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

EPWORTH HEIGHTS.—Under the management of Rev. E. S. Gaddis a profitable meeting was held, August 2d to 16th, on these beautiful grounds. I am persuaded that it would be a great blunder, a sin and shame, to ever allow Epworth Heights to pass from under religious control, and I am sure that the Cincinnati Conference alone can hold, fashion, and make this camp-meeting what it ought to be to Southern Ohio, an abiding and attractive center of physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual blessing.

Brother George S. Easton, superintendent of Shiloh Camp-meeting, reports success in attendance, but not along spiritual lines.

The Church at Rossmoyne, on the Montgomery Circuit, in January, 1890, secured a loan from the Church Extension Board of $250. Nothing had been paid on principal or interest, and Dr. King, the secretary, demanded payment. Through the intercession of Bishop Hartzell, he agreed to cancel the interest, amounting to more than $200, if the principal was paid by October 1, 1903. In this extremity, Mr. C. F. Malsbary, an attorney of Cincinnati, a trustee, not a member of our Church, but a Presbyterian in his affiliations, by personal appeal raised the $250 among his neighbors at Rossmoyne and a few friends in the city, not one of whom was a member of the Rossmoyne Church. The subscription was headed by Bishop Hartzell and Mr. Malsbary.

Just one thing more, but that perhaps the greatest of all,

DISTRICT EVANGELISM.

At a ministerial meeting held at Decatur last October an organization was formed to do evangelistic work in the district. Dr. Runyan, presiding elder, appointed a Committee to superintend this work. The Committee consisted of Horn, Wiant, Armacost, Price, LeSourd. The brethren of the district were to help each other in evangelistic services.

Dr. Runyan was deeply interested in this subject, but before the plan of work had been fully developed "he was not, for God had taken him."

At our Missionary Convention in May a subscription was taken to buy a tent that could be transported from one spiritually needy community to another, and when the decision is reached that the time has come to use it the tent will be forthcoming.

In the meantime it was decided to begin evangelistic work where it seemed needed most. This was urged by the present presiding elder, who had taken the place made vacant by the translation of Dr. Runyan.

The pitiful cry for help from Brother Stevenson, pastor of Montgomery Circuit, touched the hearts of the Committee. Miamiville Church, struggling for eight years under a burden of debt, was almost in despair. The little band of workers, mostly godly women, felt as when Judah said, "The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed," and failing after weary years to lift and bear away the mortgage on their beautiful church home, had lost heart and hope. But a quartet of singing evangelists—Brothers Horn, LeSourd, Wiant, and Armacost—met at Miamiville, and as they could pray and preach, as well as sing, the icy atmosphere softened little by little, and hope began to revive that deliverance was coming. For three weeks the self-denying pastors held on. Brother L. M. Davis also came up to the help of the Lord, and the presiding elder "helped just a little" by preaching the closing sermon of the series. The discouraged toilers, cheered by the assurance that if they would raise at once half of the debt the district would pay the other half, led on by Pastor Stevenson went to work. Brother Horn wrote some fifty letters appealing for help.

The Sunday-school Association of Clermont County and some fifteen pastors and Churches responded. Three hundred and ninety-three dollars were raised in all, and Sunday night, August 23d, a happy congregation gathered, and addresses were made by the Presiding Elder, Brothers L. M. Davis, M. LeSourd, Thompson, Drake, and the happy pastor, H. E. Stevenson. Father Drake, forty-five years ago a class-leader at Miamiville, but still in the ranks, applied a match to the mortgage, and it vanished in ashes and smoke, and the thrice repeated doxolgy seemed the promise and prophecy of resurrection life to Miamiville Methodism, and that will mean under God salvation to that community. This is an object-lesson in "District Evangelism."

Finally: I say, as the eccentric George W. Maley is reported long years ago to have said when in Milford, "Things seemed in a dying condition." "Methodism is looking up in Milford." Asked to explain, he said: "Methodism is on the flat of her back, and can not look any other way."

Methodism on the Milford District is looking up *now*, for at least her pastors and elect women and men of God are often on their knees, and united prayer is ascending constantly for a general Pentecost, a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon every one of these thirty-three pastoral charges, within whose bounds are more than ten thousand nominal followers of John Wesley.

By the grace and help of the living God this historic field, made sacred by the battles and victories of more than one hundred years, shall not be surrendered to the devil, but won for Christ! The clock has struck the hour, the day is here when the grand army of the Cincinnati Conference, more than fifty thousand strong, ought to gird on the "panoply Divine,

the whole armor of God," and, beginning a forward movement all along the lines, *assail* the strongholds of sin, and demand the "immediate and unconditional surrender" of all Southern Ohio to Jesus Christ, *"The King immortal, invisible,* the only *wise God,* to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, Presiding Elder.

THERE is a story illustrating the perplexities of the eldership. A Presiding Elder received a visit from a Church faction bitterly opposing the return of the pastor. He listened to them and said: "Brethren, I believe you are right. I am just sure you are right." They retired with many pious ejaculations and much admiration for such a discerning elder. A little later a second delegation came in urging with equal emphasis the pastor's return. As they arose to go, the elder said: "Brethren, I have listened to you carefully, and I believe you are right. I am just sure you are right." Then the elder's wife took him to task. "Why, husband, how in the world are you going to reconcile your statements? You told the first men that they were right, and now you say the same thing to these men. You can never reconcile your two statements!" After a moment of blank astonishment the elder replied: "Wife, I believe you are right. I am just sure you are right." The story may suggest to the laymen the difficulties of an elder's position.

In Bishop Walden's selection of Rev. A. N. Spahr for the Milford diocese, the Springfield District has made its third contribution to the present Conference Cabinet, and stands ready, when the next subepiscopal vacancy occurs, to repeat the story. After the appointment of Brother Spahr, Rev. Philip Trout supplied Grace Church very acceptably until July, when Rev. A. W. Leonard, son of Dr. A. B. Leonard, entered upon his work in Piqua. The church has been completely renovated, at a cost of about $1,400. The Conference, as well as Grace Church, gives the young pastor a cordial welcome.

This has been another good year in destroying debts and improving churches. Last year eleven churches made extensive repairs, and this year some five or six more have greatly improved their properties. Rapid progress is being made in the building of the High Street Church. Greene Street, Piqua, has been completely renewed, at cost of about $3,000; Arcanum, reopened the first Sabbath of the Conference year, $700; Tippecanoe, reopened a little later, $750; St. Paul's, Springfield, has raised $800 on church debt; Central, Springfield, $650 on debt; Clifton Avenue, $333 on debt, $150 new carpet; Troy, Church notes canceled $8,300, improvements $505; First Church, Urbana, Church notes canceled, $4,400; Grace, Urbana, new heating system, $1,000. Smaller items: Greenville, Mutual, Mechanicsburg, and South Charleston, each $250; King's Creek (Local, Cable, King's Creek), $400; Christiansburg (Beech, Addison, parsonage), $300; Emory, $150; Yellow Springs (parsonage and old debt), $175; Nation Chapel, $200; Troy Circuit, $57; Brighton (debt), $68; Newson, new furnace; Sims, repainted. Vienna has paid $2,718 upon her beautiful new church. Two special gifts have been received—$500 from G. W. Harper, of Cedarville, for the Bible Society; and a check for $500, payable at death, from Mrs. Jane Pence for the benefit of the Tremont City Church.

We like the *Western Christian Advocate* in the Springfield District. We believe it is one of the best in the *Advocate* family, and its able editor is heard, as well as read, with much pleasure.

Our District Meeting was held at Mechanicsburg, and was an occasion of great inspiration and good fellowship. A full portion of the program was devoted to the Church benevolences. We had a number of the secretaries with us. It may be noticed that it is easier to secure them some years than others. This was the good year. We were glad to see them, and they were *real* glad to see us. Dr. Floyd was heard with close attention. Dr. Robinson substituted for an absent speaker. Dr. Thirkield excelled himself in a *critique* of Dr. Dixon's "Leopard's Spots." Dr. Leonard gave us two great missionary addresses. Rev. E. H. Cherington, District Missionary Secretary, has done efficient work. Rev. R. J. Wyckoff spent the month of May preaching on missions.

Beside the regular benevolences, the special charities have had a fair hearing and generous response. It is interesting to watch the play of these forces, Dr. Pearson with his plea for the Bible, Dr. Weakley for the Home of the Aged, Dr. Robinson for the Hospital, and if by this time our rich brethren do not surrender, along comes Dr. Bashford with his surgical smile, and the work is done.

Our ministers have had a creditable share in the modern revival of civic righteousness. Rev. O. M. Sellers has done faithful prophesying in the Mechanicsburg local option battle. In Urbana, Dr. Dart has spoken strong words against venality in local politics, and the pulpit of Grace Church has given forth no uncertain sound. Rev. S. A. Keen had a large part in the inspiring leadership which carried the local option victory at New Carlisle. Rev. G. P. Austin has been laying good foundations at Tippecanoe City. In Troy, Rev. G. W. Dubois and Rev. J. F. Laird have had large influence and labor in the movement of the local clergy against the saloon and kindred evils. In March a remarkable temperance meeting, filling the great auditorium of our church, was held. The effective methods of organization here used have been copied with success elsewhere. Write G. W. Dubois for these plans. One result of this movement, this first skirmish, has been that, with the co-operation of the Piqua ministers, Sunday baseball has been batted out of Miami County. In Greenville, Rev. A. B. Austin and his laymen had an honorable part in the election of a righteous mayor. In Piqua, Rev. R. J. Wyckoff has spoken for God and humanity. In a short time he had stirred up no small amount of moral commotion. The battle is by no means won; but certain elements of victory have been attained. The greatest result is that the city has now a conscience. Piqua has found her soul.

It was a saying of Mr. Ingersoll, that of all the denominations the Methodists secured the best preaching for the least money. This mingled compliment and sarcasm of the scornful infidel is well deserved. It is surprising how slowly the good times make their impression on Church finances. Prosperity everywhere, but not in the direction of the pastor's salary. The monotonous report of the estimating committee, who announce with a final and inevitable atmosphere, "Same as last year," reminds one painfully of the new adage, "It is almost impossible to teach old hens new clucks." The resolution passed last Conference suggesting $600 and a house as the minimum support for a man with family, has had a good result in at least two instances—one in arresting a decline, and the other in prompting an advance. This resolution should be strengthened, and as soon as possible it should be made a rule of administration. The minimum support recently proposed by the Cincinnati Presbytery was $1,000 in the city, $900 in the country. Last year this Conference made an appointment of a minister with family to a city Church, whose support was only $400. According to Mr. John Mitchell, the average wages of the anthracite miners was $300 per year. The conditions revealed by the strike stirred the whole country; but in certain of our appointments we take our place beside the coal barons, and do not realize the enormity of our con-

duct. It is not the fault of the bishop and presiding elders that such appointments are made. The bishop is required by the Discipline to give an appointment to all men whom the Conference makes effective. The blame rests upon the Conference for allowing its membership list to be so crowded that the use of these starvation points is necessary. Our course in this matter has been a shameful folly. There is absolutely no excuse for pursuing this inhuman policy of crowding our men into actual want. One pastor in this Conference has been compelled this last year to sell his horse and part of his furniture, another to sell part of his library *in order to live.* I say that the course of this Conference, which makes such appointments unavoidable, is a *sin against humanity,* and to continue indefinitely, as we have been doing, will be a CRIME AGAINST JESUS CHRIST.

The conditions we have placed upon ourselves can not be changed at once. But we can do this: As a Conference we can at once begin the practice of a policy which, in a few years, will give relief to this economic condition, for it is simply a case of more good men than good places. Let us stop this inhuman process: (1) By guarding the number admitted. Let us not only require a high standard of qualification as we have been doing, but let no man be received whose admission will crowd any one of equal merit and ability, already within our membership. (2) Let us continue to insist with all emphasis upon the principle of equivalent transfer, *and apply it to all grades of appointments.* (3) As soon as it is possible, let the resolution of last year—suggesting $600 and house as the minimum support for man with family—be the rule of our administration, serving the charges falling below that line with unmarried men and supplies. According to last year's Minutes there are thirty-seven charges in our Conference which fall below this pitiful standard.

It is a pleasure to close this homily on ministerial support by reporting that we are making some progress in the Springfield District in this matter. Last year ten of our twenty-eight charges increased the pastor's salary, and this year four others have done so, making an advance in one half the charges of the district in the last two years. This year's roll of honor is: Grace, Springfield, $50; Grace, Piqua, $50; New Carlisle, $100; Arcanum, $100.

Rev. I. R. DeSelm, of the Ohio Conference, has supplied most successfully the Brighton Society. The church has been lifted out of debt, and every interest prospered.

Rev. C. P. Pumphrey, after two very successful years at Arcanum, will enter Drew Theological Seminary for a full course in that worthy institution.

Dr. G. H. Dart, of the First Church, Urbana, has decided to retire from the active work. Notwithstanding the protest of many friends, prominent laymen as well as ministers, Dr. Dart has felt this is the best course to pursue. Dr. Dart's record is most worthy. He has been a member of this Conference, in effective service, for forty-seven years, commencing the ministry when a very young man. Through these years he has not lost an appointment, and though often urged to do so, Dr. Dart has never taken a vacation. Faithful, efficient, untiring, an able preacher, a conscientious pastor, an unfailing friend, and a presiding elder par excellence, he carries with him the hearts of all his brethren. He will reside in Hamilton, Ohio.

Rev. Canaro D. Munsey, of Mutual, has also decided to retire from the active work. The precarious condition of his health and that of Mrs. Munsey necessitate this change. A basket and farewell meeting was held at Mutual. Besides his own people, many former parishioners and members of neighboring Churches were present. Their tributes in the love-feast gave evidence of their sincere affection. A substantial feature was a generous farewell offering. Brother Munsey will live near Cleveland, Tennessee, and it is especially fitting that this cheery-hearted brother and apostle of

sunshine should reside in the Sunny South. His retirement to his little home among the flowers and fruit-trees suggests Whitcomb Riley's recent Autumn poem:

"When Autumn shakes the Rambo-tree
There 's enough for you and enough for me,
And it 's a long sweet way across the orchard."

We say with all our hearts to Brother Munsey, May it be "a long sweet way across the orchard!"

Rev. S. W. Carey, Rev. John Vance, Rev. C. H. Kalbfus, Rev. J. G. Black, and Rev. J. W. Mason have each done a good year's work. The Springfield District is richer and stronger by their presence and their prayers and Christian practice. Fortunate are the charges where these men of God worship.

Within the year from Piqua one of our honored members has passed to his reward. Only a little while after the death of Mrs. Bowers the spirit of Dr. Bowers followed that beautiful soul into the sweet mystery of the Unseen. Dr. Bowers, so well remembered by this Conference, has passed from loneliness and suffering to the land of holy peace.

From Springfield, Mrs. McDonald has made the same journey into the land of the Hereafter—into the silent land.

The majority of the pastors report without hesitation that their people are living better lives. There is an earnest movement toward God. There is a cheering prospect of a spiritual awakening which will gladden all our hearts. My brothers in the battle

"Be strong.
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong;
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not, fight on! To-morrow comes the song."

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STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, ... $11,215 00

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received in these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund,	$22 00
From Mears Bequest,	100 00
From Book Concern,	899 00
From Conference Trustees,	1,573 88
From the Charges,	6,025 00
Balance from last year,	79 68
Total,	$8,699 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIMANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	$400 00	$304 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. H. Davis.	Self,	100 00	76 00	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	W. A. Deaton.	400 00	304 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	S. O. Royal.	350 00	266 00	Hillsboro, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee,	By mail,	350 00	266 00	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	Self,	150 00	114 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	G. W. Vorhis.	200 00	152 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	200 00	152 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	350 00	266 00	Toledo, O.
Rev. E. McHugh,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. J. W. Mason,	C. L. Conger.	350 00	266 00	Springfield, O.
Rev. C. D. Munsey,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. J. E. H. Sentman,	Self,	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg.
Rev. Wm. M West,	A. D. Maddox,	200 00	152 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. S. Weeks,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	West Milton, O.
Total,		$6850 00	$5206 00	
Funeral expenses of Mrs. Adam Miller,	Net	100 00	100 00	Chicago, Ill.
Rev. J. F. Loyd,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Rev. Wm. Runyan,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Stationery, Printing, etc.,	Net	10 00	10 00	
Printing Minutes,	Net	5 00	5 00	
			$215 00	

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	By mail,	$150 00	$114 00	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	C. L. Conger,	150 00	114 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan	C. W. Horn,	150 00	114 00	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	J. D. Darling,	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	100 00	76 00	
Mrs. J. W. Keely,	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	York, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	St. Paris, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd,	C. C. Peale,	100 00	76 00	Delaware, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. H Middleton,	W. H. Werhley,	50 00	38 00	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. H. Miller,	E. McHugh,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	S. A. Keen,	200 00	152 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and children,	M. Sellers,	200 00	152 00	Mechanicsburg. O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry and children,	J. W. Patton,	200 00	152 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. J. M. Robinson,	Self,	100 00	76 00	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan,	M. LeSourd,	200 00	152 00	Milford, O.
Mrs D H. Sargent,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and children,	A. D. Maddox,	300 00	228 00	Cleves, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	J. P. Porter,	200 00	152 00	Jamestown, O
Mrs. H. Stokes,	J. P. Porter,	150 00	114 00	Lambert's Pt., Va.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve,		150 00	114 00	Troy, O.
Grand total,		11,000 00	8,651 00	
Balance in treasury	$48 56			

Philip Trout, *Chairman.*
J. E. Abrams, *Secretary.*
A. D. Maddox, *Treasurer.*
C. W. Elliott,
J. R. Hill,
J. F. Laird,
G. P. Austin,
W. G. Humphrey,
T. D. Moore.

OPEN DOOR EMERGENCY FUND.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

Batavia,	$20 00	Mason,	$4 00
Feesburg,	3 00	Manchester,	20 00
Georgetown,	10 00		
Lebanon,	125 00	Total,	$212 00
Milford,	30 00		

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Belfast,	$40 00	Mowrystown,	$5 00
Blanchester,	30 00	New Jasper,	15 00
Dunkinsville,	5 00	Rainsboro,	5 00
Jamestown,	25 00	Wilmington,	80 00
Leesburg,	10 00		

H. W. Bailey, *Missionary Secretary.*

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1903.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Voucher.	Total.
For Missionary Society,	$19,033 00	$6,945 00	$25,978 00
For Church Extension Society,	1,820 00	483 00	2,303 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education,	2,269 00	901 00	3,170 00
For Sunday-school Union,	321 00	60 00	381 00
For Tract Society,	290 00	48 00	338 00
From "Public Education" Collections,	399 00	254 00	653 00
For Children's Fund,	783 00	354 00	1,137 00
For American Bible Society,	510 00	1,028 00	1,538 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	61 00	17,298 00	17,309 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society,	25 00	9,276 00	9,301 00
For Christ's Hospital,	388 00	3,955 00	4,343 00
For Conference Claimants,	5,368 00	657 00	6,025 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,358 00	164 00	1,522 00
For General Conference Expenses	515 00	48 00	563 00
From "Other Benevolent Collections,"	305 00	59,141 00	59,446 00
From Fractional Dollars,	9 86	....	9 86
Grand total,	$33,454 86	$103,562 00	$137,016 86

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Pye, for various Benevolences,	$25,750 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ's Hospital,	388 00
Paid A. D. Maddox, for Conference Claimants,	5,368 00
Paid J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	399 00
Paid W. F. McDowell, for Children's Fund,	783 00
Paid John Pearson, for American Bible Society,	510 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	247 00
Paid S. O. Royal, for publishing Conference Minutes,	9 86
Total disbursements,	$33,454 86

Receipts and vouchers for above amounts are in my hands.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., September 7, 1903.

STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY. . . . . GEO. S. EASTON, Leesburg, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Fr'hers.	Deaths.	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch's & Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Cincinnati: Asbury	3	147	1	5	5	1	1	20	175	1	$8,000	1	$2,000	.....	.....	.....
Avondale	5	241	1	2	3	5	1	25	163	1	40,000	1	11,000	$5,000	$2,500	.....
Christie	10	311	...	5	2	...	1	20	175	1	20,000	1	5,000	.....	.....	.....
Clifton	4	50	...	2	...	...	1	15	39	1	35,000	...	.....	78	.....	.....
Columbia	14	296	...	1	14	10	1	22	311	1	11,000	1	3,000	220	3,000	.....
Delta Ave	5	181	...	5	...	4	1	24	160	1	12,000	...	.....	231	.....	.....
E. Pearl Street	....	50	...	1	6	...	1	10	90	1	6,000	1	2,000	30	.....	.....
Fairmount	3	135	...	...	6	...	1	20	200	1	7,000	1	2,500	.....	621	.....
Finley	19	90	...	2	5	6	1	14	100	1	10,000	...	.....	428	.....	.....
First Church, N'thside	14	287	3	7	4	...	1	32	254	1	30,000	...	.....	40	4,450	$1,721
Linwood and Mad. Av.	5	130	...	...	4	1	2	28	240	2	1,200	...	.....	55	.....	.....
McKendree	2	255	1	4	10	2	1	20	169	1	16,000	...	.....	1,000	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn	4	208	1	2	3	1	1	13	106	1	35,000	...	.....	50	.....	.....
Mt. Lookout	12	245	...	3	1	1	1	20	130	1	5,000	1	3,500	.....	250	.....
Price Hill	8	199	1	4	4	1	2	23	216	1	14,000	...	.....	750	2,000	.....
Riverside & C'p Wash.	12	169	1	...	6	4	2	30	400	2	8,000	...	.....	.....	2,700	1,000
St. Paul	15	665	2	2	51	46	1	32	420	1	125,000	1	20,000	625	1,625	1,100
Trinity	59	651	2	10	6	35	1	35	400	1	75,000	1	6,000	3,200	.....	.....
Walnut Hills	15	525	2	11	13	3	1	36	381	1	60,000	1	15,000	260	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel	62	615	2	11	26	11	1	28	257	1	90,000	1	10,000	653	.....	.....
Westwood	11	196	...	1	6	3	1	23	161	1	50,000	1	8,000	546	.....	.....
York Street	34	140	1	4	30	...	1	20	175	1	15,000	...	.....	750	.....	500
Bond Hill & Ple's't Ridge	5	140	...	...	1	...	2	22	180	2	7,000	...	.....	.....	466	.....
Carthage & Elmwood Pl.	9	234	...	5	8	10	2	44	307	2	8,000	...	.....	310	.....	.....
Cleves & Addyston	5	220	...	5	...	2	2	26	255	2	6,000	1	1,200	270	1,104	.....
Delhi	28	258	...	...	6	15	1	22	140	1	10,400	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glendale	....	58	...	...	2	...	1	8	40	1	4,000	...	.....	200	15	.....
Groesbeck	....	145	...	...	...	...	4	41	195	4	5,000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrison	....	75	...	2	...	...	1	12	65	1	8,000	1	1,000	708	600	.....
Hartwell	5	246	...	4	3	3	1	29	245	1	12,000	1	2,500	121	550	.....
Lockland-Wyoming	5	320	...	3	3	12	1	31	210	1	25,000	1	6,000	125	.....	.....
Madisonville	5	451	1	3	7	1	1	28	292	1	25,000	1	3,000	100	.....	.....
Miamitown & Mt. Hope	2	93	...	4	2	2	4	29	160	4	5,000	...	.....	625	.....	.....
Norwood: 1st Church	4	279	1	2	6	...	1	18	220	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church	6	283	1	1	7	...	1	22	192	1	5,500	...	.....	180	700	.....
Winton Place	4	151	1	3	5	5	1	23	150	1	15,000	1	10,000	.....	.....	.....
Totals	394	8,679	22	111	255	184	47	865	7373	46	819,100	18	111700	16,506	20,581	4,921
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany	4	178	...	4	...	2	1	15	75	1	3,000	1	1,000	282	.....	.....
Brookville & Pyrmont	....	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camden & Somerville	5	300	1	3	...	...	2	34	285	2	9,600	1	1,000	185	.....	.....
Centerville	14	408	...	6	1	1	2	33	216	2	8,000	1	1,000	500	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway	33	768	1	15	7	20	1	68	432	1	10,000	1	3,000	.....	177	.....
Grace	20	760	1	10	3	6	1	28	372	1	60,000	...	.....	200	3,800	.....
Homestead Avenue	....	50	1	...	...	...	1	8	75	1	5,500	...	.....	.....	200	2,400
Raper	18	810	1	3	12	2	1	54	550	1	50,000	...	.....	17,000	.....	25,000
Riverdale	14	229	...	3	5	10	1	25	246	1	18,000	...	.....	.....	325	6,300
St. Paul	25	850	2	12	25	41	1	55	650	1	27,000	1	5,000	900	.....	1,500
Trinity	8	362	2	8	17	21	1	37	325	1	15,000	1	3,000	90	225	1,400
Eaton	10	340	1	9	...	2	1	22	200	1	20,000	1	3,000	350	.....	.....
Ebenezer & Woodw'd Av	18	183	1	2	2	9	2	35	277	2	4,600	1	1,500	1,122	.....	.....
Fair Haven & Sugar Val.	27	234	1	2	...	6	2	28	140	2	4,600	1	800	40	.....	.....
Fort Jefferson	17	192	1	5	3	5	4	51	305	4	6,000	1	700	45	.....	.....
Franklin	18	330	...	8	3	...	1	21	220	1	20,000	1	4,000	565	.....	1,900
Germantown	....	155	...	2	5	1	1	20	145	1	2,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gordon	1	170	1	2	5	6	3	47	310	4	7,500	1	400	.....	818	450
Hamilton	11	695	...	10	14	2	1	65	800	1	40,000	1	10,000	103	.....	.....
Lewisburg & W. Alexand.	1	298	...	3	1	4	2	35	300	2	8,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg	4	300	...	3	10	3	1	25	275	1	37,000	1	4,000	27,000	.....	10,000
Middletown	17	637	2	6	19	2	1	23	535	1	40,000	1	8,000	1,475	.....	720
Monroe	11	144	...	4	4	...	1	12	75	2	9,500	1	2,000	115	.....	.....
New Paris	3	151	...	...	2	2	1	13	75	3	2,000	1	700	125	.....	.....
Osborn and Fairfield	10	325	1	7	7	2	4	52	280	4	11,400	...	.....	1,500	500	500
	....	167	...	1	...	...	1	10	80	1	6,000	...	.....	.....	.....	600
Oxford	25	416	1	4	2	...	1	22	225	1	20,000	1	3,500	.....	.....	1,200
Port Union	9	201	...	2	...	2	3	30	225	3	7,500	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Red Lion & Merrittstown	2	145	...	2	3	1	2	29	159	2	5,500	1	1,000	50	.....	.....
Seven Mile	28	248	...	4	4	26	2	26	148	2	11,500	1	1,000	85	.....	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'chers.	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd. for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.	
Springboro and Lytle	18	249	2	5	4	10	2	29	260	2	$3,200	1	$2,000	$115	$20	.....	
Venice	3	347	...	3	1	12	5	65	304	5	11,700	1	900	295	.....	.....	
Walker & Union	1	107	...	2	2	3	2	14	75	2	4,000	...	.....	200	.....	.....	
West Carrollton	6	253	...	...	12	6	1	16	200	1	1,900	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	
West Chester	3	300	...	1	1	...	3	32	200	3	8,000	1	1,000	350	.....	.....	
West Elkton	4	180	3	14	...	4	4	40	200	5	5,000	1	1,000	150	.....	.....	
West Milton	8	250	...	4	...	3	5	70	220	5	5,000	1	400	200	.....	.....	
Totals	396	11705	23	169	174	240	68	1184	9409	78	508,500	28	61,100	52,998	6,065	52,070	
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast	6	460	...	7	6	...	6	55	315	6	9,000	1	1,200	325	.....	.....	
Blanchester	13	303	2	8	2	4	1	22	246	1	10,000	1	1,600	40	720	1,500	
Bowersville	6	280	1	5	...	...	4	35	250	4	8,000	1	600	4,200	.....	.....	
Centerfield & Clear Cr'k.	6	34	...	2	...	...	1	12	30	1	800	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Clarksville	6	206	...	2	4	1	4	39	260	4	5,000	1	2,000	160	.....	.....	
Dunkinsville	4	200	1	1	...	9	3	18	120	3	2,500	...	.....	.....	35	60	
Greenfield	19	1,093	...	11	3	...	1	36	737	1	75,000	1	6,500	25,000	671	.....	
Highland	25	385	1	2	2	11	3	47	300	3	8,500	1	3,000	3,100	.....	.....	
Hillsboro	13	743	3	14	5	4	1	33	500	1	12,000	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	
Jamestown	2	338	...	4	...	10	1	18	140	1	12,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	
Leesburg	4	355	3	6	3	9	3	51	380	3	13,500	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	
Lynchburg	6	555	1	4	...	4	4	80	450	4	7,000	1	2,000	170	.....	.....	
Martinsville	5	216	1	8	...	...	5	50	210	5	8,000	1	1,000	950	.....	50	
Mowrytown	1	223	...	1	...	7	5	42	168	6	7,200	...	.....	.....	.....	1,200	
Mount Orab	13	354	...	9	...	5	4	48	350	4	6,000	1	1,500	.....	160	75	
New Burlington	25	521	2	7	1	6	4	62	435	4	6,700	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	
New Jasper	29	335	...	5	1	29	3	36	200	3	7,500	1	1,800	150	.....	.....	
New Vienna	5	288	...	5	...	25	3	35	225	3	10,000	1	2,500	130	.....	.....	
Peebles	1	344	1	2	...	6	3	56	265	3	2,800	1	1,200	37	.....	.....	
Rainsboro	9	468	1	3	5	14	4	60	540	4	8,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	
Sabina	12	243	...	3	...	...	1	25	185	1	12,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....	
Sinking Spring	...	401	1	1	...	1	5	60	442	5	4,500	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	
Sugar Tree Ridge	...	338	...	...	...	...	5	66	310	5	5,500	1	253	.....	.....	.....	
Union	15	367	1	2	2	...	5	72	360	5	5,800	1	1,800	150	400	.....	
Waynesville	6	310	...	3	...	1	2	26	200	2	6,000	1	2,000	200	.....	.....	
Wilmington	2	302	1	5	2	5	1	20	200	1	12,000	1	2,000	1,002	.....	.....	
Winchester	4	302	1	4	8	4	2	30	240	2	11,500	1	1,000	50	700	.....	
Xenia: First Church	13	820	1	7	25	19	1	80	756	1	37,000	1	5,000	2,400	2,000	2,800	
Trinity	10	300	...	2	...	4	1	23	180	1	20,000	1	5,000	1,000	.....	.....	
Totals	260	11084	22	133	69	169	86	1187	8994	87	333,800	26	54,653	39,164	4,686	4,685	
MILFORD DISTRICT.																	
Aberdeen	...	412	...	...	...	...	4	40	206	4	5,500	1	800	.....	.....	.....	
Amelia	4	337	2	5	...	7	3	32	380	3	6,000	1	1,200	250	.....	.....	
Batavia	18	264	...	3	2	5	1	17	200	1	15,000	1	1,500	100	.....	.....	
Bethel	2	415	1	8	...	3	5	60	360	5	4,000	1	1,500	141	540	.....	
Butlerville	9	286	1	6	...	3	4	45	340	4	3,800	...	.....	200	.....	.....	
Centenary	...	233	1	3	1	4	5	43	224	6	6,500	...	.....	123	.....	.....	
Chilo	...	225	...	4	...	...	4	50	240	5	5,500	1	400	150	27	.....	
Decatur	25	415	1	5	...	6	5	70	400	5	6,000	1	1,200	100	.....	.....	
Feesburg	7	285	1	3	...	10	5	40	250	4	3,500	1	700	100	.....	.....	
Felicity	11	336	1	1	...	...	2	37	170	2	6,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	
Georgetown	10	446	...	8	...	28	3	30	275	3	10,000	1	1,800	1,400	.....	.....	
Goshen	3	259	1	2	2	6	3	46	230	3	4,000	1	700	80	.....	.....	
Laurel	54	348	...	5	...	6	4	57	250	4	7,000	1	1,800	.....	115	.....	
Lebanon	6	338	...	5	3	9	1	26	215	1	12,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	
Loveland	5	160	...	2	...	6	1	25	170	1	6,000	...	.....	.....	163	.....	
Maineville	1	165	...	4	12	5	2	30	175	2	4,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	
Manchester	3	290	1	2	...	...	3	34	240	3	6,500	1	1,500	180	.....	.....	
Marathon	6	427	...	2	4	2	5	48	291	5	7,500	1	1,200	120	.....	.....	
Mason	9	297	...	4	5	5	3	44	367	3	8,200	1	3,500	600	.....	.....	
Milford	5	325	...	4	2	5	1	23	165	1	6,000	1	2,500	50	.....	.....	
Montgomery	1	160	1	1	3	...	5	18	150	5	7,200	...	.....	.....	825	.....	
Morrow	7	145	...	5	4	4	1	23	150	1	3,500	1	1,500	60	.....	.....	
Moscow	8	355	3	6	5	9	4	50	375	4	12,000	...	.....	50	100	.....	
Mt. Washington	...	115	1	4	...	1	3	32	250	3	7,000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	
New Richmond	88	200	...	1	...	9	1	25	170	1	4,500	1	1,500	608	.....	400	
Newtown	8	294	...	2	5	...	4	31	240	4	8,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	
Owensville	3	385	...	6	...	1	4	50	275	4	7,000	1	1,200	175	75	.....	
Ripley	14	280	...	4	8	7	1	22	150	1	18,000	1	2,500	100	.....	.....	
South Lebanon	...	157	...	3	1	...	2	15	125	2	4,000	1	1,600	175	.....	.....	
Summerside	2	253	...	7	...	2	4	50	250	4	7,500	1	1,500	650	.....	.....	
West Union	10	454	1	6	2	11	3	60	360	3	6,000	1	1,000	935	.....	.....	
Williamsburg	10	365	1	8	6	9	1	28	200	1	4,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	
Williamsburg Circuit	11	370	1	8	...	5	5	56	284	5	6,200	...	.....	1,850	.....	.....	
Totals	270	9796	18	137	65	167	102	1257	7107	103	227,900	26	40,100	8,497	1,865	400	

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'hers.	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch's & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	1	178	1	3	1	13	1	17	180	1	$6,000	1	$2,000	$40	.....	.....
Brandt	4	125	1	1	...	...	2	22	115	4	4,300	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Brighton	11	50	...	...	1	...	1	12	38	1	1,500	...	.....	.....	$68	.....
Catawba	3	485	...	1	7	5	3	46	300	3	9,500	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Cedarville	14	290	...	5	3	8	2	32	220	2	5,000	1	2,500	86	250	$275
Christiansburg	17	250	1	3	...	6	4	42	220	4	9,000	1	1,000	300	10	.....
Covington	26	122	1	2	3	...	1	17	107	1	2,500	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Dialton	6	.....	1	2	4	11	4	66	400	4	8,800	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Greenville	9	483	1	9	1	10	1	33	359	1	27,000	1	2,800	250	775	150
King's Creek	....	158	1	...	...	...	4	41	275	4	3,500	1	1,000	314	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	5	403	...	6	11	16	1	25	285	1	30,000	1	2,500	52	190	.....
Mutual	14	356	...	6	2	...	4	54	285	4	7,800	1	800	200	.....	1,200
New Carlisle	10	228	2	3	1	2	1	28	225	1	4,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
New Moorefield	6	296	1	1	3	7	4	45	325	4	11,000	1	1,500	50	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	30	410	...	2	10	...	1	28	190	1	6,000	1	3,500	1,500	.....	.....
Greene Street	44	663	...	12	15	5	1	34	250	1	28,000	1	9,000	2,500	.....	.....
South Charleston	11	357	...	...	4	14	2	31	325	2	12,000	2	5,000	200	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	26	936	2	9	10	22	1	65	650	1	20,000	1	10,000	130	750	1,600
Clifton Ave	22	251	2	2	5	1	2	42	320	2	8,500	...	.....	2,995	275	2,950
Grace	....	248	1	2	20	8	1	22	190	1	1,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street	6	544	1	3	5	5	1	25	225	1	30,000	1	10,000	7,000	.....	5,000
St. Paul	....	373	...	3	10	7	1	40	200	1	40,000	1	2,000	100	800	5,000
Tippecanoe City	....	230	1	1	2	3	1	21	204	1	15,000	1	2,000	500	.....	.....
Tremont City	11	447	...	3	...	6	4	51	360	4	19,000	1	1,200	11	.....	.....
Troy	2	572	...	6	6	...	1	29	370	1	60,000	1	7,000	505	8,782	.....
Troy Circuit	8	296	...	4	...	...	3	...	...	3	8,000	1	1,500	100	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	2	682	1	10	...	...	1	26	325	1	40,000	1	4,500	.....	4,400	8,000
Grace	7	511	1	6	2	...	1	25	254	1	25,000	1	4,000	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Springs	15	444	...	5	4	2	3	40	200	3	8,000	1	1,200	250	100	200
Totals	317	10288	19	115	130	151	57	999	7597	59	450,000	27	84,200	17,083	16,250	19,375

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'hers.	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch's & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati	394	8,679	22	111	255	184	47	865	7873	46	$819,100	18	111700	$16505	$2058	$4,921
Dayton	396	11705	28	169	174	240	68	1184	9409	73	508,500	28	61,100	52,998	6,065	52,070
Hillsboro	260	11084	22	133	69	169	86	1187	8994	87	333,800	26	54,653	39,164	4,686	4,685
Milford	270	9796	18	137	63	167	102	1257	7107	108	227,900	26	40,100	8,497	1,865	400
Springfield	317	10288	19	115	130	151	57	999	7597	59	450,000	27	84,200	17,083	16,250	19,375
Totals, 1903	1637	51552	104	665	693	911	360	5492	40480	364	2338800	125	351758	134247	49,447	81,451
Totals, 1902	1917	52740	114	662	707	1302	362	5617	41715	367	2183050	126	347328	85435	38,422	71,447
Increase	280	.....	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	156,250	...	4,425	48,812	11,025	10,004
Decrease	...	1188	10	...	14	391	2	125	1235	...	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS No. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ... GEO. S. EASTON, Leesburg, O.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	47	865	7,373	4,975	275	799	1,821	376	$5,181
Dayton,	68	1,184	9,409	3,784	527	1,085	3,109	240	4,273
Hillsboro,	86	1,187	8,994	4,953	360	939	3,880	594	3,239
Milford	102	1,257	7,107	3,381	251	1,184	3,214	302	2,962
Springfield,	57	999	7,597	4,980	498	908	4,099	344	3,327
Totals, 1903,	360	5,492	40,480	22,073	1,911	4,915	16,123	1,856	$18,982
Totals, 1902,	362	5,617	41,715	26,056	1,671	5,040	15,154	2,305	20,102
Increase,	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	.....	969	.....	.....
Decrease,	2	125	1,235	3,983	.....	125	.....	449	$1,120

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

GEO. S. EASTON, Leesburg, Ohio,
STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOP	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																Grand Total
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	REC'D FROM.		Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	EDUCATION.		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged.	Christ's Hospital	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Collections.	Other Sources.				a. Church.	b. S. S.	Total					a. Pub. Edu. Col	b. Child's Fund								
Cincinnati: Asbury	W. H. Spybey	$1000		$1000	$1000		$1000		$69	$69	$14	$14	$1083	$30	$30	$436	$102	$75	$55	$180	$20	$4	$4	$86	$1	$4	$8	$39	$32	$212		$11	$80	$578
Avondale	E. P. Edmonds	2000	$750	2750	2000	$750	2750		225	225	25	25	3000	201	201	1650	165	1390	90	1480	150	10	11	400	20	12	36	752	709	2292	$22	117	265	6502
Christie	C. L. Myers	1200		1200	1200		1200		70	70	10	10	1280	20	20	850	160	60	40	100	5	2	3	20	3		5	28	130			175	41	540
Clifton	J. F. Chenoweth	1000		1000	1000		1000		64	64	15	15	1079	34	34	551		87	15	102	14	6	2	25	7		20	171	167	788	13		10	1369
Columbia	F. C. English	900	300	1200	900	300	1200		40	40	8	4	1244	18	18	609	170	30	36	66	5	1	1	2	2		1	44		50			24	218
Delta Avenue	J. P. Ninde	800		800	800		800		30	30	3	3	883	15	15	165	107	28	50	78	4	3	2	5	5		2			41			5	163
East Pearl Street	T. P. Walter	400	264	664	450	264	714	Ex 50	14	14	4	4	732	5	5	150	50	60	10	70	3		1	3			1						20	109
Fairmount	F. M. Kirgan	800	240	1040	800	240	1040		34	30	3	3	1073	5	5	165	82	10	17	27	3			2	1	1	1	35		23		10	2	114
Finley	W. W. Tranter	600		600	600		600		20	20	5	3	623	12	12	310	97	19	6	25	5	5	3	5	4	1	5					8	5	5	86
1st Church, Northside	A. L. Brokaw	1000		1000	1000		1000		30	30	10	10	1040			390	280	8	12	20	8	1	1	8			52	72	112	360		2	15	675
Linwood and Madison Avenue	J. Elmer Thomas	800		800	800		800		28	28			883	11	11	200	142	18	7	25	8	1	1	18		3	1			69				142
McKendree	J. C. Eckels	1000		1000	920		920	80	35	35	10	1	956	5	5	211	75	26	14	40	6	1	1	7	2	4	4	32		18				121
Mt. Auburn	J. A. Geissinger	1500		1500	1500		1500		75	75	20	10	1585	45	45	950	76	230	64	294	15	3	3	25	3	12	5	271	749	214		5	246	7554
Mt. Lookout	G. V. Morris	1000	350	1350	1090	350	1440	Ex 90	80	80	14	14	1594	65	65	600	100	189	121	310	33	5	3	25	34	9	18	358	256	172		25	178	1498
Price Hill	S. W. Bell	1400		1400	1400		1400		74	74	15	15	1489	50	50	600	150	69	31	100	10	2	2	10		16	4	81	109	255		2	20	676
Riverside & Camp Washington	E. W. Serl	900		900	875		875	25	23	23			898			250	200	20		20	1	1	1	2		2	1	44	42	395		1	1	512
St. Paul	C. W. Blodgett	2000	1000	3000	2000	1000	3000		153	153	25	25	3178	100	100	2780	380	475	125	600	25	5	5	50	12		15	468	890	1100	20		115	3370
Trinity	M. B. Fuller	1800	600	2400	1800	600	2400		140	140	12	12	2552	90	90	3500	350	190	160	350	10	3	3	15	5	5	5	5260	222	32006	12		315	38813
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young	2750	1000	3750	2750	1000	3750		280	280	41	41	4071	180	180	2922	307	510	490	1000	60	5	3	102	15	10	20	2691	1226	1950		5	246	7554
Wesley Chapel	G. Roughton	1000	500	1500	1164	500	1664	Ex 164	127	127	26	26	1817	105	105	918	125	769	257	1026	75	5	5	75	15	14	22	235	83	600	21	10	62	2378
Westwood	D. G. Latshaw	1400	600	2000	1400	600	2000		92	92	20	20	2112	343	343	1200	110	1171	55	1226	275	58	58	382	68	59	158	190	3	985	343		987	4702
York Street	Edw. McHugh	1000		1000	1000		1000		35	35	6	6	1040	41	41	100	290	48	27	75	2	1	1	2	1	1	6	35	80		2	5	9	162
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge	L. O. Hartman	388		388	388		388		35	35	6	6	424	25	25	287	106	45	30	75	7	2	2	7	8	10	6	2	40	107	1	7	12	317
Carthage and Elmwood Place	S. G. Pollard	850		850	850		850		35	35	4	4	889	3	3	300	185	2	18	20	1			1		1	14	45		10		14	10	124
Cleves and Addyston	T. D. Moore	900		900	900		900		88	34	5	3	987	5	5	230	80	3	12	15	1			3	6		5	25		19				77
Delhi	J. R. Colley	1250		1250	1250		1250		50	50	10	10	1310	80	80	340	297	60	60	120	9	2	2	7		6	5	84	28	147	10	6	128	639
Glendale	H. A. M. Henderson	800		800	204		204	96	15	2	2	2	208	8	8	100	50	2		2	1			1										9
Groesbeck																																			
Harrison	S. B. Timmons	400	100	500	410	100	510	Ex 10	20	20			530	2	2	157	50	6		6	2	2		2						5				17
Hartwell	F. G. Mitchell	1800		1800	1800		1800		75	75	18	18	1968	58	53	341	210	50	125	175	20	1	3	20		20	18	148	282	286		20	25	1011
Lockland—Wyoming	W. L. Y. Davis	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		113	113	25	25	1938	130	130	1000	300	585	70	655	103	2	2	184	80		25	587		1447		300	458	3843
Madisonville	W. A. Deaton	1200	300	1500	1350	300	1650	Ex 150	125	125	15	15	1790	165	165	900	150	282	150	882	25	4	3	41	3	12	4	303	131	110			697	1895
Miamitown and Mt Hope	A. R. Neal	508		508	468		468	40	20	20	2	2	490	6	6	96	35	12		12	2	1	1	2		7	1					2	36
Norwood: 1st Church	J. F. Beery	1400		1400	1400		1400		30	30	8	8	1488	5	5	175	125	7	21	28								124	8	128			28	337
Grace Church	A. K. Stabler	1500		1500	1500		1500		45	45	12	12	1557	32	32	270	150	47	53	100	15	1	1	15	5		1	97	139	160	5	20	50	602
Winton Place	E. Burdsall	800	300	1100	800	300	1100		50	50	8	8	1158	10	10	285	45	90	10	100	6	2	2	11		6	6	90	22	19		7	7	235
Totals																																			

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT: CLAIMS. Salary	CLAIMS. House Rent	CLAIMS. Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	RECEIPTS. House Rent	RECEIPTS. Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	CH'T OF BISHOP. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources.	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Brookville, Pyrmont, and Bethany	J. H. Palne / J. H. Lease	$675	$75	$750	675	$75	750	Ex250	$56	$41	$6	$8	$794	$12		$12	$100	$55	$34	$11	$45	$6	$1	$2	$10	$1	$3	$1	$25					$36	$145
Camden & Somerville	C. T. Crum	600	100	700	581	100	681	$19	52	47	8	8	731	5		5	275	75	60	10	70	1	1	1	1		2	1	42	$1	$37	$1			169
Centerville	J. A. White	800	150	950	800	150	950		71	71	10	10	1031	67		67	215	65	83	60	143	15	4	3	13		6	3	26	5	9	$10	6	320
Dayton: Broadway	C. W. Elliott	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300		97	97	15	15	1412	69		69	337	284	409	110	*519	37	5	5	58	5	14	4	120	219	338		65	85	1504
Grace	H. C. Jameson	2500	480	2980	2500	480	2980		228	228	39	39	3247	200		200	900	800	118	795	908	160	12	12	165	10	20	30	186	304	165	88	21	258	2528
Homestead Ave	W. G. Warner	250		250	250		250																											
Raper	J. J. McCabe	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		135	135	28	28	1958	60		60	1600	225	61	189	250	10	3	3	20	7	6	5	256	282	238		15	15	1127
Riverdale	W. E. Hammaker	850		850	850		850		60	60	10	5	915	20		20	653	144	54	6	60	3	1	1	4	3	5	2		15	89				158
St. Paul	J. G. Vaughan	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		136	136	20	20	1956	80		80	1000	400	350	100	450	85	5	5	40	156	6	15	215	209	728				2009
Trinity	E. M. Ellsworth	800	200	1000	867	200	1067	Ex 67	68	68	5	5	1140	30		30	425	150	50	25	75	15	3	3	42	5	5	6			10	5	5	42	251
Eaton	C. H. Haines	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		80	80	15	15	1185	20		20	450	75	94	31	125	15	3	3	15	2	7	8	51	118	22		2	8	426
Ebenezer and Woodward Ave	O. L. Utter	550	100	650	550	100	650		48	48	8	8	701	13		13	143	155	25	5	30	5	1	1	9		2	2	1	1	55	8		8	184
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	C. L. Chapman	600	50	650	635	50	685	Ex 35	48	48	9	9	742	48		48	84		98	13	111	20	7	2	20	2	9	5				9		12	254
Fort Jefferson	J. J. Hawk	500	50	550	505	50	555	Ex 5	41	41			596	10		10	112	110	42	12	54	5			5		11						7	4	96
Franklin	Creighton Wones	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	30		30	250	65	53	30	83	10	2	2	20		6	5	55	35	94			17	371
Germantown	S. A. Stephan	500		500	550		550	Ex 50	37	37	6	5	592	25		25	125	100	44	22	66	1	3		10		6					5	3	51	175
Gordon	Clark Gowdy	400		400	431		431	Ex 31	37	37	8	8	476	32		32	125	68	68	32	100				3		4					6			153
Hamilton	C. E. Schenk	1800	360	2160	1800	360	2160		172	172	18	18	2350	80		80	1386	315	271	230	501	30	10	2	86	10	18	20	197	187	396	10	15	110	1635
Lewisburg and West Alexandria	W. C. Mitchell	725	75	800	733	75	808	Ex 8	60	60	8	8	876	15		15	850	128	76	24	100	8	2	2	8		9	4	3	28	29	5	2	2	225
Miamisburg	J. E. Abrams	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300		90	90	12	12	1402	60		60	250	250	131	75	206	3	1	1	18		12	3	51	48				48	415
Middletown	U. G. Humphrey	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		120	120	16	16	1486	96		96	495	148	130	30	160	32	8	3	32	12	7	12	44	135	101	18		80	751
Monroe	Frank Leever	650	100	750	650	100	750		55	55	9	9	814	16		16	110	35	15	16	31	3	1		3	1	4	1		71		4	2	5	151
New Paris	David W. Clark	475	60	535	462	60	522	13	40	40			562	4		4	80	20	12		12	1			2	1									26
Osborn and Fairfield	R. E. Smith / S. B. Ricketts	700	110	810	700	110	810		60	60	12	6	876	34		34	200	150	41	8	49	5	1	1	5		3	2	14			10		20	150
		100		100	100		100		7	7	1	1	108	3		3	100	12	3		3	1					3								10
Oxford	C. M. Van Pelt	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640		116	116	16	16	1772	39		39	665	125	168	82	200	10	2	2	10		15	5	118	123		15		28	588
Port Union	I. R. Marshall	700	150	850	700	150	850		64	64	8	8	922	15		15	175	125	18	16	34	2	1	1	2	3						7			74
Red Lion and Merrittstown	W. D. English	600	75	675	600	75	675		40	40	8	8	722	15		15	60		25		25	4			2		1	1							56
Seven Mile	O. P. Hoffman	650	100	750	678	100	778	Ex 28	56	56	10	10	844	37		37	175	76	102	18	120	20	2	2	20	4	6	10	4		2		5	13	255
Springboro and Lytle	J. W. Patton	600	60	660	600	60	660		49	49	7	7	716	10		10	90	94	62	18	80	2	1	1	5	3	10	1		34	65		23	10	252
Venice	O. D. Becker	700	60	760	718	60	778	Ex 18	53	58	5	5	841	18		18	156	138	55	5	60	7	1	1	13		6	1				4			116
Walker and Union	W. W. Reeves	500		500	500		500		30	36	7	2	538	5		5	60	25	10		10				5	4					22				48
West Carrolton	John W. Gaddis	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		82	82	10	10	1192	55		55	110	130	50	50	100	10	2	1	25	1	2	2	95	13			2		318
West Chester	J. A. Jenkinson	650	100	750	650	100	750		56	56	9	9	815				125		25	10	35						5						5	55	109
West Elkton	Charles Hartley	360	60	420	348	60	408	12	32	32	7	7	447	10		10	150	60	10	30	40	6	1	1	5	5		1				3			79
West Milton	J. F. McColm	650	111	761	557	61	618	143	56	38	4	4	660	4		4	165	90	18	2	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			18	1			49
als		29475	4560	34051	29840	4516	34356	Ex805	2529	2491	361	330	37177	1287		1287	11596	4135	2958	2015	4873	538	80	62	627	236	209	160	1502	1778	2849	153	167	822	15117

10, special gift for India by Miss Mary Terry.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources.	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Belfast	D. W. C. Washburn	$600	$100	$700	$588	$100	$688	$12	$51	$50	$8	$7	$745	$15	.....	$15	$115	$62	$68	$2	$70	$3	$1	$1	$3	.....	$2	$1	.....	.....	$80	...	.....	.....	$133
Blanchester	Geo. W. Vorhis	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	51	51	9	9	860	28	.....	28	220	108	95	65	160	10	4	2	10	.....	6	3	$36	.....	42	...	$5	$12	322
Bowersville	Thos. Cundy	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	51	51	7	7	788	10	.....	10	150	125	55	10	65	5	.....	.....	8	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	107
Centerfield and Clear Creek	John H. Davis	60	.....	60	60	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	40	8	2	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	6
Clarksville	J. H. McNary	675	100	775	654	100	754	21	51	51	8	8	818	15	.....	15	150	150	50	30	80	2	1	.....	1	2	8	1	15	.....	.....	...	12	.....	140
Dunkinsville	Bert. E. Smith	338	.....	338	325	.....	325	13	28	26	4	4	355	5	.....	5	40	10	35	2	37	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	48
Greenfield	W. H. Wehrly	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	.....	117	117	19	19	1876	130	.....	130	628	250	275	100	375	20	5	5	20	10	25	15	100	$185	210	5	2570	168	3862
Highland	C. C. Peale	750	100	850	780	100	880	Ex 30	60	60	11	11	951	50	.....	50	175	75	257	63	320	22	2	2	22	2	13	30	106	.....	98	.....	.....	.....	678
Hillsboro	S. O. Royal	1500	250	1750	1500	250	1750	.....	150	150	20	20	1920	112	.....	112	500	160	220	220	440	30	5	4	29	7	7	8	196	278	158	10	10	48	1347
Jamestown	J. P. Porter	900	100	1000	900	100	1000	.....	74	74	12	12	1086	80	.....	80	330	75	197	103	300	34	4	3	26	5	5	13	75	48	.....	...	.....	65	39	709
Leesburg	C. W. Briggs	750	150	900	778	150	928	Ex 28	65	65	11	11	1004	30	.....	30	290	107	159	31	190	21	3	3	*30	10	18	8	86	55	1000	...	10	1050	2525
Lynchburg	W. M. Patton	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	64	56	11	8	1014	20	.....	20	200	200	92	24	116	3	1	1	3	.....	1	1	16	.....	6	2	.....	10	188
Martinsville	C. J. Kelch	525	75	600	503	75	578	22	49	49	8	5	632	4	.....	4	100	110	40	.....	40	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	60	...	.....	.....	113
Mowrystown	John E. DeLong	400	.....	400	390	.....	390	10	27	27	5	5	422	18	.....	18	135	100	30	8	38	3	1	1	3	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	...	3	.....	75
Mount Orab	J. S. Ruggles	650	150	800	625	150	775	25	53	45	8	5	825	5	.....	5	150	250	23	2	25	7	1	1	8	2	15	2	.....	.....	14	...	.....	7	92
New Burlington	G. H. Smith	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	65	65	12	12	977	64	.....	64	220	150	232	10	242	34	4	4	33	.....	5	9	29	.....	17	12	32	35	582
New Jasper	Henry Hershey	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	60	11	11	971	56	.....	56	175	60	75	100	175	30	2	2	30	7	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	10	14	.....	342
New Vienna	Andrew Hamilton	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	60	60	11	11	971	50	.....	50	210	90	100	15	115	5	1	1	8	2	6	2	95	.....	80	...	2	116	489
Peebles	D. C. Ridgway	612	100	712	612	100	712	.....	60	57	9	6	775	25	.....	25	120	108	37	28	60	5	2	1	4	3	4	2	8	.....	72	8	.....	.....	195
Rainsboro	H. G. Curless	650	50	700	650	50	700	.....	53	53	8	8	761	40	.....	40	125	180	107	29	136	6	2	1	8	2	7	2	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	212
Sabina	R. K. Deem	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	65	65	12	12	927	40	.....	40	150	56	42	83	75	6	2	2	10	2	18	3	42	2	85	...	8	12	259
Sinking Spring	J. M Bailey	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	45	45	5	5	600	3	.....	3	180	70	40	20	60	3	2	3	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	88
Sugar Tree Ridge	C. J. Moore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7	.....	20	.....	20	.....	.....	77	.....	77	10	1	1	10	2	1	2	.....	.....	10	3	1	1	146
Union	John Wilson	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	67	67	12	12	1029	64	.....	64	200	150	202	48	250	34	3	2	31	2	18	6	82	.....	.....	12	.....	66	582
Waynesville	W. M. Coffman	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	67	67	.....	8	1025	30	.....	30	175	75	76	24	100	16	2	2	15	.....	5	2	29	.....	.....	...	8	11	228
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	87	87	14	14	1351	80	.....	80	219	125	247	51	298	30	6	6	30	.....	10	12	72	.....	88	14	.....	66	651
Winchester	J. A. Easton	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	58	58	10	10	862	6	.....	6	125	90	27	10	37	4	1	1	4	2	.....	1	8	.....	36	8	18	.....	186
Xenia: First Church	A. C. Turrell	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	127	127	24	24	1951	90	.....	90	1300	850	502	146	647	31	4	4	37	4	10	20	113	126	240	11	11	10	3382
Trinity	R. H. Rust	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	100	100	20	20	1620	50	.....	50	400	.....	150	50	200	10	4	3	20	6	10	15	104	266	.....	...	.....	.....	708
Totals		21610	3440	25050	21505	3440	25005	45	1740	1778	296	291	27067	1135	.....	1135	6822	3289	3512	1222	4734	376	64	56	385	74	210	161	1212	956	2186	98	2761	1646	16290

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STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources.	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. a. Church	b. S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	EDUCATION. a. Pub. Edu. Col	b. Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged.	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Aberdeen	T. G. Williams	$600	$100	$700	$540	$100	$640	$60	$60	$60	$6	$6	$706	$ 5	.....	$ 5	$100	$50	$40	.....	$40	$5	$1	$1	$5	$2	$5	$1	.....	.....	$20	...	$2	$2	$95
Amelia	H. E. Armacost	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	60	60	8	8	818	20	.....	20	200	125	29	$21	50	5	2	1	5	2	2	1	.....	$41	60	$3	3	212
Batavia	H. W. Bailey	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	74	74	10	10	1004	15	.....	15	200	100	58	15	73	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	$26	61	10	2	2	235
Bethel	L. A. Washburn	620	100	720	592	100	692	28	49	41	7	6	739	3	.....	3	150	140	25	11	36	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	...	...	87
Butlerville	J. W. Burdsall	381	.....	381	360	.....	360	21	36	29	4	3	392	1	.....	1	182	105	15	5	20	2	2	.....	7	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	18	...	...	64
Centenary	E. Fee Naylor	520	.....	520	500	.....	500	20	48	48	5	5	553	10	.....	10	184	64	24	28	52	3	1	1	8	1	4	1	1	1	.....	...	2	94
Chilo	D. S. Ewry	500	50	550	480	50	530	20	48	31	5	4	585	5	.....	5	135	75	30	.....	20	1	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	...	4	40
Decatur	W. S. Gray	600	75	675	575	75	650	25	50	50	6	6	706	10	.....	10	130	75	30	5	35	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	1	21	.....	61	6	...	50	245
Feesburg	W. E. Shriver	500	75	575	468	75	543	32	50	46	5	5	594	8	.....	8	100	75	27	.....	27	1	1	1	4	.....	8	1	.....	.....	.....	...	2	5	68
Felicity	John Phillips	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	54	54	7	7	761	16	.....	16	180	58	57	8	60	3	1	1	3	.....	18	1	.....	19	5	...	...	5	184
Georgetown	C. W. Horn	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	44	44	10	8	872	20	.....	20	226	65	77	33	110	5	2	1	5	1	18	1	.....	.....	38	6	...	10	225
Goshen	W. J. Baker	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	54	54	5	5	734	25	.....	25	142	88	88	57	145	6	.....	.....	25	.....	9	2	12	.....	62	4	...	...	295
Laurel	W. E. Spurrier	600	85	685	600	85	685	.....	54	54	5	5	744	12	.....	12	180	75	32	13	45	11	1	1	11	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5	...	21	114
Lebanon	J. L. Shively	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	90	90	10	10	1300	62	.....	62	415	95	235	65	300	20	2	1	22	4	6	5	175	234	81	...	11	42	975
Loveland	E. S. Gaddis	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	46	46	6	6	652	26	.....	26	183	128	17	72	89	9	1	1	6	2	5	1	60	.....	.....	1	...	14	221
Maineville	G. M. Fulton	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	6	6	758	25	.....	25	125	100	10	20	30	3	1	1	7	1	10	7	.....	2	.....	3	4	6	106
Manchester	Mrs. R. Price, mos... J. Verity, mos.....	622	100	722	558	100	658	64	60	57	7	1	716	12	.....	12	105	.....	80	60	90	7	2	2	7	.....	3	3	23	12	5	1	.....	12	180
Marathon	J. A. Winkler	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	44	44	6	6	610	7	13	20	156	120	42	8	50	4	1	1	4	1	8	1	43	.....	5	1	1	1	147
Mason	W. A. Wiant	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	70	72	9	9	1181	18	.....	18	185	194	98	48	146	3	1	1	2	1	5	14	19	17	93	...	4	45	868
Milford	M. LeSourd	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	111	111	12	12	1478	110	.....	110	220	110	280	100	380	45	5	5	55	5	10	7	113	191	219	12	25	117	1261
Montgomery	Harry Stevenson	421	.....	421	434	.....	434	Ex 13	35	35	4	4	478	.....	.....	.....	45	40	9	7	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	8	28
Morrow	W. E. Putt	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	58	58	8	8	866	19	.....	19	107	82	25	16	41	8	1	1	10	2	5	9	16	1	20	...	3	17	161
Moscow	Thomas Salt	676	.....	676	676	.....	676	.....	58	58	8	8	742	25	.....	25	295	185	60	20	80	8	2	1	10	4	18	2	3	2	28	2	.....	.....	188
Mount Washington	A. J. Kestle	540	.....	540	592	.....	592	Ex 52	46	46	4	4	642	4	.....	4	150	95	20	12	32	1	1	1	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	...	...	5	54
New Richmond	W. J. Dunham	600	150	750	650	150	800	Ex 50	50	50	6	6	856	5	.....	5	175	66	35	5	40	2	1	1	2	2	6	1	1	1	.....	5	1	2	78
Newtown	L. M. Davis	525	120	645	528	120	648	Ex 3	42	42	7	7	697	8	.....	8	95	100	30	10	40	3	1	1	3	1	2	1	49	.....	67	...	5	5	198
Owensville	A. G. Newton	550	60	610	550	60	610	.....	54	54	6	6	670	10	.....	10	150	250	35	10	45	5	1	1	5	2	4	1	.....	.....	88	6	...	15	357
Ripley	E. T. Lane	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	74	74	10	10	1084	15	.....	15	300	150	50	30	80	3	2	1	10	5	.....	3	13	10	11	...	.....	13	176
South Lebanon	F. J. Reinbarth	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	36	12	5	2	614	3	.....	3	125	50	7	.....	7	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	5	2	.....	3	89
Summerside	W. B. Brown	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	45	45	7	7	752	10	.....	10	180	80	54	18	72	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	32	...	1	4	133
West Union	G. S. Easton	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	57	57	8	8	860	13	.....	13	125	100	48	2	50	5	.....	.....	5	2	.....	.....	*106	15	.....	...	...	...	199
Williamsburg	J. D Darling	600	100	700	650	100	750	Ex 50	52	52	8	8	810	25	.....	25	200	125	50	30	80	5	1	1	5	3	9	1	82	.....	289	8	.....	.....	517
Williamsburg Circuit	H. W. Gudgeon	500	.....	500	516	.....	516	Ex 16	40	40	5	5	561	3	.....	3	225	85	19	2	21	1	1	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	18	...	.....	10	64
Totals		20805	2790	23595	20719	2790	23509	86	1812	1640	225	206	25855	550	13	563	5509	3301	1671	721	2392	181	38	33	242	47	175	74	765	609	1174	84	66	476	7126

*$100 Legacy from Miss Sarah Boyles.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources.	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. a Church	b S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	EDUCATION. a Pub. Edu. Col	b Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Arcanum	C. P. Pumphrey	$700	$100	$800	$700	$100	$800		$65	$65	$9		$865	$5		$5	$200	$100	$45	$15	$60				$15		$1		$50					$4	$135
Brandt	D. A. McColm	476	60	536	440	60	500	$36	35	35	6	$3	538	5		5	90	60	11		11				4	$1									24
Brighton	I. R. DeSelm	88		88	88		88		5	5	1	1	94	1		1	59	15		3	3						2							7
Catawba	J. R. Hill	750	150	900	720	150	870	30	65	65	12	12	947	30		30	220	85	76	30	105	$3	$1	$1	8	2	4	$1	42				$5	$14	8	241
Cedarville	H. C. Middleton	700	100	800	700	100	800		40	40	10	10	850	15		15	185	125	24	24	48	8	2	1	8	3	14	508						20	633
Christiansburg	O. L. Seward	600	60	660	585	60	645	15	35	35	12	8	690	6		6	120	50	15	15	30				3								9		51
Covington	G. L. Travis	450	100	550	450	100	550		25	25	11	11	586	36		36	85	107	89	29	68	8	4	3	8		8	5	53		$55	7	18	5	289
Dialton	J. L. Dalbey	650	100	750	650	100	750		50	50	10	10	810	45		45	210	80	319	18	337	8	2	1	8		8	5	41		41	11	17	2	586
Greenville	A. B. Austin	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		100	100	16	16	1466	17		17	700	166	85	19	104	7	1	1	37	5	8	1	106	$98	72	21	42	42	552
King's Creek	E. L. Hollingsworth	480	60	540	480	60	540		35	35	9	8	578	1		1	156	78	5	57	62	1	1		1		1								72
Mechanicsburg	O. M. Sellers	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		80	80	18	18	1198	46		46	370	422	128	97	225	10	4	3	11	8	15	5	67	73	49	10	40	58	682
Mutual	C. D. Munsey	600	75	675	600	75	675		40	40	8	5	720	16		16	215	96	79	16	95	7	1	1	5	1	12	2			80	2			227
New Carlisle	S. A. Keen	700	100	800	700	100	800		40	40	10	10	850	40		40	107		59	31	90	10	4	3	10	2	7	7	77		27		34	14	335
New Moorefield	R. S. McColm	650	100	750	650	100	750		60	60	12	8	818	7		7	200	120	47	25	72				2		8				6			108
Piqua: Grace	A. B. Spahr, ... mos A. W. Leonard, ... mos	710	300	1010	710	300	1010		40	40	13	13	1063	20		20	191	142	148	46	189	8	2	2	38	3	3	10	13	33		7		5	349
Greene Street	R. J. Wyckoff	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000		140	140	27	27	2167	90		90	245	200	475	125	600	40	5	5	55		11	10	177	320	100			51	1800
South Charleston	A. T. Cowgill	825	175	1000	825	175	1000		60	60	13	13	1079	45		45	270	200	138	42	180	2	3	5	20	2	12	5	11	7		5	5	30	329
Springfield: Central	C. L. Conger	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000		135	135	20	20	2155	120		120	880	151	230	571	791	30	5	4	32	5	5	5	215	188	216		28	46	1710
Clifton Avenue	S. W. Campbell	875	132	1007	875	132	1007		45	45	5	5	1057	5		5	280	75	6	30	36	4	1	1	5	5	3	1							65
Grace	J. L. Duckwall	650		650	650		650		30	30	3		683	22		22	100	100	26	34	60	1	1	1	1			1				1			75
High Street	J. A. Story	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200		135	135	20	20	2355	120		120	1504	110	380	100	480	25	6	5	25		11	10	177	320	100			51	1800
St. Paul	J. W. Peters	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000		135	135	20	20	2155	30		30	350	200	46	54	100	20	1	2	15		5	3	90	125	20		4	34	470
Tippecanoe City	G. P. Austin	650	150	800	650	150	800		40	40	8	8	848	33		33	175	70	21	30	51	5	2	3	5		8	1			30	4		20	174
Tremont City	A. D. Maddox	765	96	861	765	96	861		60	60	11	11	982	55		55	280	140	120	12	132	13	5	3	12	10	10	5	40			9	17	98	415
Troy	Geo. W. Dubois	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		115	115	20	20	2065	128		128	865	268	199	151	350	44	10	10	45		100	40	62	165	221			114	1809
Troy Circuit	J. F. Laird	600	150	750	570	150	720	30	40	40	10	9	769	45		45	115	85	68	7	75	2			5		24	1							160
Urbana: First Church	G. H. Dart	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		120	120	19	19	1649	96		96	860	225	312	89	401	10	2	2	13		7	2	109	171		10	5	10	857
Grace	E. H. Cherington	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		120	120	12	12	1632	61		61	600	75	336	64	400	10	2	2	12	3	7	2	68	108			21	10	718
Yellow Springs	B. D. Hypes	806	100	906	818	100	918	$12	60	60	10	10	988	30		30	295	125	72	38	110	4	1	1	4	1	20	1	127	64	16		32	9	429
Totals		25224	5158	30382	25126	5158	30284	98	1960	1960	350	317	32565	1165		1165	9819	8227	3448	1772	5215	298	65	62	407	48	318	672	1681	1563	1026	119	301	609	14245

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

NAME OF DISTRICTS	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies						REC'D FROM.					MISSIONS.					EDUCATION.											
	Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total
Cincinnati	38541	6604	45145	38764	6604	45368	Ex223	2390	2368	406	374	48110	1924	.....	1924	23328	5181	6513	2251	8764	927	134	125	1509	248	225	471	12199	5895	43832	123	5779	3791	85743
Dayton	29175	4566	34051	29840	4516	34356	Ex305	2529	2491	361	330	37195	1237	.....	1237	11596	4135	2858	2015	4873	533	80	62	627	236	209	160	1502	1778	2349	158	167	822	15117
Hillsboro	21610	3440	25050	21565	3440	25005	45	1740	1778	296	291	27074	1135	.....	1135	6822	3239	3512	1222	4734	376	64	56	385	74	210	161	1212	956	2136	93	2761	1646	16290
Milford	20805	2790	23595	20719	2790	23509	86	1812	1640	218	206	25355	551	13	564	5509	3201	1671	721	2392	181	38	33	242	47	175	74	765	609	1174	84	66	476	7126
Springfield	25224	5158	30382	25126	5158	30284	98	1960	1960	350	321	32565	1165	.....	1165	9819	3327	3443	1772	5215	286	65	62	407	48	318	672	1631	1563	1026	110	301	608	14245
Totals, 1903	135055	22558	158213	139014	22508	158522	Ex299	10431	10237	1631	1522	170299	6012	13	6025	57074	19083	17997	7981	25078	2303	381	338	3170	653	1137	1538	17309	10301	50517	563	9074	7343	138521
Totals, 1902	123112	21832	144944	132437	21779	154216	259	10054	9869	1608	1506	163247	5435	1112	6547	55471	21657	15737	6866	22603	4719	438	365	3127	686	1102	1107	12883	10779	15806	.....	1767	6148	56420
Increase	12543	726	13269	3577	729	4306	40	377	368	23	16	7052	577	.....	.....	1603	.....	2260	1115	3375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	431	4476	.....	34621	563	7307	1195	56420
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1099	522	.....	2574	.....	.....	.....	2416	57	27	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	478	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOP		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.						REC'D FROM.					MISSIONS.														
		Salary	House Rent.	Total.	Salary	House Rent.	Total.		Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.		Collections.	Other Sources.	Total.	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	a Church.	b S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension.	S. S. Union	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION. a Pub. Edu. Col	b Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged.	Christ's Hospital.	Grand Total.
Arcanum	C. P. Pumphrey	$700	$100	$800	$700	$100	$800		$65	$65	$9		$865	$5		$5	$200	$100	$45	$15	$60				$15		$1		$50					$34	$135
Brandt	D. A. McColm	476	60	536	440	60	500	$36	35	35	6	6	589	5		5	90	60	11		11				4	$1									24
Brighton	I. R. DeSelm	88		88	88		88		5	5	1	1	94	1		1	59	15		8	8						2								7
Catawba	J. R. Hill	750	150	900	720	150	870	30	65	65	12	12	947	30		30	280	85	75	30	105	$8	$1	$1	8	2	4	$1	42						241
Cedarville	H. C. Middleton	700	100	800	700	100	800		40	40	10	10	850	15		15	185	126	24	24	48	8	2	1	8	3	14	508						20	688
Christiansburg	O. L. Seward	600	60	660	585	60	645	15	35	35	12	8	688	6		6	120	50	15	15	30				8								9		51
Covington	G. L. Travis	450	100	550	450	100	550		25	25	11	11	586	36		36	85	107	39	29	68	8		4	8	3	8	5	58		$55	7	18	5	289
Dialton	J. L. Dalbey	650	100	750	650	100	750		50	50	10	10	810	45		45	210	80	319	18	337	8	2	1	8	2	8	1	41		41	11	17	9	586
Greenville	A. B. Austin	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		100	100	16	16	1466	17		17	700	166	85	19	104	7	1	1	37	5	8	1	106	$98	72	21	42	42	552
King's Creek	R. L. Hollingsworth	480	60	540	480	60	540		35	35	9	8	578	1		1	188	78	5	57	62	1		1	1		1								72
Mechanicsburg	O. M. Sellers	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		80	80	18	18	1196	46		46	370	422	128	97	225	10	4	3	11	3	15	5	67	78	49	10	40	58	682
Mutual	C. D. Munsey	600	75	675	600	75	675		40	40	8	5	720	16		16	215	96	79	16	95	7	1	1	5	1	12				80	2			227
New Carlisle	S. A. Keen	700	100	800	700	100	800		40	40	10	10	850	40		40	107		59	31	90	10	4	3	10	2	7		77		27		34	14	385
New Moorefield	R. S. McColm	650	100	750	650	100	750		60	60	12	8	818	7		7	200	120	47	25	72				2		8					6			103
Piqua: Grace	A. B. Spahr, ... mos A. W. Leonard, ... mos	710	300	1010	710	300	1010		40	40	18	18	1068	20		20	191	142	148	46	189	8	2	2	38	3	8	10	18	38		7		5	849
Greene Street	R. J. Wyckoff	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000		140	140	27	27	2167	90		90	245	300	475	125	600	40	5	5	55		15	58	288	221	94	12	15	33	1558
South Charleston	A. T. Cowgill	825	175	1000	825	175	1000		60	60	18	18	1078	45		45	270	300	138	42	180	2	3	5	20	2	12	5	11	7		5	5	30	329
Springfield: Central	C. L. Conger	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000		135	135	20	20	2155	120		120	880	151	220	571	791	30	5	4	32	5	5	5	215	188	216		28	46	1710
Clifton Avenue	S. W. Campbell	875	132	1007	875	132	1007		45	45	5	5	1087	5		5	280	75	6	30	36	4	1	1	5	5	3	1							65
Grace	J. L. Duckwall	650		650	650		650		30	30	8		688	22		22	100	100	26	34	60	1	1	1	1			1				1			75
High Street	J. A. Story	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200		135	135	30	20	2355	120		120	1504	110	330	100	430	25	6	5	25		11	10	177	320	100			51	1800
St. Paul	J. W. Peters	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000		135	135	30	20	2155	30		30	350	300	46	54	100	20	1	1	15		5	8	90	125	20		4	34	470
Tippecanoe City	G. P. Austin	650	150	800	650	150	800		40	40	8	8	848	33		33	175	70	21	30	51	5	2	2	5		8	1			36	4		20	174
Tremont City	A. D. Maddox	765	96	861	765	96	861		60	60	11	11	982	55		55	280	140	120	12	132	18	5	3	12	10	10	5	40			9	17	98	415
Troy	Geo. W. Dubois	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		115	115	20	20	2035	128		128	865	268	199	151	350	44	10	10	45		100	40	62	165	221			114	1309
Troy Circuit	J. F. Laird	600	150	750	570	150	720	30	40	40	10	9	769	45		45	115	85	68	7	75	2			5		24	1							160
Urbana: First Church	G. H. Dart	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		130	130	19	19	1649	96		96	800	225	312	89	401	10	2	2	18		7	2	109	171		10	5	10	857
Grace	E. H. Cherington	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		120	120	12	12	1632	61		61	600	75	336	64	400	10	2	2	12	8	7	2	68	108			21	10	718
Yellow Springs	B. D. Hypes	806	100	906	818	100	918	x 12	60	60	10	10	996	30		30	225	125	72	88	110	4	1	1	4	1	20	1	127	64	16		32	9	429
Totals		23224	5158	28382	25126	5158	30284	98	1960	1960	350	317	32565	1165		1165	9819	3227	3448	1772	5215	286	65	62	407	48	318	672	1631	1563	1026	110	301	606	14245

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Dayton	29475	4566	34051	29840	4516	34356	Ex305	2529	2491	361	330	37195	1237	.....	1237	11596	4135	2858	2015	4873	533	80	62	627	236	209	160	1502	1778	2349	158	167	822	15117
Hillsboro	21610	3440	25050	21565	3440	25005	45	1740	1778	296	291	27074	1135	.....	1135	6822	3239	3512	1222	4734	376	64	56	385	74	210	161	1212	956	2136	93	2761	1646	16290
Milford	20805	2790	23595	20719	2790	23509	86	1812	1640	218	206	25355	551	13	564	5509	3201	1671	721	2392	181	38	33	242	47	175	74	765	609	1174	84	66	476	7126
Springfield	25224	5158	30382	25126	5158	30284	98	1960	1960	350	321	32565	1165	.....	1165	9819	3327	3443	1772	5215	286	65	62	407	48	318	672	1631	1563	1026	110	301	608	14245
Totals, 1903	135655	22558	158213	139014	22508	158522	Ex299	10431	10237	1631	1522	170290	6012	13	6025	57074	19083	17907	7981	25078	2303	381	338	3170	653	1137	1538	17309	10301	50517	563	9074	7343	138521
Totals, 1902	123112	21882	144944	132437	21779	154216	259	10054	9869	1608	1506	163247	5435	1112	6547	55471	21657	15737	6866	22603	4719	438	365	3127	686	1102	1107	12833	10779	15806	.....	1767	6148	56420
Increase	12543	726	13269	3577	729	4306	40	377	368	23	16	7052	577	.....	.....	1603	.....	2260	1115	3375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	431	4476	.....	34621	563	7307	1195	56420
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1099	522	.....	2574	.....	.....	.....	2416	57	27	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	478	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of Presiding Elder and Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
BOND HILL AND PLEASANT RIDGE:		
Bond Hill,	$172	$172
Pleasant Ridge,	210	210
CAMP WASHINGTON AND RIVERSIDE:		
Riverside,	500	475
Camp Washington,	400	400
CARTHAGE AND ELMWOOD PLACE:		
Carthage,	400	400
Elmwood Place,	450	450
CLEVES AND ADDYSTON:		
Cleves,	500	500
Addyston,	400	400
LINWOOD AND MADISONVILLE:		
Linwood,	400	400
Madison Avenue,	400	400
MIAMI,	200	200
Mt. Hope,	100	92
Ebenezer,	100	73
Dent,	58	58
Shiloh,	50	35
DAYTON DISTRICT.		
CAMDEN AND SOMERVILLE:		
Camden,	$350	$330
Somerville,	250	230
CENTERVILLE AND BELLEBROOK:		
Centerville,	600	600
Bellebrook,	200	200
EBENEZER AND WOODWARD AVENUE:		
Ebenezer,	250	250
Woodward Avenue,	300	300
FAIR HAVEN,	364	413
Sugar Valley,	236	222
FORT JEFFERSON,	200	200
Hollansburg,	150	154
Jaysville,	130	105
New Madison,	70	96
GORDON,	190	190
West Baltimore,	133	133

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
DAYTON—Continued.		
West Sonora,	$67	$67
Pittsburg,	63	63
LEWISBURG,	400	408
West Alexandria,	400	400
NEW PARIS,	250	253
Gettysburg,	150	142
New Hope,	75	67
OSBORN,	390	390
Donnelsville,	190	190
Enon,	145	145
Medway,	145	145
Fairfield,	100	100
PORT UNION,	400	400
Valley Chapel,	200	200
Princeton,	100	100
RED LION AND MERRITTSTOWN:		
Merrittstown,	500	500
Red Lion,	100	100
SEVEN MILE,	450	471
Darrtown,	200	207
SPRINGBORO AND LYTLE:		
Springboro,	400	400
Lytle,	200	200
VENICE,	85	88
Okeana,	208	208
Washington,	186	166
New Haven,	135	140
New Baltimore,	115	115
WALKER AND UNION:		
Union,	250	250
Walker,	250	250
WEST CHESTER,	250	250
Sharon,	200	200
Tylersville,	200	200
WEST ELKTON,	140	140
Pleasant Hill,	50	50
Gratis,	85	85
Simonson Chapel,	10	10
Macedonia,	75	62
WEST MILTON,	250	224
Concord,	150	150
Bethany,	75	73
Union,	75	75
Pleasant Hill,	100	55

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD DISTRICT.		
ABERDEEN,	$208	$155
Bradyville,	142	142
Ebenezer,	138	138
Fitch's Chapel,	112	105
AMELIA,	425	425
Pleasant Hill,	145	145
Union Chapel,	80	80
BETHEL,	331	331
Lakin,	97	91
Old Bethel,	96	91
Clermont,	56	39
Mt. Olive,	40	40
CENTENARY,	82	68
Pleasant Hill,	116	116
Perintown,	82	82
Mt. Zion,	82	82
Mt. Olive,	63	57
Concord,	95	95
CHILO,	188	188
Cedron,	116	116
McKendree,	78	78
Smith's Landing,	60	50
Higginsport,	58	48
DECATUR,	174	174
Eckmansville,	68	68
Fairview,	68	63
North Liberty,	138	124
Russellville,	152	146
FEESBURG,	52	33
Hamersburg,	188	91
Eden,	237	238
Pisgah,	73	75
Zion,	50	31
FELICITY,	475	475
Point Isabel,	125	125
GEORGETOWN,	500	500
Free Soil,	115	115
Hillman	85	85
Olive Chapel,	.....	85
GOSHEN,	410	410
Pleasant Plains,	110	110
Charleston,	80	80
LAUREL,	208	208
Mt. Pisgah,	158	158
Spring Grove,	122	122
Franklin,	112	112
MAINEVILLE,	450	450
Zoar,	150	150
MANCHESTER,	431	431
Bentonville,	143	98
Quinn Chapel,	47	29
MARATHON,	166	166
Burdsall,	116	116
Taylor's,	65	65

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Fayetteville,	$67	$67
Greenberry,	86	86
MASON,	600	600
Union,	165	165
Socialville,	135	135
MONTGOMERY,	92	97
Brecon,	.....	92
Branch Hill,	.....	102
Maineville,	.....	82
Rossmoyne,	52	60
MOSCOW,	202	202
Calvary,	200	200
Point Pleasant,	151	151
Neville,	123	123
MT. WASHINGTON,	300	338
California,	165	165
Salem,	75	89
NEWTOWN,	163	163
Armstrong Chapel,	163	165
Madeira,	100	100
Camp Dennison,	100	101
OWENSVILLE,	180	180
Maple Grove,	70	70
Newtonville,	155	155
Belfast,	145	145
SUMMERSIDE,	200	200
Olive Branch	170	170
Asbury,	170	170
Withamsville,	60	60
SOUTH LEBANON,	325	325
Shiloh,	125	125
Roachester,	50	50
WEST UNION,	462	462
Liberty Chapel,	150	150
Stone Chapel,	88	88
WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT:		
Clover,	120	120
Afton,	120	125
Salem,	105	105
Concord,	100	100
Branch Hill,	55	66
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
BELFAST,	$128	$128
Flat Run,	114	104
Folsom,	55	54
Loudon,	118	118
Louisville,	90	89
Prospect,	95	95
BOWERSVILLE,	220	220
Center,	230	230
Zion,	100	100
Haws,	100	100
DUNKINSVILLE,	141	141

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.		
Cedar Mills,	$127	$127
Union,	70	57
HIGHLAND,	375	383
Memphis,	211	223
Samantha,	164	174
LEESBURG,	450	478
East Monroe,	154	154
Olive Chapel,	146	146
LYNCHBURG,	364	364
Dunn's Chapel,	169	200
Russell's,	121	121
Dodsonville,	159	115
MARTINSVILLE,	115	115
Westboro,	140	140
Midland,	65	59
Morrisville,	140	140
Webertown,	65	48
MOWRYSTOWN,	57	47
Buford,	150	150
Brouse Chapel,	62	62
Clear Creek,	38	38
New Market,	48	48
Pike Chapel,	43	43
MT. ORAB,	255	255
Sardinia,	245	245
Shiloh,	100	75
New Hope,	50	50
NEW BURLINGTON,	252	252
Lumberton,	214	214
Sharon,	233	233
Zoar,	101	101
NEW JASPER,	551	551
Mt. Tabor,	110	110
White Chapel,	110	110
NEW VIENNA,	435	435
Auburn,	170	170
West Chapel,	145	145
PEEBLES,	392	392
Jacksonville,	136	136
Locust Grove,	87	87
RAINSBORO,	305	305
Boston,	73	73
Marshall,	162	162
New Petersburg,	110	110
SINKING SPRING,	180	180
Carmel,	153	153
Cedar Chapel,	57	57
Conaway Chapel,	38	38
Pisgah,	72	72
UNION,	245	245
Spring Valley,	245	245
Richland,	125	125
Glady,	125	125
HILLSBORO—Continued.		
Mt. Holly,	$60	$60
WAYNESVILLE,	650	620
Harveysburg,	150	180
WINCHESTER,	400	400
Seaman,	300	300
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		
BRANDT,	$130	$130
Palmer,	150	150
Pisgah,	121	121
Wayne,	75	38
CATAWBA,	490	460
Pleasant Chapel,	105	105
Nation Chapel,	220	220
CEDARVILLE,	600	600
Clifton,	100	100
CHRISTIANSBURG,	194	194
Beech Grove,	95	95
McKendree,	236	221
Wesley,	75	75
CLIFTON AVENUE,	700	700
Vienna,	175	175
DIALTON:		
Newson,	358	360
Simms,	140	140
Asbury,	137	135
Grafton,	75	75
KING'S CREEK,	350	350
Cable,	50	50
Kennard,	40	40
Local Chapel,	40	40
MUTUAL,	240	240
Union Chapel,	250	250
Treacle Creek,	105	105
Fountain Park,	55	55
NEW MOOREFIELD,	135	135
Asbury,	170	170
Fletcher,	155	155
Moorefield Chapel,	190	190
SOUTH CHARLESTON,	650	650
Selma,	175	175
TREMONT CITY,	182	182
Concord,	364	364
Terre Haute,	137	137
Westville,	178	178
TROY CIRCUIT:		
Casstown,	241	208
Bethel,	182	185
Raper,	177	177
YELLOW SPRINGS,	600	610
Emory,	125	126
Old Town,	80	82

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COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

For more than eighty-seven years the American Bible Society has been engaged in the translating, printing, and circulation of the Book of books, until to-day in over one hundred different languages and vernaculars it is being read. What a glorious record, and yet the work is scarce begun, for there are yet other tribes and peoples for whom it must be translated and to whom it must be given ere this world is brought to the feet of the Savior of men.

That the work is all important is not alone self-evident; but the testimony of every minister of the gospel in the home lands, as well as the missionary of the Cross in the foreign, is that the work is intensely imperative. And what is needed is that while the Church is slowly awakening to the fact of its position among the factors for the redemption of the world, yet there must be a larger recognition. Our people must be told more fully about its activities and its needs. It must be given its recognized place among the benevolences, and we rejoice that this is slowly but surely being accomplished in this Conference. And as an evidence of our good-will and earnest effort, we want to reaffirm the resolution of last year, to wit: "That we readopt the apportionment of recent years; viz., one-eighth as much as the apportionment for missions, and that the presiding elders be hereby requested to send this out with the other apportionments." Again: In view of the recent experiences, the society has issued a circular requesting that in every case contributors be requested to designate whether their donations shall be used for the general work of the Parent Society or for use in local work. Also that care be taken to respect the intention of donors; that is, that money intended for the general work of the American Bible Society shall reach its treasury, while money contributed for local work is used for that purpose, vouchers for both will be honored by the Conference as collections for the Bible cause. In this connection another word of caution is important. Experience within the bounds of this Conference and elsewhere emphasize the necessity of care as to the "agents" to whom American Bible Society money is paid. If in doubt in any case, correspond with the Secretaries or with the Field Agent.

We would congratulate the Field Agent, Rev. John Pearson, D. D., for his successful work the past year, and respectfully request that the presiding Bishop reappoint him to the office he now holds.

William J. Baker, *Secretary.* J. F. McColm, *Chairman.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee would report that they have examined the following accounts, and believe them to be correct: Treasurer American University, Treasurer Board of Stewards, Treasurer Publishing Com-

mittee, Conference Treasurer, Treasurer Mears Bequest; also the accounts of Treasurer of Board of Stewards in the manner of distributing of certain funds for the year 1901-1902, and Conference Treasurer.

O. D. BECKER, *Secretary.* J. D. DARLING, *Chairman.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE Church Extension Society by its past accomplishments commends itself to the liberality of Methodists everywhere, and merits the confidence and support of all our people. The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes report of progress and needs.

From 1866, when this work began, to November 1, 1902, the Board collected and disbursed $7,748,781.24. Of this the General Fund, derived chiefly from collections, bequests, personal gifts for frontier Churches ($250 each), and Mountain Fund Specials of $100 each, has aggregated $4,803,888.53. The Annuity and Loan Funds, including loans returned, amount to $2,944,892.71, making the total amount used $7,748,781.24. With this the Board aided 12,356 Churches.

Our Conference has shared in this work as follows: The collections taken in our Churches, from the beginning to November 1, 1902, the close of the last fiscal year of the Board, aggregated $71,358.85. Forty-six Churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1, 1902, by donations, $11,835, and loans, $27,300.

The part our Conference is to take, in both giving and receiving, is definitely fixed, under provisions of Discipline, by the General Committee from year to year. For the ensuing year our Conference is asked to raise by collections $6,500. Our needy Churches may, on approved applications, receive $1,200. The amount of aid granted must depend on the amount of the collections taken, and can not exceed the proportion above indicated. Interest, therefore, in our own Conference, as well as in the general cause, should inspire us to use all diligence to secure the full amount asked, and if possible go beyond it.

Christianity in Earnest, with its quarterly visits, will furnish to all who receive it the latest tidings of this work and its wants, and will also contain the Annual Report of the Board in quarterly installments.

Documents for free distribution can be secured by pastors and Church Committees on Church Extension on application to the Board of Church Extension, 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

On behalf of the Board of Church Extension, we submit the following resolutions for the action of the Conference:

1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension and the Church at large on the great success of this work in all its history, and especially on the remarkable financial success of the past year.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly increasing population and new territorial additions, still needs the work of Church Extension, and that our Methodism, by fostering and strengthening this work, will increase its own power to do the larger work demanded.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee until all people in our land shall be furnished with places for worship.

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion with care the full amount asked for Church Extension to the several districts and pastoral charges for collection, and that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, we will present this cause in all our Churches, and secure at least the amount asked in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

O. L. SEWARD, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

THE Conference Deaconess Board would respectfully report, that of the forty-four deaconesses registered one year ago three have retired from the work, Stella Crone, Margaret Flack, and Lotta Kerans.

One highly esteemed, excellent worker in the field, Carrie Walker, has died. Her sweet, gentle, faithful life ended triumphantly.

During the year the Board has licensed five deaconesses, Nettie Hothorn, Adda Day, Delina Fidler, Vanluah Jaques, Lelia Lybarger.

We recommend forty-five deaconesses for continuance in office: Mary Pauline Abbott, Effie Austin, Anna R. Bassett, Azuba Buxton, Willa Cassel, Carra Close, Caroline Dau, Adda Day, Florence Deaver, Anna Dwinell, Emma Enders, L. May Eyre, Flora Faber, Delina Fidler, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Nettie Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Ida Haer, Gertrude Holbert, Lucelia House, Emma Huston, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jaques, Amanda Longbrake, Lelia Lybarger, Mary McEwan, Olive Marshall, Sarah Martin, India Paff, Harriett Pellman, Ida Pennell, Hannah M. Pierce, Laura Jean Pierson, Alice Rodgers, Lotta Sinnet, Ella Slear, Bessie Smith, Clora Solomon, Lina Terrell, Alice Thatcher, Carrie Thompson, Margaret Veach, Lula White, Sadie Williams.

In the fourteenth Annual Report of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association we find that the work has grown in magnitude and importance. The hospital has ministered to six hundred more patients than any previous year. It has done more than $10,000 worth of free work. Numerous conversions and reclamations are reported in connection with the work of missionary deaconesses and in the hospital.

The work in the hospital requires a larger number of nurses than offer themselves as deaconesses, so that twelve young ladies have been received to be trained as professional nurses.

The receipts have been from

Churches and individuals	$12,915 12
Hospital earnings	14,283 87
Sundry other sources	4,040 76
Total	$31,189 75
Expenditures	$31,353 00

Improvements of importance are being made, which will enlarge the capacity and increase the efficiency of the hospital.

HOME FOR THE AGED.

We commend to your careful attention the excellent and encouraging report presented from the Home of the Aged, and hope that the appeals made therein will be re-enforced by you, and meet with hearty response from our people.

We concur in the request of the management for the reappointment of Dr. H. C. Weakley as President of the institution; also in the request of the management of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home for the appointment of Dr. W. A. Robinson as Corresponding Secretary.

JAMES N. GAMBLE, *Secretary.* GERVAISE ROUGHTON, *President.*

EDUCATION.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WE express our high appreciation of the beneficient work being done by our Board of Education in aiding needy students in our higher institutions of learning. This assistance is so rendered as to preserve the self-

respect and self-reliance of the beneficiary, and is therefore both worthy in purpose and commendable in spirit. We record with gratitude the fact that the Twentieth-century Movement has largely increased our educational endowments. These endowments, however, must be yet further augmented in order that our institutions may successfully meet the demands of the times. We urge every pastor to faithfully and fully present the cause of education to the people, and to secure, if possible, increased contributions to the work.

We cheerfully commend Children's-day as a means of awakening interest and conveying information touching this great cause.

We recommend the continuance of the policy of devoting the proceeds of the general educational collection to the Ohio Wesleyan University.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

1. ENROLLMENT.—The total enrollment of the university for the past year is 1,481, the largest in the history of the institution. Every county in the State, thirty-two States, and eleven foreign countries are represented in the enrollment. At the last Commencement 156 were granted degrees.

2. ENDOWMENT.—The total funds of the university in 1889 were $439,000. The total funds in its possession to-day are $1,654,123, a gain of $1,215,123. In addition to this gain actually in possession of the university there are pledges, wills, etc., reaching $600,500, making a total gain during the last fourteen years of $1,815,623. The gain of funds now in actual possession is three times as great, and the gain of funds now in possession and in prospect is four times as great as the total funds of the university in 1889.

3. INTELLECTUAL WORK.—The Ohio Wesleyan University has won four out of the seven contests of the Ohio Intercollegiate Debating League. In the contests of the Central Oratorical League the Ohio Wesleyan has won first place four times.

4. RELIGIOUS WORK.—In the country at large only nine per cent of the young men between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five years are members of the Church; in our colleges fifty-two per cent of the young men are Church members; while in the Ohio Wesleyan ninety-three per cent of the young men have Church affiliations. In that institution education means the development of the whole man. Recognizing the necessity of the denominational school, we heartily approve and commend the Ohio Wesleyan University.

We recommend the reappointment of Robert W. Burns as a Trustee of the university for another term of five years.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

The reports of our Visitors t our theological schools indicate, as heretofore, that the ability of their teaching corps and the soundness of their instruction leave nothing worthy of mention to be desired. We deplore the tendency to disregard these reports of our accredited representatives, and to listen to the misrepresentations of a sensational press or the reckless utterances of isolated individuals. Methodism is worthily served by each of these institutions. She can be better employed than in instituting invidious comparisons between them. It is incumbent upon us to yield to them the honor they deserve, and to urge our young men who are called to the ministry to avail themselves of their advantages.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

This college, founded for the purpose of offering young women facilities for a thorough collegiate education under the most favorable conditions, is successfully prosecuting the work for which it was established. Its equipment is excellent, its discipline is effective, its atmosphere is in-

vigorating, its ideals are inspiring. We commend it to all who are seeking an institution in which young womanhood may find the highest physical, mental and moral development.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

The lease entered into one year ago by the Trustees with the Hillsboro Special District Board of Education for the period of ten years for educational purposes still remains in full force. The lease requires that an insurance of at least $10,000 shall be carried on the buildings, and that they shall be kept in good repair.

We recommend the election of the following named Trustees for the ensuing year: George W. Barrere, John A. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, George W. Miller, D. M. Barrett, W. C. Duckwall, V. F. Brown, and James F. Brown, said Trustees to have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number.

We recommend the appointment of a Commission to co-operate with the Trustees, said Commission to be composed of the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, the pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, and Frank G. Mitchell.

We nominate Visitors to our educational institutions as follows:

To Ohio Wesleyan University.—C. L. Conger, M. LeSourd; alternate, M. B. Fuller.

To Drew Theological Seminary—E. H. Cherington, A. B. Leonard; alternate, C. E. Schenk.

To School of Theology, Boston University—J. A. Story, R. J. Wyckoff; alternate, S. W. Bell.

To Garrett Biblical Institute.—A. B. Austin, J. J. McCabe; alternate, G. W. Dubois.

J. A. STORY, *Chairman.*

C. M. VAN PELT, *Secretary.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE Methodists have always exercised, or attempted to exercise, jealous care of their young people. The Epworth League has won a permanent place in the Church because it trains young men and women, preparing them for usefulness in the Church and service in the world.

Because of its growing strength the League is attaining to increased usefulness. Though some of the early forms of its activity may have changed, the enthusiasm still exists, being manifest along lines of work that are in harmony with the new conditions and great needs. We rejoice in the wisdom of the leaders of these hosts of young people in rising to the emergency presented by these new conditions. By emphasizing and providing definite plans of work for systematic Bible and mission study, by the effort to promote the spirit of true benevolence through systematic giving, by training in personal evangelism, the League is promoting in no small degree the higher life of the Church.

Recognizing to the full the importance of the new movement looking toward better religious education of the child, we call attention to the great possibilities in this work open to the Junior League. We urge that wherever possible Junior Leagues be organized and carefully guarded, that these study classes be formed, and that the work of religious teaching be emphasized in all our Churches.

We would heartily commend the *Epworth Herald*, the official organ of the League, because of its high spiritual tone, lofty ideals, and evangelical spirit. Its large circulation must be most helpful in the promotion of intelli-

gence among the young people of Methodism. We pledge our earnest co-operation in extending the circulation of the *Herald*, and in enlarging the sale of the books of the Reading Course among our young people.

C. P. PUMPHREY, B. D. HYPES,
W. L. Y. DAVIS, O. M. SELLERS.

We would respectfully recommend that in the arrangement of programs for future Conferences provision may be made for a suitable evening for the presentation of the interests of the Epworth League by a proper representative or representatives of the Epworth League.

B. D. HYPES, *Chairman.*

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, founded thirty-seven years ago, has become one of the great institutions of our Church. It was founded because of the necessities of the black man after emnacipation. He was originally made an inhabitant of this country not by any volition of his own, but for the pleasure and profit of the white man. He has been made a citizen not because he rebelled, but because his master did; and now he has become an important factor in this Republic that can not be ignored, and must be trained for the best citizenship and saved for God.

The Society found soon after undertaking this work that not only the colored man, but the poor white man as well, must be embraced within its beneficent aims. It stands for the intellectual, moral, and spiritual help of every seventh person in our Nation. Its field of work is among the ten millions of destitute black people and the three millions of poor white people of the South. A large per cent of these people can not read or write. Our Government put on the colored man the duty of citizenship, then abandoned him to the care of the impoverished South. Contrast this with the Nation's educational provision for the Filipinos, sending shiploads of teachers to them. No people ever stood in sorer need of sympathy and help than the South.

Our work has grown among them till the lands and buildings of the Society are valued at over $2,000,000, and there was expended during the past year over $400,000. It has trained more than two hundred thousand in its schools. It has equipped two thousand ministers and five hundred physicians. It is sending workers with gospel firebrands into Africa to make that dark continent blaze and flame with the love and light of Christ. Moses with a masterly stroke delivered two millions of slaves from bondage, then trained them for forty years till they became the greatest nation of all times. Lincoln struck the shackles from four million slaves, and was himself slain. But the Freedmen's Aid—this modern Moses—will struggle with the Freedmen in the wilderness of ignorance and sin until the desert blossoms as the rose and brings forth fruit for the ages.

As Cincincinnati is the birthplace of this Society, whose noble and efficient Secretaries reside in our midst, we hereby reaffirm our confidence in its management and success. We recommend that the $6,750 which is apportioned to our Conference be divided among the districts and charges for collection, and an effort made to secure the full amount. We call attention to the fact that the *Christian Educator* will be sent to every person giving one dollar.

D. J. STARR, *Chairman.* J. G. BLACK,
F. C. ENGLISH, *Secretary.* R. S. RUST,
J. L. DALBEY, C. W. ELLIOTT,
S. G. POLLARD, G. S. EASTON.

MISSIONS.

We rejoice in the widespread revival of interest and zeal in the cause of missions.

We believe that now, more than at any time in our history, God has laid the cause upon the conscience and heart of the Church, and that it is awakening to a sense of its responsibility and opportunity.

We record with gratitude to God the amazing success of the late Cleveland Convention, by its voluntary and munificent contribution of $336,000 to the Emergency Fund, by its permanent addition to our missionary literature in the publication of the "Open Door," and, further, by the recent issue of ten thousand copies of that book at fifty cents per copy. We believe that the increased sale of the "Open Door" would carry the impetus given by the Cleveland Convention to this cause to our utmost borders.

We approve of the decision of the Board of Managers to continue the Open Door Emergency Movement through 1903.

It is also a cause of praise to God that the income of the Society has been largely increased; but this is more than paralleled by the immense success of our workers abroad, a success so great as to be a cause of embarrassment. With a Church blessed of God in basket and store, we ought to reach one dollar per member as the minimum, and make ability to give the maximum.

We repeat our action of last year to devote one night in the midweek once a month to a missionary prayer-meeting.

We approve of the policy of the administration to send free to all persons or families subscribing one dollar or more *World-Wide Missions;* but more than one copy can not be sent to one family, and no credit can be transferred from one person to another.

It is with unfeigned pleasure we approve of the wise and efficient administration of our own Dr. A. B. Leonard, upon whom this vast responsibility rests, and pray that the God of all grace may sustain him in his labors and give direction and success to his consecrated endeavor.

JOHN WILSON, *Secretary.* H. C. MIDDLETON, *Chairman.*

PARSONAGES.

THE Church of God in Old Testament times provided well for the support of its ministry. When the pastor became aged, infirm, or worn-out, he was assigned a place in the suburbs of the city, and was to be sustained in comfort and honor in his declining years.

The teachings of the New Testament, as well as modern conditions, makes a comfortable home necessary to the highest success of the gospel minister.

Your Committee note with pleasure the fact that there are in the Cincinnati Conference one hundred and twenty-six parsonages for use of the pastors. We suggest:

1. The pastors living in these homes see to it that they are kept in good repair, neat, clean, attractive.

2. That the Quarterly Conference maintain a close oversight of this kind of property committed to their trust, asking the membership, as occasion requires, for the needed funds to either build, or repair, or furnish these homes with at least heavy furniture for the use of their pastor.

3. We urge every charge to endeavor to own such a home, and that uniformity be sought in its furnishings as far as possible.

C. H. HAINES, J. H. LEASE,
S. G. POLLARD, A. G. NEWTON,
GEORGE H. SMITH, S. STEPHAN.
R. S. MCCOLM,

PERIODICALS AND PREACHERS' ACCOUNTS.

THE Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts begs leave to submit the following report:

WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—1. The position of the denominational paper becomes more and more difficult. The problem confronting those producing it is not merely to keep within the limits set by the particular Church which it represents, without losing in breadth and catholicity of spirit; but it must compete with the perfectly equipped non-religious weekly papers. We commend the editor and publishers of the *Western* for the progress they have made toward the solution of this problem. Never in its history has the *Western* been more attractive than it is at the present time. Nor have its editorial columns ever been more rigorous, timely, or readable. We are of the opinion that our people generally do not see the value of such a paper to the progress of Methodism, or they would more generally subscribe for it.

2. We commend our pastors for their fidelity to the paper in the past, and urge them to press its claims upon the people for the sake of the people, as well as for the success of the paper. We can not, however, agree with those who assert that the circulation of the paper would be far larger than it is now, were the pastors more faithful to presenting it and soliciting for it.

3. If the publishers think it expedient, we advise that they supplement or displace the present soliciting force by paid field workers, or by adopting the circulation methods of the great non-religious weeklies.

4. We recognize the difficulty of producing a great paper with a limited capital and staff. The popular papers of the day are the joint products of many specialists. But we believe that there are many gifted Methodists in the ranks of the laity, with literary talents, whose gifts ought to be utilized to add to the attractiveness and popularity of the *Western*.

5. Realizing that one chief difficulty at present with the *Western*, as with all our Methodist weeklies, is lack of funds, we suggest that the pastors be requested to give up their commissions, and that the fund thereby secured to the publishers be used to obtain literary material. Such a move would secure no small sum for this work. Any pastor worthy of his place in the ministry of Methodism will gladly do his part for the official paper out of denominational loyalty.

6. We urge that the Publishing Agents exercise greater caution and vigilance in the advertising department of the paper.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.—Our Sunday-school literature is second to none, and should have its place in every Sunday-school.

PREACHERS' ACCOUNTS.—Concerning preachers' accounts, we recommend that the same business methods be used in dealing with these as any conservative business house employs in securing its outstanding accounts. Special extenuations in particular cases ought to be referred to a special Committee.

R. J. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*
J. ALLEN GEISSINGER, *Secretary.*
FRANK G. MITCHELL,
R. E. SMITH,
J. R. HILL,
W. H. WEHRLY.

PUBLIC MORALS.

THE Church stands for civic righteousness and individual regeneration. It is a Cunarder carrying the passengers into port, and the lifeboat rescuing the shipwrecked mariner. It is the stream that quenches the conflagration, and the fire escape for the last man. The City of the New Jerusalem has

no temple. There is need of none. Pessimism is dismissed when one compares the present with the past. Astronomers calculate the orbit and period of a planet by taking observations of it at different and distant intervals. Remember the days of Paul, Constantine, the Reformers, the Wesleys, and say not the "former days are better than these." The Christ of the Church has, to use Farrar's words: "Rescued the gladiator; freed the slave; protected the captive; nursed the sick; sheltered the orphan; elevated woman; changed pity from vice into virtue; lifted poverty from curse into beatitude; ennobled labor from vulgarity into dignity; sanctified marriage from a little more than a burdensome convention into a little less than a blessed sacrament."

Ancient Edom was Israel's most implacable and persistent foe. Partially conquered one day, the guerrilla warfare of the enemy made possible additional harassment on Judah's borders the next morning. The Edom spirit still lives. Gladiatorial combats persist in prizefights. The ancient degradation of woman is continued in modern licensed prostitution. The ruthless destructon of children in days of Rome's cruelty obtains in spirit, in child labor. The gambling mania, expressing itself in casting lots for the garments of our Lord, is multiplied in numerous ways. The Wise Man's warning against "drink" is unheeded by those who, dominated by appetite, ambition, and avarice, support the liquor-traffic. Race prejudice, once manifesting itself in slavery of a people, is noticeable still in local peonage, and the national sin and crime of lynching. The New Testament is a book of principles, not precepts. The Church has no special recipe for particular ills. Its function is to enunciate and apply our Lord's distillation of the Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and thy neighbor as thyself." It is to mold public sentiment, not reflect it. The ambassadors of God, standing in Christ's stead, are to fear no man.

We are linked to "Him who cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength."

ALBERT C. TURRELL, *Chairman.*

M. B. FULLER, *Secretary.*

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

FRATERNAL.

1. It has been very gratifying to us to have had with us at this session of our Conference our beloved brother, Rev. John W. Mason, and so many others of our superannuate brethren who are seldom able to be present. To all our superannuate brethren, and to Rev. J. E. H. Sentman, who passes to the superannuate relation after twenty-six years of effective ministry, we express our warmest affection, sincere sympathy, and blessed assurance, that God will perfect that which concerneth them and us, and that we shall meet them in the fellowship of the Church triumphant.

2. WHEREAS, The Rev. C. D. Munsey, after the labors of nearly a quarter of a century in our itinerant ranks, has found the conditions of his health such as to require him to take a superannuate relation at this session of our Conference, we hereby express our regret for the necessity of this step, and assure our beloved brother that we shall feel his loss from our work, and will pray for God's blessing in his comfort and restoration.

3. *Resolved,* That in the transfer of the Rev. George V. Morris from the Cincinnati to the Kentucky Conference we part with a brother beloved, with whom association has been most pleasant, and whose ministry in our Conference has been one of past success and future promise. In going to his new field of labor, we assure Brother Morris of our esteem and

prayers, and of a welcome whenever the leadings of Providence may point his way back to the Cincinnati Conference.

4. *Resolved,* That in the retirement of the Rev. George H. Dart, D. D., from the effective ranks, we remember with pleasure the forty-seven years of his usefulness in the ministry of our Church, the delightful fellowship we have enjoyed with him as our associate in the pastorate and in the presiding eldership; that we are glad that he is still in strength to do valuable service in the Master's vineyard, and will be glad to have his assistance in our pulpits and meetings, and will welcome him again to the effective ranks whenever he may be able to return.

5. *Resolved,* That in the passing of the Rev. Edward McHugh into the supernumerary relation at the close of forty seven years of self-sacrificing toil in the cause of temperance, social purity, freedom, and moral reforms, and in the pulpits of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we most sincerely congratulate Dr. McHugh on the noble record he has made, on the high esteem in which he is held, and that we will remember him and his family in our prayers, and do assure him of a welcome to our pulpits and homes, and of restoration to the effective relation whenever his health may permit.

6. *Resolved,* That in the passing of the Rev. H. A. M. Henderson, D. D. LL. D., into a superannuate relation after an efficient and brilliant public ministry of forty-seven years in Methodist pulpits, and as superintendent of education of the State of Kentucky, and in other public positions, we record our gratitude to God for the usefulness of Dr. Henderson's life, and assure him of our highest esteem, our warmest love, and our most sincere prayers; and that we will be glad to welcome him to our pulpits and to our homes at any time.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Resolved, 1. That as we have long looked forward to the coming of Bishop Charles H. Fowler, LL. D., to preside at our Conference, so we shall long remember that he has been with us by what he has said and done, notably his comprehensive and stirring address on the conditions of a successful ministry delivered to the class of candidates for admission to Conference membership, and his majestic, philosophic, historic, eruditic, oratoric, and prophetic address on the "Wesleyanizing of the World," delivered at our Wesley Bicentennial Anniversary, and his providential sermon Sunday morning on the "Leadership of the Holy Spirit;" and we assure Bishop Fowler that as he goes on his way to other fields of responsibility he will be accompanied with our best wishes and our prayers for long continued usefulness in his high office.

2. That it has been a great pleasure to us to have with us during our sessions our honored Conference associate, Bishop John M. Walden, LL. D., and that we are always glad to have him in our assemblies and to see him in our homes.

3. That we have been edified by the historic associations and surroundings of our Conference gatherings in this mother Church of Cincinnati Methodism; that we recall the text, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," from which Bishop Asbury preached on this site in 1808, as indicative of what the spirit of early Methodism was, and what the spirit of present-day Methodism ought to be, and what we have found it really to be in the membership of this historic congregation; that we are profoundly grateful to the officers and members of Wesley Church, and to the officers and members of the other Methodist Churches of Cincinnati and vicinity for the hospitality and opportunities afforded to the Conference and to its members and guests.

4. That to the industrious, fraternal, enterprising, and liberal-minded pastor of Wesley Chapel, the Rev. Gervaise Roughton, we are indebted for the ample care he has taken for our comfort and welfare; that we are under great obligations to our brothers ,the presiding elder, and pastors of the Cincinnati District for their mutual co-operation in making this session of our Conference both enjoyable and successful.

5. That to our Secretary, Rev. S. O. Royal, D. D.; to our Treasurer, Rev. C. W. Horn; and to our Statistician, Rev. George S. Easton, and to their assistants, we return thanks for their efficient services.

6. That to the daily papers of Cincinnati and to the *Western Christian Advocate* we return thanks for their kind and valuable services in publishing fair and accurate accounts of our proceedings.

7. To the ladies of Wesley Chapel, who have supplied our rostrum with plants and flowers; and to the Choir, who have furnished us excellent music, we return sincere thanks.

8. That to the Traction Company, who furnished us free transportation to the Methodist Home of the Aged at College Hill; and to the friends who provided for us the ample luncheon served on that beautiful spot; and to our brother, the Rev. Dr. H. C. Weakley, whose supervising care secured to us all these favors, we express our gratitude and declare our purpose to make this beautiful charity an early and lasting success.

9. To the Managers of the Glenn Industrial Home, who gave a reception to Bishop Fowler and the Conference on Saturday evening; and to the officers and societies of the Epworth Leagues of the Cincinnati District, who generously provided for us a steamboat excursion on the Ohio River, we make record of our sincere gratitude and express our high appreciation of their kindness. D. J. STARR, *Chairman.*

W. L. Y. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

AS STUDENTS and guides of public sentiment and public conduct, we record once more our judgment in regard to the lamentable and perilous habit of Sabbath desecration which is in vogue in our land. The beautiful, hospitable, and cultivated city of Cincinnati, in which we are assembled, sets a deplorable example in this respect to all the smaller cities and towns of the State, and these are not slow in following her pernicious example. Sunday excursions, ball games, open saloons, theatrical and vaudeville performances, and suburban beer gardens carry on a work of demoralization (often associated with vice and sometimes with crime) which shows no sign of diminution. In view of these facts, we urge our pastors to instruct children and young people with unusual earnestness and discernment concerning the relation of Sabbath observance to the fundamental elements of character and right living. We counsel all ministers to secure recent and standard books on the Sabbath, to saturate their minds with the literature of the subject, to study afresh the obligations, privileges, and blessings which are vitally associated with the day of rest and worship, the blessed day which recalls the resurrection of Christ, and which is called by his own sacred name as "the Lord's-day," and to preach on this subject again and again. We would also urge upon employers of labor and upon the working men and women with whom we come in contact the great fact that many of the most sacred privileges of rest and worship and religious instruction—privileges on which our institutions and our liberties are builded—are undergirded by this fundamental institution of the Sabbath. Let all our pulpits ring with such pleas, defenses, instructions, and exhortations in

this respect as are worthy of the new age in which we live, appealing to men's judgments, convictions, and consciences, in behalf of the sanctuary of our spiritual life—the Sabbath-day and its associated services.

C. W. BLODGETT,
JESSE B. YOUNG.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

THE Church is elastic—adjustable to the varying phases of progress and races. A change of Church polity is no proof of apostasy. A new departure may indicate progress. Methodism has hitched its wagon to a star. Were Asbury living he would not be jogging in a gig, but riding by rail and detouring in an automobile. Methodism helps to make the times; hence must keep up with them, even if she must saddle a stroke of lightning and ride it with spurs. Her "thoughts are widened with the process of the suns." We must measure progress by much we have left behind. Then we are "part of all that we have met," and we have met a good deal. We must imitate the pearly Nautilus, which as it grows builds a higher chamber for its more capacious form, always living at the top. We can not live on memories any more than a tree on last year's sap, or we can warm over a bank of leached ashes. Memory is a historian; hope a prophet. The living present is the gate of opportunity intervening the ivory pillars of memory and hope. Entered into the labors of the fathers, we must not rest in them. Our fathers served their generation and fell on sleep; but we are wide awake, and must not allow sleep to fall on us. Scorning the cold disdain of skepticism, we must storm the fort and scale its towers with ladders of logic. If the fight shows a weak joint in the harness, we must close the rivets up. Achilles would have escaped had he not exposed his vulnerable heel. Ours is the battle of truth—not of a hereditary creed nor of a traditionary usage. Nothing need be feared that can not be denied. We must accept facts. Every fresh scientific fact requires an interpretation of the Bible in correspondence with it. If the mountain will not come to us, we must go to the mountain. There are truths in the Bible that require an algebraic sign—X rays. Let us be careful of our minus and prodigal of + our ignorance—*ad infinitum*.

There is radium in the Bible to make archangels blink, cause seraphs to fold their wings over their eyes, and to singe the brows of the Higher Critics.

The Church must broaden her dome and open all her windows of agate to the light of truth. We should be as jealous for a truth of nature as for a truth of the Bible. Nature and Revelation are the twin lenses of a stereoscope, and with a right parallax the twain blend in harmony of view.

The state of the Church is an inquiring one. Jesus Christ is the Great Disturber of time. He came to send a sword. Science may seek to discrown him, but it can not disown him. The battle on is to fix his place in the scale of being. The pre-eminent lesson of science is faith in the invisible and intangible. Scientific inquiry is helping the Bible to supremacy as an authority. Truth seekers are gospel helpers. Theology must expand. It is the historical office of the Church to take on, with each age, a new metamorphosis. She must discern the right image of her Creator behind all the prismatic refractions through which we receive it, and which change its complexion. The sacred person of Christ is the center of his system—the cross its outer sign. The Church must reconquer its apostolic integrity and reclothe itself with the garments of salvation. A sacred club can not substitute the spiritual organism—the institutional, the sacramental. Every communicant must be made to feel that he is a "member in particular" of the body of Christ. If the Church is to make conquest of materialism, it

must absorb it. The age demands a theology that will yield a deeper expose of the heart of Christ. John rather than the Synoptics must be read into the soul of the Church. The splendor he shoots through humanity must be displayed. The King in his beauty must charm men into loyalty to his scepter. We must show the awfulness of Sinai by countering it with the Cross of Calvary. The way in which a loadstone draws an armature to itself and glues it to the poles of the magnet is not perceptible. Neither is the energy of the Cross, but it is the power by which Christ draws men unto himself. We are not called upon to explain, but to publish the atonement. We are but the towers from which God starts the wireless telegraphy, by which God transmits his messages.

The Church is in a state of intense activity in promoting education and benevolence. It is the age of applied Christianity. Jesus built no hospices, but he inspired the parable of the Good Samaritan—the Orphean harp of the gospel, which molds and moves stones from quarries to walls. He righted the principles that right men. The Church is doing greater works than its Founder did, but only as it applies his teachings. The Church is making Christ ideals real by action. It is the Christ of history that is making the history of Christ. Deed blessings rather than ebullient emotion are enriching the Christian heart.

This is the age of the consecration of children and youth, and of the emancipation and enthronement of woman.

The gospel ensphered women in the sun of progress, put the burnt-out moon of cruel traditions beneath her feet, and crowned her brow with a constellation of stars.

Woman introduced to the home and ear of the pagan mother, quickened the mission movement. A pious seed is being raised up to take the place of adults encrusted in the amber of superstition, converts are flocking like doves to the windows, and the time draws nigh when a nation shall be born to God in a day.

War is parking its artillery. Erelong international tribunals will arbitrate the quarrels of nations, and peace will reign. The Church must read the riot act to monarchs and mobs. The Golden Rule—the Magna Charta of the gospel—will become the constitution of society, and sin and sindicates will go down before its equities. Amid such activities and achievements how paltry the dogmatism and procrustian narrowness that have rent the unity of the Church!

Who can afford to arrest progress by idle inquiries as to where Cain got his wife and Samson trapped his foxes? Nor should we be ruddered from the gulf stream into the eddies and caves by excessive stress on "meats and herbs" and the tithing of anise, mint, and cummin. We must not take to the progmatic drawing of lines to the neglect of lives. Right the heart, and the conduct will take care of itself. The constraints of the gospel exceed the restraints of the law. Christian liberty will not brook too much legalism. We can not bale out darkness. Let in the light, and night and its shadows will flee away. The new heart is the philosopher's stone that turns everything into gold. The gospel that saved the first must save the twentieth century. The Sermon on the Mount was the baccalaureate of the world's graduation in philosophy. It must be repeated on the heights of modern civilization. The Lord's Prayer needs no recission. The Parable of the Good Samaritan is the prolific Architect of Benevolence. The Parable of the Prodigal Son discloses the heart of God toward his wayward children, and is the gospel in epitome. "The old, old story" must be retold. The cross must be exalted.

We would fain believe that it is the purpose of the Church of the twentieth century to reutter and prolong the confession of Paul: "I determined to know nothing among you but Jesus and him crucified."

Resolved, That we approve of the Ohio Federation of Churches and Christian Workers, of which President J. W. Bashford, D. D., is the

president, and appoint Bishop J. M. Walden, John A. Story, C. W. Horn, and S. W. Bell the delegates of the Cincinnati Conference to the State Convention of the Association.

HOWARD HENDERSON, *Secretary.* J. T. BAIL, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

OUR Sunday-school literature is unsurpassed. Its price is always reasonable. Compared with the same class of publications issued by other houses, our prices are, on the average, lower than any other. But even if this were not so, we should patronize our own Sunday-school literature. As well send our young men preparing for the ministry to some nondescript theological seminary, as to supply our Sunday-schools with literature from some irresponsible publisher. Dr. Neely and his associates have done remarkably good work for the Sunday-school periodicals of the Church.

THOMAS P. WALTER, *Secretary.* JOHN PEARSON, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

THE Church of Jesus Christ is God's chosen champion against the liquor traffic. The two institutions are at moral antipodes. If the Church represents concretely the kingdom of God, the liquor institution stands no less faithfully for the kingdom of Satan. If the trend of the former's influences is heavenward, the grim goal of the latter's is no less surely in perdition. We can not be true to our holy God and mitigate our hostility one whit. We can not expect the Divine benediction upon any of our labors if we pursue a policy of craven neutrality or comfortable indifference or diplomatic delay in this conflict. Indulgence is atrocious, tolerance is criminal, silence and inertia are sheer apostasy to our mission and our Commander. God sends us to the speedy and absolute annihilation of this monster.

The liquor power, alarmed by the widespread activity and success of its enemies, is undertaking a more determined propaganda of conquest and defense than ever before. Its efforts are stealthy, united, untiring, and diabolical. It circulates literature by the ton, suborns the press, debauches the ballot, bribes, intimidates, flatters the authorities with unlimited effrontery. There is no bound to its viperish cunning in procuring patrons, and no limit to its insolent hatred against its arch-enemy, the Church. In view of which, be it

Resolved, 1. We recognize the pre-eminent importance of spiritual dynamics in this colossal warfare. Our agitation must be under the hand of God. Our strategy must proceed from his omniscient wisdom. We must wield the sword of the Spirit. Prayer and faith and holy vision and living consecration must be our preparation for this huge struggle.

2. No one means of practical effort will suffice. Our tactics must be varied to meet the multiplied devices and horrors of this great conspiracy. Our campaign must be one of education, prevention, rescue, substitution, legislation. all looking to the utter prohibition of the entire traffic and the everlasting extinction of its abominations.

3. We commend with sincere enthusiasm the work of the various organizations aiming at the downfall of the liquor-traffic. We are cordially appreciative of the splendid and faithful work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in its various departments, and we welcome its delegates to this city for their National Convention in November. We mention with special praise the National and State Anti-Saloon Leagues. We commend

the prohibitory features of the Beal Law, and rejoice that since it went into effect 214 municipalities of the State have voted for local option under its provisions, and 135 of these are now without saloons. Seventy-six voted "wet;" with 3 the vote was a tie. Twenty of the 135 "dry" towns are within the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference. About a dozen townships of the Conference have voted "dry" within the past twelve months. Rev. E. J. Moore has traveled within our bounds during the year nearly fourteen thousand miles in the interests of the League, and Rev. F. M. Clemans has done valiant service. We heartily sanction these brethren and their work.

The next step in the prohibition fight is ward local option. Our next General Assembly will be asked to pass such a law, and enable the residence sections of our large cities to drive the saloons from their vicinities.

We also indorse the Hepburn Bill that is to come again before Congress at its next session, and we urge our people to use all possible influence by petition and otherwise to secure the passing of this measure, which will so amend interstate commerce legislation as to entirely prohibit the transportation of intoxicants into prohibition territory, whether State or local.

We demand that the present Anti-Canteen Law be continued on the statute books, and be rigidly enforced.

We will encourage and assist the pledge-signing crusade being undertaken by the State Anti-Saloon League, and we urge our Sunday-schools to secure the signature of every scholar to the total abstinence pledge during the coming year.

4. We urge the expending as promptly as is feasible of the money appropriated by Congress for the benefit of the United States army posts, that the soldiers may be provided with places of recreation free from the associations of the liquor saloon.

5. We earnestly condemn the proposed policy of making the United States Government a participant in the sale of opium in the Philippine Islands, and declare that the method of treatment should be prohibition, rather than taxation and regulation.

6. We insist on the carrying out of the laws respecting the teaching of temperance in the schools.

7. We concur in recommending the observance of the fourth Sunday in November as Temperance Sunday.

8. We heartily indorse and adopt the memorial to the General Conference adopted by the Rock River Conference, and proposed to us for action by that body:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is dangerous to public safety and public morals. (See Beer Co. vs. Massachusetts et. al., 97, U. S. 32.)

WHEREAS, The aforesaid traffic has been prohibited in the naval and military reservations and in the Capitol Building at Washington, D. C.;

Therefore, We, the members of the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, respectfully request you to memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States of America to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in the Territories, Islands, District of Columbia, and all other places where the Federal Government has police control, to the end that the Legislative and Executive Departments may be in harmony with the Supreme Court.

Our motto is: "No Saloons under the Flag."

S. A. KEEN, *Secretary.* W. A. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

VI.

Miscellany.

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME

Has for twelve years carried on a many-sided missionary work, and still has its headquarters at No. 641 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, with its mission at Fifth and Front Streets. The seven workers who gave all of their time to the interests of the work last year were: Mrs. A. M. Given, Superintendent, and Miss F. A. Gunn, Missionaries; Miss A. R. Bassett and Miss M. P. Abbott, Deaconesses; Miss E. W. Wolfer, Miss Bertha Zur Muehler, and Miss Ella Lingenfelter, succeeded by Miss E. L. Roetken, Kindergartners, while sixteen special teachers and helpers assisted in the various lines of work. Our Home and Boarding Department accommodated last year one hundred and twenty-five girls; these came from all parts of our own land, and a few from foreign countries.

One hundred and thirty-five names were enrolled in our three Kindergartens. Sunday-school, Prayer meeting, a Boys' Gymnastic Club, Girls' Physical Culture Classes, Kitchengardens, Evening Cooking Classes, Sewing Classes, Dressmaking Classes, Evening Sewing Classes, Choral Classes, Classes in Basket Weaving, Temperance Meetings, Mothers' Meetings, were all held regularly.

No department of our work has met with greater success than the missionary, in which we try to give to all the women and children an opportunity to know the blessedness of service for the Master. There are two Glenn Home Auxiliaries Woman's Home Missionary Societies, besides the Cheerful Workers' Circle and the Band and two hundred and eighteen Jewels. Scores of people have been converted through the influence of this Home.

Five thousand six hundred and three visits were made last year by Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Kindergarten teachers.

Social entertainments were given from time to time, and a Literary Circle met weekly.

Cash, flowers, and supplies of all kinds have been generously sent in, and the Glenn Home Board wishes to thank our kind friends and the various organizations that have aided our work, and most earnestly solicit their further co-operation.

Most respectfully in behalf of the Board.

EDITH B. GIBBS JONES, *Chairman.*

CINCINNATI MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Missionary Society has managed the affairs of the Society during the past year with a conservative zeal that has brought about very satisfactory results.

The finances never were in better shape. The current expenses have been paid without deficit, and the general indebtedness has been greatly reduced through the Twentieth century Thank-offering.

The Neave Street Mission has shown its strength by raising up to date $1,800 towards a new church building. The Society has purchased a corner lot. Building will be commenced within the month.

The new work of the Society for the year was located in Shantytown—a group of filthy house-boats in all stages of decrepitude—located in and on the banks of the Ohio River and Mill Creek. The state of the people, both moral and physical, was such as extreme poverty alone can produce. A large boat (16x20) was purchased. The work was conducted by a layman and deaconess, as a branch of Freeman Avenue.

The work among the Italians has been crippled by the removal of Rev. G. B. Castellini to Montreal.

The campaign of the Gospel Wagon will close September 11th. It has been conducted by the Rev. H. G. Scudday. A hundred meetings have been held. Three hundred made requests for prayer. One hundred and nineteen professed conversion. Forty-two joined Church. A conservative estimate would indicate that 25,000 people had come under the influence of the gospel through this medium.

The statistical report from the missions is as follows:

MISSIONS.	MEMBERSHIP, Full.	MEMBERSHIP, Probationary.	Sunday-school Average.	Conversions.	IN CHARGE OF
McMicken Avenue,	90	70	94	54	T. S. King.
Freeman Avenue,	51	71	156	186	I. D. Jones.
Shantytown,	5	12	29	.....	R. S. Hayes, H. Jaque.
Neave Street,	69	18	82	26	W. H. Gilson.
Italian,	10	1	12	.....	G. B. Castellini.
Total,	225	172	373	166	

The experience of the year is full of encouragement for the future.

Respectfully, J. R. CLARK, *Superintendent.*

August 31, 1903.

JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

Report of the Trustees for the year ending August 31, 1903.

PRINCIPAL of the funds invested by the trustees		$7,750 00
Accrued interest on hand in bank, but bearing interest		267 49
DISBURSEMENTS DURING YEAR:		
August 31, 1902. Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher on file	$50 00	
Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher on file	50 00	
Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher on file	100 00	
Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society, per voucher on file	100 00	
Safety deposit box in Central Trust and Safe Deposit Company	5 00	
Making total disbursements during year		$305 00

We certify that the above is a true statement of the account for the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. BOYD,
W. A. ROBINSON,
JOHN PEARSON,
Trustees of the John Mears Bequest.

1903

LAKESIDE.

YOUR Trustees of the Lakeside Camp-meeting Association respectfully report that Lakeside's first year under the new auspices has closed, and that it was in all directions a success. The attendance was large, the platform, during the Chautauqua meetings, was well sustained; the Camp-meetings, English and German, were spiritual and profitable, and the financial outcome was very encouraging. To come finally into possession of the property and to make imperative repairs that for several years had been greatly neglected made a heavy outlay, but the plans of the Trustees are looking toward a liquidation of all debts in a comparatively short time. This beautiful and popular Christian summer resort and camp-meeting grounds is an honor to the Church, is greatly needed, and we confidently hope it will now, under the direct ownership of our Conferences, be a greater power for good than it has ever been.

To fill vacancies in the Board (by expiration of term), we recommend the appointment of Charles L. Conger, minister, and H. C. Hopkins, layman.

Respectfully submitted.

B. R. COWEN, *Vice-President.* W. A. ROBINSON,
JOHN PEARSON, H. C. HOPKINS.

OUTLINE OF THE REPORT

Of the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Trustees.

ASSETS.

Shares of Stock:		
P. P. Mast & Co.	$15,000 00	
Mast, Foos & Co.	11,900 00	
Little Miami Railroad	1,500 00	
		$28,400 00
Notes secured		11,400 00
Value of lot in Madisonville		70 00
Cash in Bank September 1, 1902		6,015 52
Received on Notes		2,168 00
Received for sale of land to Traction Company		50 00
		$48,103 52
Received from interest		$1,609 25
Disbursed:		
Expenses	$35 37	
Paid Board of Stewards	1,573 88	
		$1,609 25

J. P. PORTER, *Secretary.* J. T. BAIL, *Treasurer.*

Your Auditing Committee respectfully reports that it made a thorough and careful examination of the books and accounts of J. T. Bail, late Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Annual Conference; also examined all notes with their securities, all items of stock. The Committee finds there is on deposit in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati, the sum of $1,133.52, representing the cash balance at this date.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. WEAKLEY,
J. P. PORTER.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

WE the Board of Stewards of the Cincinnati Conference heartily indorse the plans for "The Benefit of Conference Claimants," submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and referred to us by this Conference, and recommend them for favorable action.

SIGNED BY STEWARDS.

"GIFTS OF TRUST."

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church will hereafter accept, *in trust*, and administer (subject to the provisions of the Discipline of said Church, and the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this Corporation), gifts of money, or other property, upon the condition or conditions set forth in any one of the following plans, respectively:

FIRST PLAN.—PRINCIPAL IRREDUCIBLE.

FOR BENEFIT OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Condition: That the net income derived from the gift shall be annually paid to such Annual Conference or Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church as the donor may have directed at the time of making the gift; or, in the absence of such direction, then to all the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for distribution to the Conference Claimants thereof, according to the Discipline of said Church.

SECOND PLAN.—PRINCIPAL IRREDUCIBLE.

FOR BENEFIT OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS, AFTER LIFE ESTATE.

Conditions: (1) That the net income derived from the gift shall be annually paid to the donor, during the term of his natural life.

(2) That after the death of the donor, the net income derived from the gift shall be annually paid to such Annual Conference or Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church as the donor may have directed at the time of making the gift; or, in the absence of such direction, then to all the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for distribution to the Conference Claimants thereof, according to the Discipline of said Church.

THIRD PLAN.—PRINCIPAL REDUCIBLE.

FOR BENEFIT OF SPECIFIC BENEVOLENT OBJECTS, AFTER LIFE ESTATE.

Conditions: (1) That the donor thereof, or other person or persons designated by him, shall be entitled to receive, during life, or for a fixed term, a specified annuity therefrom, such annuity to be paid out of the net income from the gift, if that be sufficient for the purpose; but in each and every year in which such income shall be insufficient for that purpose, the deficiency shall be paid out of, and deducted from, the principal of the gift.

(2) That after the death of the annuitant or annuitants, the remainder of the gift, if any there be, shall be a fund the net income from which shall be used for such specified benevolent object as the donor may have directed at the time of making the gift, the same not being contrary to the provisions of the Discipline; but if the donor shall have given no such specific direction, then such remainder shall be appropriated to the "Permanent Fund" described in Paragraphs Nos. 325, 328, 329, and 330 of the Discipline of said Church for the year 1900.

(3) That if in the course of administration the principal of any gift accepted under this third plan should become exhausted, then this Corporation shall not be under obligations to make any further payment whatever on account thereof.

Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
JOHN M. WALDEN, *President.*
JOHN PEARSON, *Secretary.*

Correspondence relating to this matter should be addressed to
GEORGE B. JOHNSON, *Treasurer,*
Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

RESOURCES:		
Real Estate	$24,692 24	
Bills receivable	23,968 90	
Cash on hand	914 24	
		$49,575 38
LIABILITIES:		
Capital account	$46,913 82	
Income account	1,571 56	
Annuity account	1,000 00	
Bills payable	90 00	
		$49,575 38
RECEIPTS:		
Cash on hand, September 1, 1902	$1,840 12	
Rents	646 96	
Interest	1,080 67	
Donations	25 00	
Membership fees	116 60	
Loans paid	1,540 00	
Insurance	6 00	
Sale of real estate	2,807 76	
		$8,063 11
EXPENDITURES:		
Donations	$592 00	
Expenses	425 59	
Loans on Notes	6,056 28	
Interest on Annuity	75 00	
Cash on hand	914 24	
		$8,063 11
ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT:		
Taxes and repairs	$341 79	
Printing new Constitution	17 85	
Rent of Box in Safe Deposit Company	7 00	
Committee work:		
D. L. Aultman $5 10		
M. E. Ketcham 3 30		
Meetings of Board 27 55		
Expense of H. C. Weakley 12 00		
	47 95	
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H. C. WEAKLEY, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, OHIO, *September 1, 1903.*

CINCINNATI, OHIO, *September 4, 1903.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE: PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY, CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

We have very carefully and faithfully examined all the notes, deeds, and mortgages, together with letters containing inclosures, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Society, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books very carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati.

Respectfully submitted

R. E. SMITH,
J. S. PUMPHREY,
J. P. PORTER.

VII.

Historical.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800	October 6,	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1801	October 1,	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1802	October 1,	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1803	October 2,	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1804	October 2,	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1805	October 2,	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, and Richard Whatcoat,	William Burke.
1806	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1807	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1808	October 1,	Liberty Hill, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury, and W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1809	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	Francis Asbury, and W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1810	September 6,	Shelbyville, Ky.,	W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1811	October 5,	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree,	Learner Blackman.

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1812	October 1,	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree,	Charles Holliday.
1813	September 1,	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree,	David Young.
1814	September 8,	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E.,	David Young.
1815	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree,	David Young.
1816	September 3,	Louisville, Ky.,	W. McKendree, and Enoch George,	David Young.
1817	September 3,	Zanesville, O.,	W. McKendree, and R. R. Roberts,	David Young.
1818	August 7,	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, and Enoch George,	John Tevis.
1819	August 7,	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, and Enoch George,	Cornelius Springer.
1820	August 8,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1821	September 6,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, and R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1822	September 5,	Marietta, O.,	Enoch George, and W. McKendree,	Cornelius Springer.
1823	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1824	September 2,	Zanesville, O.,	W. McKendree, and R. R. Roberts, and J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825	October 12,	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George,	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826	October 4,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George,	G. R. Jones.
1828	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	G. R. Jones.
1829	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, and W. McKendree,	G. R. Jones.
1830	September 8,	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831	September 8,	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833	August 21,	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	H. O. Sheldon.
1834	August 20,	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835	August 19,	Springfield, O.,	O. J. Andrew, and J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	J. M. Trimble.
1838	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	E. Hedding, and J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.

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YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841	August 25,	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	J. M. Trimble.
1842	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1844	September 4,	Marietta, O.,	B. Waugh, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1845	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1846	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847	September 1,	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1849	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	B. Waugh, L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1850	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	E. S. Janes, T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1851	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

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1852	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856	October 1,	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865	August 30,	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866	August 29,	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867	August 28,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868	August 26,	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869	August 25,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870	August 24,	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871	August 30,	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872	August 28,	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873	August 27,	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874	August 26,	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876	August 30,	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887	August 31,	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890	August 27,	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892	August 31,	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893	August 30,	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895	August 28,	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897	September 1,	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.
1898	August 31,	Xenia, O.,	John H. Vincent,	Stanley O. Royal.
1899	August 30,	St. Paul, Dayton, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1900	August 29,	Hillsboro, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1901	September 5,	Grace, Dayton, O.,	Jas. N. FitzGerald,	Stanley O. Royal.
1902	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden,	Stanley O. Royal.
1903	September 2,	Wesley, Cint'i, O	C. H. Fowler,	Stanley O. Royal.

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Received this year:

Forty-five volumes from the library of the late Bishop D. W. Clark, presented by Mrs. Katharine Clark Mullikin.

Three copies Semi-Centennial Souvenir of Raper Church, Dayton, from Mr. Earl Bull, Mr. Peter B. Light, and from Rev. D. J. Starr.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1856.—William Young, W. Nast, J. B. Finley, J. W. Fowble, G. W. Walker, A. Brown, C. Brooks, A. Lowrey, M. Dustin. *Reserves:* J. T. Mitchell, Charles Elliott, W. Ahrens.

1860.—William Nast, W. Young, J. T. Mitchell, M. Smith, M. Marlay, G. Moody, D. Reed. *Reserves:* W. Ahrens, M. Dustin, G. C. Crum.

1864.—L. D. McCabe, W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.

1868.—A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, William Young, J. M. Walden, J. Armstrong. *Reserves:* M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.

1872.—J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves:* G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey. *Lay delegates:* Ichabod Corwin, Philip B. Swing. *Reserves:* Jacob Chambers, J. M. Phillips.

1876.—J. M. Walden, A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, G. Moody. *Reserves:* W. H. Sutherland. R. S. Rust. *Lay:* C. W. Rowland, W. R. Warnock. *Reserves:* Jacob Chambers, W. M. Meek.

1880.—J. M. Walden, W. L. Hypes, C. H. Payne, W. I. Fee. *Reserves:* S. A. Brewster, R. S. Rust. *Lay:* Edward Sargent, H. Elliott. *Reserves:* E. W. Mullikin, W. M. Meek.

1884.—J. M. Walden, A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, William Runyan. *Reserves:* R. S. Rust, L. F. Van Cleve. *Lay:* P. P. Mast, John W. Dale. *Reserves:* Thomas Brown, John C. Brooke.

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1892.—A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, John Pearson, T. H. Pearne. *Reserves:* William Runyan, H. C. Weakley. *Lay:* William W. Wilson, James N. Gamble. *Reserves:* P. P. Mast, B. R. Cowen.

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VIII.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY. Conference.	Yr.	Ord'd Bishop.	Consecrated.	REMARKS.
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778		1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766		1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769		1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788		1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1766	M. E. Ch.	1790		1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore	1802		1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York	1799		1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801		1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813		1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Philla.	1810		1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore	1809		1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816		1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1833		1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Philla.	1830		1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Philla.	1825		1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834		1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839		1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830		1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838		1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York	1843		1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 22, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832		1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841		1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838		1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837		1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Philla.	1851		1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851		1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832		1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York	1848		1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848		1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856		1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont	1857		1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843		1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837		1872	Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859		1880	Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, '03.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky	...
William Young	May 16, 1786	July 8, 1812, Ohio	26
Ralph Lotspeich	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio	32
Walter Griffith	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.	40
Samuel Baker	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.	30
Alexander Cummins	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.	36
Nathan Walker	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.	30
John Walker	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia	April 5, 1849	52
John Sale	April 4, 1769, Virginia	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.	58
Michael Ellis	May 5, 1758	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.	72
John Ulin	1792, Virginia	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.	...
Thomas F. Sargent	April 10, 1776, Maryland	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.	57
William Page	Sept. 1772, New Jersey	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio	62
Philip Gatch	March 21, 1751, Maryland	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio	83
Russel Bigelow	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.	43
William Phillips	May 7, 1797, Kentucky	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.	39
Erastus Felton	Jan. 28, 1798, New York	June 25, 1837, Ohio	39
John A. Waterman	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.	47
James W. Finley	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio	June 11, 1838, Kentucky	38
William D. Barrett	July, 19, 1797, Virginia	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio	42
Dudley Woodbridge	1814, Ohio	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.	25
Frederick B. Butler	July 22, 1803, Virginia	March 5, 1839, Ohio	36
Moses Crume	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.	73
George Fate	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.	20

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Age.
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

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Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Min. Serv.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Min. Serv.
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	 1864	63	31
B. Brownmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1838	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott.	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	56	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	J. W. Keely, . . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
N. C. Parrish, .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	L. F Van Cleve, .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	G. W. Kelley, . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
M. G. Purkiser, .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	W. E. Hines, . . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
E. House, ...	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	W. N. Williams, .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	A. U. Beall, ...	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
Samuel Brown, .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	T. S. Cowden, . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	Henry Stokes, . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Wm. H. Lawder, .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Benj. Glascock, .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	W. B. Jackson, . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
Elijah H. Field, .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	W. R. Webster, .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
Alex. Meharry, .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	I. C. Page, ...	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	Jas. Murray, . . .	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	Mighill Dustin, .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
John F. Wright, .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	W. L. Hypes, . . .	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
Wm. H. Miesse, .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	E. C. Smith, . . .	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
John Barton, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	Henry Miller, . .	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
Herman Lüders, .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	W. J. Quarry, . .	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
David Warnock, .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	Wm. Herr, ...	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
James Kendall, .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	J. L. Grover, . . .	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
George C. Crum, .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	L. D. McCabe, . .	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	Geo. T. Perry, . .	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Charles Kalbfus, .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	Silas Bennett, . .	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19	N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Willis M. Boyer, .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	Timothy Wones, .	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Asbury Lowrey, .	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
David Kemper, .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	Jas. Stephenson, .	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	F. W. Hypes, . . .	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	Patrick Carland, .	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	M. Kauffman, . .	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48	John W. Cassatt, .	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	Chas. H. Payne, .	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	Wm. B. Moler, . .	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
John C. Maddy, .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33	Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38	A. M. Griffith, . .	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49	Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	.	59
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52	James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
David Whitmer, .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41	William I. Fee, . .	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64	James P. Shultz, .	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55	David C. Vance, .	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
I. S. Peregrine, .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37	J. H. Middleton, .	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51	John F. Marlay, .	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
M. P. Gaddis, . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50	T. H. Pearne, . . .	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51	Thomas Collett, .	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43	Adam Miller, . . .	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35	Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39	M. A. Richards, .	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
William Mahon, .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21	C. W. Gullette, . .	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30	George B. Shanor,	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36	Adam Bowers, . .	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36	Wm. Runyan, . .	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
Thomas Lee, . . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40	John F. Loyd, . .	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54

Memorial Sermon.

BY REV. J. S. PUMPHREY.

"I Would Not Live Alway."

THERE is a striking view of the philosophy of life which is suggested by those very familiar words of the patriarch Job, when, in the midst of his trial, he exclaimed, "I would not live alway;" and it is the more forcible when we consider the breadth and variety of his personal experience. He knew what it was to be a very prince of affluence among men. He lived on unusually intimate terms with the Almighty, hence was a very prince of piety as well as a prince in "earthly possessions." He knew the happiness of prosperity and piety, and the joys and pleasures of domestic life. Then he passed down, down into the very depths of adversity, poverty, and suffering from loathsome disease. To this was added the torment of criticism and misinterpretation of his character and condition. While yet under the cloud of his trial, when the face of his God was hidden from him, and while he yet retained his faith and hope, saying (Job xix, 25), "I know my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though, after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God," he exclaims, "I would not live alway!" This view of life suggests that a reasonable or a limited length of life in this world is desirable; the saying, "I would not live alway," implying, I would live for a while. Human life in this world is a precious, God-bestowed gift, with which man, created in the image of God, has been endowed.

1. Man's physical life puts him into relation with this material world, giving him a knowledge of its nature, its beauties, its grandeur, and its adaptation to his comfort and enjoyment.

2. Then, life in this world affords abundant means and opportunities for the development of man's intellectual powers. Great and deep are the facts and mysteries of the world of matter, and equally great and grand are the achievements of the world of mind. By the knowledge of material things, their properties relations, and uses, we arrive at the conception of the immaterial, the moral, and the spiritual. Illustration: We teach our children abstract ideas by the use of natural objects, getting the idea of the unseen by the seen. Thus God is using our life in this world, with all its varied experience, for the culture of our intellectual faculties, in order to the higher education in the things that are unseen and yet spiritual and eternal. The capability of the mind for acquiring knowledge, its power of memory, reason, reflection, judgment, and hope, invest life with value, and make life desirable and enjoyable to beings that are yet to live forever.

3. Then here in this state of being, the human spirit may know the truth, righteousness, and God. There is life's blessedness, and happiness in *knowing*, of being *self-conscious* of some things, especially those things that are spiritual and eternal. The great apostle believed that we might "know the love of *Christ* that passeth knowledge." *Life here* and the *life beyond* are something more than mere existence. Hence, says

the disciple, looking into the marvelous face of his Lord, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." Knowing Jesus Christ, the soul may be filled with divine and holy emotions, and great and heavenly joys may sweep over it and through it, like any strain of grand music may sweep across the strings of a lyre. Here a human life may, by the love of God, become the very embodiment of all nobleness, patience, faith, hope, gentleness, purity, and Christliness—graces, the capacity for which has not been given to any other intelligences in this world, so far as we know.

John Ruskin says: "There are three material things, not only useful, but essential to life. No one knows how to live till he has got them. These are pure air, water, and earth. There are three immaterial things, not only useful, but essential to life. No one knows how to live till he has got them also; these are admiration, hope, and love."

But the apostle has given a better trinity of essentials than these, namely, "Faith, hope, and love, these three; and the greatest of these is love;" and these make life in this world glorious.

4. Then, the endearments and joys of the family and social life, which form so important a part in human society, are to be included in this invoice of the blessings of this our earthly sphere. How inexpressibly tender and intense and holy are the ties of affection that bind human hearts and lives together in this world! When I have seen grown-up sons and daughters gather about the casket of a beloved mother, and hear their tributes of praise and love to that mother, I have said, It is no longer a question of hearts that know such a love and such Christian hopes, whether life here is worth living; the blessedness of such holy affections and Christian hope, especially when sanctified by the pure religion of Jesus Christ, is worth a thousand worlds like this.

5. The present life is desirable as a period of preparation, by experience and labor, for the immortality of heaven. The primary education of a child is of value as a qualification for the next higher grade. The studies in the higher preparatory department are essential to a preparation for the college course, and the completed college course is invaluable as an equipment for the high and responsible positions of society. So the knowledge gained here, by the work and Word of God and by the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, is a preparation for the graduation into the higher realm of the spiritual and immortal. Doubtless the lives of our departed brethren are richer, stronger, and more glorious in the heavenly world now by reason of the experiences gained and the work performed in behalf of the truth and glory of Christ in their ministry here below. The prophet declared that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." I think they may look back to their earthly life with joy at the triumphs which they had won by the grace of God, by which they themselves were brought into the kingdom of God, and by which many sinners were converted and saved with an everlasting salvation.

But to live alway in this world, in its present order and with its earthly limitations and characteristics, is not desirable. There is surely a real philosophy underlying this statement of the patriarch, "I would not live alway."

(1) For this world-life is too full of burdensome care, trouble, affliction, and sorrow not to give to the soul a longing for something better, brighter, higher, and more enduring than is possible to be attained in this life. True, these experiences in this earthly sphere are perhaps not an unmixed evil, as they may serve to develop goodness and strength of character that may be abiding as eternity; but it is a relief that the time is coming when they shall have an end in human experience. Wear, decay, and give out is the history of life in this world; but life beyond

"the valley of the shadow," life on the glory side of death, life on the delectable mountains of immortality, life in the "city which hath foundations whose maker and builder is God," shall have no sorrow; for "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Even the great apostle was inspired with holy rapture at the thought of this contrast between this life of sorrow and that world of glory, saying, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." It will be glorious to behold the glory of our glorified Christ. Yet "it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." It will take the "transfiguring glory of Christ revealed in us to lift us where we can see him as he is."

(2) Then, life here is endangered by trial and temptation to evil. The history of this world is the history of one long, mighty conflict between the good and the evil, between the right and the wrong; and men must determine whether they will ally themselves with the right or the wrong. How many fail to take the right course and live the right life, and are "without God and without hope in the world!" But if we have learned to live aright, subduing the animal and developing the human and the divine, then, in that state of being beyond, there will be no temptation to evil; there will be permanency and fixedness of character in holiness and happiness forever, "For there, saith the Holy Spirit, there shall be no curse any more," and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein; "and there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie." There will be no more trial there when God says to his child, "Come, thou, enter into the joy of thy Lord." There is no more trial after that.

"In heaven above,
Where all is love,
There'll be no trial there."

(3) We have mixed associations here. There is necessarily a very close connection between the good and the bad, between the vile and the virtuous. "The tares and the wheat grow together," and sometimes it looks as though the tares would take the field. We are often cursed by our environments, hindered and made miserable by our unavoidable surroundings; but, blessed be God, the environments of the saints in heaven will be divine, the company pure, the associations will be holy: "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water." Even the Apostle Paul felt it would be better to be there than here. He said, "For to me to live is Christ," and that meant salvation, peace, joy, and usefulness in Christ; but he added, "to be with Christ is far better."

"Forever with the Lord,
Amen, so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
Till immortality."

(4) Life in this world, with all its blessings, with all its joys, with all its treasures, with all its friends dearer to our hearts than life itself, is still a place or state of tears, of sorrow, and of heartaches and anguish unutterable; but over there, on the glory side of death, "God shall wipe away *all* tears from their eyes." When God receives his child, and wipes away the tears with his own loving hand, they will never come again. The loving mother has taken her sobbing, sorrowing child in her arms, pressing him to her breast, and smoothing his brow, and brushing away his tears, and singing some lullaby of love; the smiles came back to her face and joy to the heart. But in this world of change and disappoint-

ment, those tears have come back again and again; but when our Father God wipes the tears from the face of his child in heaven, they will never return; the joy that shall chase them away shall be forever.

(5) The history of man in this life has been a history of "sin and suffering," of the fall and redemption, of human transgression and divine penalty. A certain poet speaks very forcibly of

"The coils
Of those twin serpents—sin and suffering."

For sorrow, pain, and suffering make a very large part of the experience of human life. While the atonement is active to the soul, it is suspended as to the body for the present, so that the words of the psalmist are still true, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous." But we are assured that "our Father's house, where the many mansions be," is a place of pureness, of rest, of joy, and of song of recognition of one another, and deliverance from all unhappiness.

Dr. Joseph Parker has said, "If we still think of heaven as a place of harps and harping and songs, we are quite right, the meaning being that all true life blossoms up into song; we could not complete any pillar of logic or of fact without putting upon the top of it the lily-work of music and gladness and victory. The true heaven is one of glorified earth—glorified facts as we know them; a heaven of variety and position, locality and service. Then the "redeemed of the Lord shall have come up out of tribulation, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before his throne and serve him day and night in his temple, and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters." And those fountains of waters are surely ever-flowing streams of life, of joy, of love, and of eternal activities. Lowell, in his poem to the memory of Dr. Channing, says:

"Thou art not idle in thy higher sphere;
Thy spirit bends itself to loving tasks,
And strength to perfect what it dreamed of here
Is all the crown of glory that it asks;
For sure in heaven's wide chambers there is room
For love and pity and for helpful deeds,
Else were our summons thither but a doom
To life more vain than this in clayy weeds."

In that higher sphere our brethren have entered into immortal life and eternal activities. One has said:

"The sculptor, with his Psyche's wings half hewn,
May close his eyes in weariness, and wake
To meet the white, cold clay of his ideal
Flushed into bleating life and singing down
The ways of Paradise; the husbandman
May leave the golden fruitage of his groves
Ungarnered, and upon the tree of life
Will find a richer harvest waiting him."

The *fruit* of that sermon which our Brother Runyan was just beginning to preach when the Father said, "It is enough," he will reap and rejoice in the kingdom of God.

We shall never forget a scene witnessed on the Conference floor when Rev. Henry Middleton arose to speak in reference to his taking a superannuate relation to the Conference. He told with deep feeling of his

success, and said that there five members of the Conference that were brought to Christ through his ministry. While he was speaking the five men arose from different parts of the house, and went and took him by the hand. I have thought that as Drs. Loyd, Bowers, and Runyan have been greeted in heaven by the bloodwashed souls saved through their ministry, a holy joy has thrilled their souls, which will not fade through all eternity.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." Blessed be God for the hope of living alway in the immortal, glorified state!

Dr. John Parsons, of Salem, Oregon, speaking of the ocean of God's love, says: "We embark on this ocean with the Gospel for a ship, with Christ for a Pilot, and with the Holy Spirit for a breeze, and when the voyage is over, we shall enter the river of life and go ashore in the city of God." And it is then we shall join our deceased brethren whose memories we cherish to-day. The best of all is that, in that home of the immortal, the saved of earth shall "behold" and share in the glory of the Lord Christ forever.

In a recent number of the *Christian Advocate* is quoted a passage from the memoir of Henry Acland: "Once in early days he had talked with Faraday on the probable employments of a future life, and the older man had broken an interval of silence with the triumphant outburst, 'That which I know best and anticipate most is that I shall go to be with Christ.' That's enough. Hallelujah! Amen."

Memoirs.

REV. ADAM BOWERS, D. D.

Rev. Adam Bowers was born July 24, 1841, on a farm in Champaign County, near Urbana. The part of the country over which he, as a boy, roamed and drank in the beauties of nature was known as "Pretty Prairie." We do not know how much the country life entered into the boy, but somewhere, somehow, he had a pure and chaste imagination and a style early in his ministry as ornate as an artist's home and as florid as a garden embossed with flowers. We see the basis of his religion. His parents were pioneer Methodists in the days of the camp-meeting, when revivals ran high, and the fires of devotion lit up life as prairie fires the night. Dr. Bowers was reared in a house where religion found expression, not only in the morning prayer around the family altar, but also in the class-meeting. His father was a licensed exhorter. Laymen preached in those days. May heaven send us soon another generation of laymen who can preach!—for from these men came such ministers as Dr. Bowers. He attended the country schools in his district, and soon afterward started to school in an academy under the supervision of the United Presbyterians in Urbana.

During his residence in Urbana he united with the Second Methodist Church. On June 28, 1862, he was licensed to preach, as a local preacher, in the Quarterly Conference presided over by Rev. David Warnock, who was Presiding Elder of the Urbana District.

Some influence led him to a college in Springfield. During a revival in one of the Churches he became deeply convicted of sin, and, after some hard battles with self in a quiet, secluded place, he gave his heart to God. That surrender, that vow was never repealed or broken. Henceforth God would have a patient, determined, self-surrendered man.

We are sorry that we have no biographical data that give us vivid pictures of those formative years of young manhood, but the finished life is sufficient to convince us that in school he must have studied hard and thought seriously and intensely on life and its grave problems. He laid the foundation deep, and, though his early life, like the foundation of a house, is buried in obscurity, the superstructure is in view, and it is complete and beautiful. In 1865, Dr. Bowers took three important steps. He was then twenty-four years old. Young, now to us, to enter upon life's work, but his mind matured rapidly, and the times were demanding men. In this year he entered the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Church, joined the Cincinnati Conference on trial, and was ordained deacon. Thus he found his orbit, and henceforth he can be seen on his undeviating course in the path of God.

In 1867 he was received in full connection with the Conference, and was also received into the empire of a woman's love and devotion, which was to last in its noble rule for thirty-five years. This woman, who guarded and cared for and inspired his life, was Miss Virginia E. Reiley. They were married June 11th, of this same year 1867. After their marriage the Conference sent Dr. Bowers to labor on the Port Union Circuit. They remained but one year here, and were sent on to old Mears Chapel. In 1869, Dr. Bowers was ordained elder, and sent to Winton Place, Cincinnati

District. Next year we find him at Dayton in old Sears Street Church, now St. Paul's. During the year of 1872-75, Dr. Bowers was pastor of East Pearl Street, Cincinnati; then on to Asbury. At both of these places God blessed his ministry with a great revival.

In 1878-81 we find him at Madisonville, where he had another revival; then on to Lockland-Wyoming, in 1881-83.

In the fall of 1883, Dr. Bowers was sent to Greene Street, Piqua, and here he had a great revival. Many workers in the Church to-day testify to the effectiveness of his ministry. He remained with us until 1886, when he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, where he served his term of six years. He gave his life to God, spent his strength unstintedly for God, broke the alabaster box of life's energy, and called it no waste.

In the fall of 1892 he was sent to Lockland, but he was through. He made one determined effort to call back his vital life to support him in his work; but the call met no response. The sacrifice was consumed. God was satisfied.

Dr. Bowers came to Piqua to live among us as our help and our care. Loving hands built him a home, and love beautified it, and love administered to this servant of God until his sacred dust was laid beside his sleeping wife. Hands of love will keep the flowers fresh and the grass green till the evening hour and after.

Such is the brief sketch of the life of a man whose fullness was spent before I knew him, but whom I learned to love for what he had been and what he was.

About Dr. Bowers as a man and a preacher I would love to say much. But it is all said, and the record must be read in the thousands of lives he touched to make better. I can give but an outline of the man's personality and his characteristics. In the first place, the secret of Dr. Bowers's power as a preacher lay in the man himself and his talents. He was born with a steady brain. Nature touched him with her hand, and aroused in him a sense of the beautiful. He was also gifted with a chaste and heightened imagination. The sense of the beautiful and a keen, lively imagination explains the poetic element in his early preaching and his ornate style. Those who heard him in his early ministry say he roamed the world and took his illustrations from forest, stream, mountains, fields, and much he learned from the heart of man. Nature and man he made tribute to his sermonic power.

In the second place, Dr. Bowers was a man of God. He brought all he had to God, and God used all he brought. Self-surrender to the reasonable call of his Master explains all the rest. He, all through his ministry, was a very careful student. His sermons were products of deep and prolonged thought. They were his best. Why not? He was God's man. He was God's prophet, God's messenger. One to speak as God wants must think. Dr. Bowers was a hater of cant, shams, the false in life. So was Christ. To the people who had reduced religion to ceremony and form, Dr. Bowers brought his keenest shaft, and one heard the twang of his bow as his arrow, tipped with the flame of his passion, went home. His preaching covered a wide range. God gave his message to a versatile man.

In life and in his preaching he was a fearless, uncompromising man. He saw no middle ground. A thing was right, or it was wrong. He had little patience with men who juggled great questions in hands of expediency.

With all these he had revival power. The secret of this was his personal knowledge of Christ. He knew, and his knowledge of Christ was so sweet and satisfying that he wanted others to know. Then there was in his preaching a note so seldom heard now. It was the appeal at the end. No wonder great revivals followed him all through the bounds of this Conference. But with all his fearlessness, courage, intensity, and conviction, he was a gentle man. The poor loved him because they felt him nestling close to their life of want. But even this quality of his life can be ex-

plained. He loved Christ, and saw in the poor the Christ to whom it became his privilege to minister.

Finally, he was an ideal husband. I touch here upon scenes too sacred for the world. But he was to her whom he loved all and more than is contained in the marriage vow.

He is gone. On the 12th of October, 1902, he went so gently, his exit was like the withdrawing of a gentle visitor. Sunday morning's sun came to wake tired eyes to worship. His had been awake. He was scanning the sky-line that edges on to the invisible world, for the coming of the Son of God. Just as the morning sun came creeping through his shuttered window, with its bars of light Christ came, and the hand that for days had lain helpless was raised to greet him. "Hail! Come, Lord, and take me," broke from dying lips. Christ had come. Together they walked back to God.

R. J. W.

REV. WM. RUNYAN, D. D.

It is not a dirge, but a pean that we should be singing; for while the fathers are being gathered home, what a host of "sons in the gospel" are crowding forward, so that there is no breach in the ranks!

There are a few names which have answered to roll-call in the Cincinnati Conference which seem to take rank together and shine forth in one constellation. Call the roll: William I. Ellsworth, William L. Hypes, William I. Fee, William Runyan!—men noted for their spirituality, men who set the Lord always before their face because he was at their right hand. How strange it will seem to have the name of William Runyan called, and he not there to answer to it! But he will not answer to it because it has been called and he has answered, "Here am I, and the children whom thou hast given me!" When it was said in that home at Darby Plain, Ohio, nearly seventy years ago, November 28, 1834, "A man child is born," we know that, true to the mother instinct, when the child was christened "William Runyan," she who bore him must have said, with the mother of us all, "I have gotten a man from the Lord!" And yet even she, in her maternal hopefulness, can scarcely have dreamed that he would become the man of God into which, by grace Divine, he was destined to grow; nor, at the age of seventeen, when he heard a voice saying, "Seek ye my face," and his heart answered, "Thy face, Lord, I will seek," could he have suspected that there was such honor in store for him as that with which God crowned him when "he accounted him worthy putting him in the ministry." "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter," but when his own time comes, what glory there is in the disclosures which he makes, and which he will be making for ever and ever!

William grew up on a farm, and in the manifold toils of such a life developed the sturdy physique which was to enable him to do such yeoman service in the vineyard of the Master. After that glad day of his conversion, what meditations of God must have rejoiced his soul as he followed the plow, and what a thrill and a trill of joy must have often trembled in his voice as he joined in the songs of the reapers, all unconscious of the fact that this was but a shadow of the time when he "would come rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" from the great harvest field of humanity! We have not the data at hand, but we are sure that in "the hidden man of the heart," "that inner man" which the apostle prays may be strengthened with might, very soon after his conversion there must have been awakened that mysterious, clairvoyant impression of the Holy Spirit which made him feel and feel until that feeling matured into a conviction that he was called of God to preach the gospel. He may have been full of plans of his own for a future, brilliant with the promise of worldly honors which his san-

guine temperament assured him would come; and this call may have constrained a readjustment of all his plans; but, however the battle may have raged, it was fought and won, and William Runyan entered the ranks of the redeeming agencies of our Lord Jesus Christ; and what multitudes of souls who have already greeted him in glory, and what other multitudes who are following after, will bless God forever that he did enter and become to them the evangel which led them to the foot of the cross! The call to preach meant a call to get ready to preach, and to this end he gave himself to a course of training which would enable him to have himself and his material well in hand as he entered into the great honor and the grave responsibility of the pastorate.

Not least in the way of preparation for his success in the ministry was his marriage, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, December 4, 1855, to Elizabeth Cox, who has proven such a noble second and inspiration to her husband during all their itinerant life. Yes, at Yellow Springs the Methodist Home for the Aged was dissolved into smoke and ashes on the same day that our revered brother "ceased at once to labor and to live," thus dissolving that union which was to be "until death do you part." But yonder smoldering ruin will not reappear; but this, ah! he who has vacated it and left it to be resolved into its native elements had learned to say, "I know that if this earthly tabernacle were dissolved I have a house of God, a building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." No home that is builded in God is ever finally destroyed. It belongs to that class of indestructible entities comprehended in the apostle's words, "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord." When, in 1863, at Xenia, Bishop Baker put to our brother those questions which every Methodist preacher must answer who is a candidate for admission to the "traveling connection," we know with what trembling and yearning of heart he must have answered them; and when, at Troy, in 1865, Bishop Clark admitted him to full membership, we Methodists know that it could only have been after a rigid test of his powers and possibilities and a manifestation of his "gifts, grace, and usefulness." And from that time on, what a career of ever-increasing success has justified the action which admitted him! We follow him with ever-kindling enthusiasm through the successive appointments and ecclesiastical honors, which came to him: First at Laurel, '63, '64; then at Williamsburg, '65, '66; then Goshen, '67, '68; and Milford, '69, '70.

He was for many years the superintendent of the Cincinnati Camp-meeting Association at Epworth Heights, and at the time of his death was president of the Board of Trustees. He gave much of his time and energy to the welfare of the association. Last summer Dr. Runyan spent several months in his cottage at Epworth, and served his district from that point.

No wonder that, returning after so many years to the associations of these charges within the bounds of his district, he should have evinced, in his report at the last Conference, the feeling that he had gone back to his first love; that, amid the scenes of his youth, he had been again aglow with its romance, and that he concludes his admirable report by saying: "Coming back to the old fields after many years of absence has been a peculiar joy to me—a joy not unmingled with sadness; for as I went from point to point the question would not down at my bidding, 'Where are my friends of other years?' The answer came, 'Gone!' and it at first gave me a feeling of lonesomeness. Then I said, 'Gone,' but not lost; gone to join the ranks of the glorified in heaven; and thitherward I am journeying.' So my mourning was turned into joy; for I shall see them again."

And by that same token our mourning, too, is turned into joy; for we shall see him again.

He was at Wilmington, '71-'73; Lebanon, '74; St. John's, Cincinnati, '75; Christie, '76, '77; West Cincinnati District, '79-'81; First Church, Xenia, '82-'84; Troy, '85; Central Church, Springfield, '86; Hillsboro District,

'87-'92; Jamestown, '93; Middletown, '94-'96; Cumminsville, '97-1900, where, in his last year, he had his Gethsemane of affliction which we feared would even then prove a "sorrow unto death;" but out of it all the Lord delivered him. He was, as we all know, pre-eminently an evangelist, a preacher full of the old-time unction and power, which classed him with the fathers. He was a living, consistent exemplification of experimental religion, crowned with the baptism of the Holy Ghost; and this is the holiness for which he contended and which he preached. He was not self-seeking, and because of this he was twice honored by his brethren as their representative to the General Conference, once as a delegate and once as an alternate.

His last appointment as Presiding Elder of the Milford District, 1901-'02, was terminated while he was yet in the youth of his old age. At New Richmond, Ohio, in the evening of November, 1902, just after having announced his text, after having preached his last sermon in the morning of that day at Franklin, on the Laurel Circuit, where he had preached his first sermon, he sank down in the pulpit and expired, and thus entered into that "rest which remains for the people of God." He dropped the silver trumpet, which during all his ministry had "given forth no uncertain sound." Thus he "ceased at once to labor and to live." But "he being dead yet speaketh."

W. A. Robinson.

REV. JOHN F. LOYD, D. D.

The Rev. John F. Loyd, D. D., the youngest son of John and Sophia O. Loyd, was born near Xenia, Ohio, March 31, 1825, and died near Highland, Ohio, March 12, 1903, having almost attained the advanced age of seventy-eight years.

His grandparents came to this State from Virginia in 1805, and, with some twenty other families from the old home, formed the noted Union Society and neighborhood, where so many precious souls have found Christ. His father's house was open for prayer-meetings and other religious services. No matter how pressing the work—even during the busiest times of harvest—it was laid aside for the class-meetings that were held there on Wednesday at 11 A. M., until within a few years of the death of his parents. Family worship was a part of the order of the day. To them, time spent in sacred song, the reading of God's Word, and in prayer for daily needs, was not lost. Amid such an environment it was not strange that they should experience the unspeakable pleasure of seeing their whole family of seven children early saved and members of the Church.

The subject of our sketch was converted at fourteen years of age, and lived a quiet, consistent Christian life. He was a delicate child, and was baptized when in his cradle, not expected to live, by the Rev. John Sale; but God had many years of service for him. By application to his work on the farm, and carefully improving every opportunity for education, he made what preparation he could for the work to which God so early called him. So persistent was he in his studies that, although he never attended college, he was at home in several languages, and experienced great pleasure in reading his Bible in its original tongue. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar; but his work lay in another direction; and he was licensed to preach by the Xenia Quarterly Conference, under William Raper. He entered the Ohio Conference in 1849, and upon the division of the Conference in 1852, became a member of the Cincinnati Conference, of which Conference he remained a member until his death.

In 1854 he was united in marriage with Mary E. Miller, who, until his death was indeed a companion and helper, and contributed largely

toward the success of his ministry. Six children blessed their home, one of whom, Mary DeForest Loyd, lately crowned, is well known to this Conference and to a much wider circle, through her eighteen years of faithful service in our mission work in Mexico.

Dr. Loyd served the Church on circuits and stations in the pastorate for twenty-three years, when salaries were small, circuits large, and vacations unknown. He was happy and hopeful in his work, and conscientionsly diligent in pastoral duties. He served in city mission work for eight years, and in the army for two years,—1863 and 1864. He received his appointment as missionary to the army at the Conference of 1863, and gladly accepted it, notwithstanding the fact that no provision was made for the salary. He entered the service under the Christian Commission, and went with Howard's Division to Resaca, Ga., where he spent some time, and then returned to Louisville, Ky., where he was stationed during the remainder of his service. For eleven years his appointment was in the educational work of the Church, nine years of which time he was President of the Hillsboro Female College at Hillsboro, Ohio. In all these years he loyally accepted the authority of the Church as God's voice to him, and labored faithfully to promote all its interests.

He was especially strong as an expository preacher, and the Word from his lips was often with great power, as might be expected from a preacher who went, as he did, from his knees to the pulpit.

He was active in the business of his Conference; but, being of a retiring disposition, was content to make suggestions, and leave to others the honor resultant from their presentation on the Conference floor. He was strong in his advocacy of temperance, and wrote many articles in its behalf, among other things a booklet entitled, "Wine as a Beverage."

Nine years ago he was given a superannuated relation; but the fire of devotion to his Master's service still burned upon the altar of his heart, and, as long as strength would permit, he sought out the poor and needy, and ministered unto them.

We knew him best when his powers were waning; but, as we saw the strong man sink down in weakness, we beheld his faith in God unshaken. How it encouraged us! We shall not forget, as shall not those unto whom he ministered during all these years.

A noble life is ended. Truthfully the inscription all men might well covet can grace the marble that marks his last resting-place, "He lived for others." What a record—forty-four years of active life in the itinerancy, and fifty-three in the Christian ministry! How many sad hearts has this faithful pastor comforted; how many penitent souls has he directed to the forgiving Savior; and how many faltering feet has he assisted up the heights of knowledge!

But his work is done; his ministry is ended; and in its cessation we are called upon to note the passing of another of our original members. He was no exception to the long list of heroes who were his contemporaries. May their spirit dominate this Conference, that we may move forward undaunted to the close of life's brief day, and thus, full of labors and good works, hail them with shouts of triumph in our Master's presence.

C. C. Peale.

MRS. J. McD. MATHEWS.

Mary Barclay Mathews, widow of Rev. Dr. J. McD. Mathews, after several years of prostration from paralysis, died in Hillsboro, O., January 28, 1903.

She was born in Dublin, Ireland, August 4, 1827, her father being an officer in the British Army. At the age of nineteen she was married

to Alexander Harman, of Ennis Killen, Ireland, with whom she came to Cincinnati, O., in 1850, where she and her husband became members of Wesley Chapel. Here Mr. Harman died in 1857. In 1859 she was married to Dr. Mathews, then President of the Hillsboro Female College.

She was the faithful associate and helper to Dr. Mathews in his educational work in the institution named, in the Jessamine Female College, Nicholasville, Ky., and in the Oakland Female Seminary, Hillsboro, O., until the death of her husband in 1879. Through twenty-four years of widowhood she exemplified the spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ by her cheerfulness, hospitality, her constant interest in the work of the Church, in patient endurance of protracted illness, and hopeful awaiting of the appearing of her Lord. S. O. R.

MRS. N. McDONALD.

MARY SELLERS, the seventh of nine children given to William R. and Elizabeth Sellers, was born near Lebanon, O., April 8, 1835. At the age of fourteen she gave her heart to the Lord, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Merrittstown, O., where she remained an active member until the fall of 1858, when she became the wife of the Rev. Nimrod McDonald, who was a member of this Conference. For sixteen years she shared with him the joys and sorrows of an itinerant's life, and for fourteen more that of a superannuate relation.

Five children were given to them, three of whom still live.

For almost twenty years she was a widow of very limited means, and frequently engaged in manual toil in order to secure means of subsistence. Her last years were years of great suffering, and as the end drew near, she seemed to be gradually ripening for the heavenly garner, and when, on February 11, 1903, at the age of sixty-seven years, ten months, and three days, she fell asleep, it was in the full assurance of faith and in the consciousness of the fact that

"Death's but a path that must be trod,
If man would ever pass to God."

MRS. H. A. M. HENDERSON.

MRS. SUSAN WATKINS HENDERSON was born in Marengo County, Ala., November 20, 1840, and, after prolonged illness and severe suffering, died at her home in Hartwell, O., June 30, 1903. She was the daughter of Dr. Alfred G. Vaughan, an eminent physician and wealthy planter, and Mary Walton Vaughan, a granddaughter of General George Walton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and a soldier of the Revolution. Her paternal great grandfather was a captain of the Virginia line in the struggle for independence. She was by blood and marriage related to many of the historical people of the South, among them the Goodes, Watkins, Floyds, Prestons, Clays, and Iverson, Pickett, and Stuart, the great soldiers. Her father was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, the Jefferson Medical College, and the University of Medicine and Surgery, Paris, France. She had in possession at the time of her death the oldest letter in existence of Henry Clay, written when he was a clerk in the chancery court office, Richmond, Va.; also the commission of her great-grandfather in the Army of the American Revolution. She was educated at Centenary Institute, Summerfield, Ala.

She was married to Rev. Howard Henderson, D. D., LL. D., February 5, 1861, and for forty-two years shared the fortunes of her husband, and in every situation proved herself a helpmeet, indeed, after the type of Solomon's virtuous woman. She won the admiring love of all who knew her. As a preacher's wife, with its toils and trials, she measured up to the highest standard. The poor, the afflicted, the aged were her special charge. She was a Christian, and in all the relations of life adorned the gospel. She wore the "ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." Death approached the citadel of life by parallels, and by slow degrees her constitution was sapped. Having wandered so long as an itinerant's wife, she had at length moved into her pretty home, which she named "Heart-ease," to enjoy a little "light at the eventide," ere night shut the scene; but it was only permitted her to enjoy its comforts through a year of suffering, and then she had to surrender it for her heavenly mansion. She longed to live to smooth the asperities from the shortening path of her husband, and to be a benison to her devoted children; yet she was grateful to God for having spared her so long, and met death without alarm. At the last God's finger gently unloosed the silver cord, and she was suddenly surprised into glory.

She was the mother of seven children, four of whom, with her devoted husband, survive her to praise her virtues and bless her memory.

Religious exercises were conducted at her home, participated in by the Revs. Frank G. Mitchell, Gervaise Roughton, and Edmund Burdsall; and, also, in the mortuary chapel at Frankfort, Ky., by the Rev. C. J. Nugent, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Rev. Dr. McBlainey, of the Presbyterian Church. She was buried in the beautiful State cemetery which crowns the heights that overlook the picturesque city of Frankfort, Ky. Her grave, though far away from the home of her heart, will be kept green by the hands of loving friends who knew her during her twelve years' residence in Kentucky's capital city.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

CINCINNATI, September 4, 1903.

THE Lay Electoral Conference of the Cincinnati Annual Conference convened at ten o'clock A. M., on Friday, September 4th, in St. Paul Church, Cincinnati. The Conference was called to order by William E. Brooks, of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church. On motion of Mr. E. W. Mullikin, Judge J. S. Kimbrough, of Wilmington, was elected Chairman. On motion of several delegates, W. E. Brooks was elected Secretary.

After singing the doxology, Mr. James M. DeCamp led in prayer.

The Secretary made a statement concerning the certificates of election which he had received, and from which he had made up a roll of delegates. On motion, a Committee on Credentials was appointed, with E. T. Layman, W. E. Shaw, and L. M. Garfield as the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, the Committee on Credentials was requested to adopt the names of the delegates on the Secretary's list, with such changes as they found necessary.

The Secretary called the roll, and the following were found to be present, one hundred and twenty-two in all:

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Asbury, George W. Harper; Avondale, D. D. Woodmansee; Christie, James M. Robinson; Clifton, E. W. Mullikin; Columbia, Charles Crapsey; Delta Avenue, George W. Hazelwood; East Pearl Street, Edward Barton; Fairmount, Dr. Charles Gunley; First Church, Northside, William Gosling; Linwood and Madison Avenue, R. C. Bliss; McKendree, John Stephens; Mt. Auburn, James M. DeCamp; Mt. Lookout, E. D. Bevitt; Price Hill, J. C. Harper; Riverside and Camp Washington, Dr. W. E. Shaw; St. Paul, R. Dymond; Trinity, A. O. Evans; Walnut Hills, Charles Mayer; Wesley Chapel, W. G. Roberts; Westwood, James N. Gamble; York Street, R. H. Halley; Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, Charles E. Bennett; Carthage and Elmwood Place, S. W. Bell, Jr.; Cleves and Addyston, Ezra Guard; Delhi, Professor J. O. Falkinburg; Glendale, Miss Lulu Moore; Groesbeck, Charles B. Bosserman; Hartwell, J. D. Sayres; Lockland-Wyoming, C. A. Ault; Madisonville, J. C. Dorman; First Church, Norwood, J. M. Thomssen; Grace, Norwood, Montaville Flowers; Winton Place, E. F. Layman; Reading, Fred Schierlohn.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Bethany, A. E. Williamson; Camden and Somerville, Charles Lamm; Centerville, Perry Weller; Dayton: Grace, E. C. Harley; Homestead Avenue, E. L. Darby; Raper, P. N. Sigler; Riverdale, C. A. Lucius; St. Paul, F. D. Morrison; Trinity, David Logan; Eaton, B. D. Moses; Ebenezer and Woodward Avenue, Rose M. Ganster; Fort Jefferson, W. A. Chenoweth; Franklin, B. F. Howard; Germantown, Colonel O. G. Brown; Hamilton, John Felton; Lewisburg and West Alexandria, J. C. Rice; Middletown, Professor H. C. Minnich; Osborn, John Thompson; Oxford, John A. White; Port Union, George W. Smith; Red Lion and Merrittstown, P. B. Snyder; Seven Mile, Dr. R. E. Burdsall; Springboro and Lytle, H. W. Truax; West Carrollton, J. B. Shannon; West Chester, W. H. Brate; West Milton, F. Wolf.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Belfast, Mrs. M. R. Washburn; Blanchester, Jason Moore; Bowersville, A. L. Fisher; Clarksville, Mrs. Emma Baugh; Greenfield, C. L. Nicholson; Highland, H. E. Terrell; Hillsboro, O. N.

Sams; Jamestown, J. G. Clemans; Leesburg, M. Redkey; Lynchburg, Dr. A. Garner; Martinsville, G. B. Noftsgar; Mowrystown, S. C. Kay; Mount Orab, Dr. L. H. Leonard; New Burlington, O. E. Peterson; New Jasper, J. W. Fudge; Peebles, Charles E. Ebey; Rainsboro, D. M. Barrett; Sabina, W. H. Dakin; Sinking Spring, O. C. Wickerham; Sugar Tree Ridge, J. C. Atkins; Waynesville, J. C. Spahr; Wilmington, J. S. Kimbrough; Winchester, C. W. Howard; Xenia: First Church, L. M. Garfield; Trinity, George Stokes.

MILFORD DISTRICT.—Batavia, C. B. Nichols; Bethel, W. P. Richards; Butlerville, F. G. Ferris; Centenary, G. M. McLaughlin; Felicity, Price Fee; Georgetown, Ben B. Whiteman; Goshen, George W. Myers; Laurel, B. F. Linsay; Lebanon, Dr. E. S. Stevens; Loveland, William Ewry; Maineville, Mrs. Ada Lewis; Mason, George Clark; Milford, F. L. Cook; Montgomery, Allen Malsbary; Moscow, J. J. Mears; Newtown, Dr. W. W. Highlands; Owensville, George F. Crone; Ripley, G. D. Williamson; Summerside, W. S. Turton; West Union, C. F. McCoy; Williamsburg, D. A. Rees.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Arcanum, C. A. Rosser; Brandt, A. A. Stevens; Catawba, Joseph Bumgardner; Cedarville, Dr. E. Spahr; Greenville, George A. Jobes; Mechanicsburg, John C. Sceva; New Moorefield, S. T. Robinson; Piqua: Greene Street, George E. Lee; Springfield: Central, James A. Myers; Clifton Avenue, A. Taylor; High Street, W. S. Meredith; St. Paul, H. G. Marshall; Tremont City, H. P. Wilson; Troy, W. H. Francis; Urbana: First Church, D. S. Perry; Grace, P. R. Warman.

The Credential Committee read its report, as follows:

"*To the President and Members of the Lay Electoral Conference,*—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that we find the credentials of the delegates whose names were called were regular and in proper form.—Committee: E. T. Layman, William E. Shaw, L. M. Garfield."

On motion, the same was received.

Mr. J. C. Harper offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That we now proceed to ballot for four lay delegates to the General Conference to be held at Los Angeles next May; each ballot to contain four names until one or more delegates are elected, and thereafter each ballot to contain as many names as there are delegates yet to be elected; a majority of all voting being necessary to a choice. Nominating speeches not to exceed four minutes."

Mr. D. D. Woodmansee moved to amend as follows:

"The four receiving the highest number of votes shall be the delegates elected, provided that each shall have a majority of the votes of the Conference, and that the three next highest shall be the reserve delegates, provided that each receive a majority of the votes of the Conference."

The amendment was accepted. It was moved to further amend by making the time three minutes instead of four. Carried, and motion as amended carried.

On motion, the bar of the Conference was fixed as the center aisle across the room.

The following candidates were named from each district by the parties whose names appear opposite: *Cincinnati District*—Samuel Hannaford, by E. T. Layman; Philip Roettinger, by J. C. Harper; William E. Brooks, by Ezra Guard; James N. Gamble, by R. Dymond; D. D. Woodmansee, by J. M. DeCamp; J. M. Thomssen, by R. H. Halley, declined. *Dayton District*—Alex. Boxwell, by B. F. Howard; P. N. Sigler, by L. M. Garfield; H. C. Minnich, by J. A. White. *Hillsboro District*—C. C. Nichols, by J. S. Kimbrough. *Milford District*—F. C. Cook, by W. P. Richards. *Springfield District*—W. R. Warnock, by James A. Myers.

Those making nominations pledged that the candidates would go if elected. The following were appointed tellers: Charles Crapsey, C. A.

Lucius, W. H. Dakin, C. B. Nichols, George E. Lee. The ballot was taken, and the tellers retired.

On motion of H. C. Minnich, a Committee was appointed to convey greetings to the Annual Conference. The Committee appointed was H. C. Minnich, D. D. Woodmansee, M. Redkey, W. P. Richards, James A. Myers.

Bishop Walden, by request, addressed the Conference.

The result of the ballot was announced as follows: Total number of votes, 122; necessary to a choice, 62. Alex Boxwell, 80; W. R. Warnock, 73; H. C. Minnich, 68; James N. Gamble, 67; P. Roettinger, 64; C. C. Nichols, 40; F. L. Cook, 28; W. E. Brooks, 25; D. D. Woodmansee, 25; S. Hannaford, 10; P. N. Sigler, 6. Messrs. Boxwell, Warnock, Minnich, and Gamble were declared elected as delegates, and Mr. P. Roettinger as first reserve.

The following Committee from the Annual Conference was introduced: D. J. Starr, A. B. Leonard, and R. S. Rust. They extended an invitation from the Annual Conference for a joint meeting between the clergymen and laymen. After consultation between the Committees of both bodies, it was decided to accept the invitation and hold the joint meeting at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion, the two persons receiving the next highest votes were declared the second and third reserve delegates. They were Messrs. Nichols and Cook. The session adjourned to 3.15 this afternoon, at Wesley Chapel.

AFTERNOON.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Lay Conference met at Wesley Chapel at the time appointed. The Annual Conference having adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning, it was decided to hold the joint session at that hour.

W. A. Robinson was introduced during the session, and spoke concerning the deaconess work, and suggested the propriety of this Conference raising a hundred dollars for the work. On motion, the suggestion was accepted, and Messrs. Bosserman and Harper were appointed a Committee to raise the funds.

Saturday Morning, September 5th.

At 9 o'clock the Lay Conference met, and went in a body into the audience-room of Wesley Chapel, and were introduced to the Annual Conference. Mr. D. D. Woodmansee spoke on behalf of the laymen, and Bishop Fowler responded on behalf of the ministry.

The Conference then adjourned to the lecture room of Wesley Chapel.

Mr. James N. Gamble then presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this Conference that no pastoral charge has just reason to complain if the Bishop fails to appoint as pastor a member of the Conference, with family, unless it gives a support of at least $600 and a house."

On motion, the Lay Conference adjourned *sine die*.

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2. After the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor.**

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order,** and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division,** upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors,** unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question,** and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman,** unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

15. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence.**

16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes,** upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question,** or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes,** to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The Presiding Elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial,** and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

25. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

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"	John H. Lease,	P.	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
"	George W. Fee,	.....	"	James S. Ruggles,	.....
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
"	Isaac W. Joyce,†	.....	"	James W. Bashford,†	P.
1862	Thomas J. Harris,	.....	"	Davis W. Clark	P.
"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	"	Charles W. Rishell,	.....
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.
1865	Reuben K. Deem,*	.....	"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.
"	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	"	John A. White,	P.
"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	"	John A. Story,	P.
"	William T. McMullen,*	.....	"	Eugene P. Edmonds,	P.
"	William W. Ramsay,	P.	1880	David A. McColm,	P.
1866	John F. Hull,	.....	"	Charles L. Conger,	P.
"	James P. Porter,	P.	"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	.....
1867	William P. Jackson,	.....	1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.
"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.	"	Benjamin. D. Hypes,	P.
"	John Pearson,	P.	"	Edward T. Lane,	P.
1868	Francis M. Clemans,	.....	"	Canaro D. Munsey,	.....
"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	P.
"	John W. Peters,	P.	1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.
"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.	"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	.....
1869	Edward T. Wells,	.....	"	Charles H. Haines.	P.
"	Carey T. Crum,	P.	1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.
"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.	"	Marion LeSourd,	P.
1870	J. Raper Hunter,	.....	"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
"	Richard H. Rust,	P.	"	George S. Eastou,	P.
"	Jesse B. Young,	P.	1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
1871	Seren N. Marsh,	.....	"	James L. Glascock,	.....
1871	William A. Robinson,	P.	"	John J. McCabe,	P.
"	Charles W. Blodgett,	P.	"	Creighton Wones,	P.
1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.	"	John G. Vaughan,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members.

	MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.	
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	1893	John E. Beery,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	Albert K. Stabler,	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	"	John Phillips,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	James D. Darling,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	George. L. Tufts,‡	.....	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Thomas W. Salt,	P.	"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.
"	Henry C. Jameson,	P.	"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.	1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.	"	William M. Patton,	P.
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.	"	William C. Mitchell	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.	"	John E. Thomas,	P.
"	Edward J. Moore,	P.	"	George R. Frenger,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	"	John S. Young,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	George H. Smith,	P.
"	William B. Brown,	P.	1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.	"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Charles Hartley,	P.	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	"	William D. English,	P.
"	John H. McNary,	P.	"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
1891	James E. Abrams,	P.	"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.	1898	James A. Geissinger,	P.
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.	1899	Howard L. Torbet,	.....
"	John P. Ninde,	P.	"	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.	"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	James R. Hill,	P.	"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
"	William E. Spurrier,	P.	"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.	1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	Philip Trout,	P.	"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,	P.	"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.	1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	.....
"	William H. Spybey,	P.	"	Samuel A. Keen	P.
"	Charles F. Enyart,¶	.....	"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
"	William E. Putt,	P.	1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
"	James P. Gilliland,	P.	"	John F. Chenoweth,	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.	"	Asa J. Kestle,	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	P.	"	William W. Reeves,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.	"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
"	William M. Coffman,	P.	"	Hugh C. Scudday,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.	"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.
"	Walter S. Gray,	P.	1904	James M. Bailey,	P.
"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.	"	Wm. E. Verity,	P.
"	William A. Deaton,	P.	"	Wm. A. Cooper,	P.
"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.			

‡ Transferred to the Oregon Conference.

¶ Transferred to the Southwest Kansas Conference.

J. W. Bashford

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, *Wednesday, August* 31, 1904.

THE fifty-third session of the Cincinnati Annual Conference opened this morning at 9 o'clock at this place, Bishop James W. Bashford in the chair.

Under the direction of Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, who was assisted by the other Presiding Elders and by S. W. Bell, pastor of the Miamisburg Church, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Chronological Roll was called, and a large number responded to their names. (See pp. 10, 11.) While the Conference remained standing, the names of the following, who had died during the year, were called: John L. Gregg, admitted in 1858; William T. McMullen and Reuben K. Deem, both admitted in 1865; and Lyman E. Prentiss, admitted in 1875.

Organization.—The following were elected the officers of the Conference: Secretary, Stanley O. Royal, with D. Lee Aultman, J. R. Colley, C. C. Peale, and C. L. Conger, assistants; George M. Hammell, Statistical Secretary, with O. L. Utter, C. L. Chapman, J. A. Easton, W. J. Baker, and A. W. Leonard, assistants.

Calvin W. Horn was elected Treasurer, with W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, and S. A. Keen as his assistants.

The following resolution was offered by A. B. Leonard:

WHEREAS, There are now three living Bishops who have been chosen from the ranks of the Cincinnati Conference, a distinction never achieved by any other Conference in the entire history of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to-wit: Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., elected in 1884; Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D., elected in 1888; and Bishop James W. Bashford, D. D., LL. D., elected in 1904; and

WHEREAS, One of these Bishops is with us this morning, Bishop Bash-

ford; and, although absent in person, Bishops Walden and Joyce are present in our thoughts and hearts; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we most cordially welcome Bishop James W. Bashford to the presidency of our Conference. One year ago for the third time we elected him one of our delegates to the General Conference, and that Conference returns him to us as our presiding Bishop. We congratulate the whole Church upon this elevation of one so competent and worthy to the Episcopal office, and we congratulate ourselves upon the fact that Bishop Bashford's first experience in the chair is among the brethren of the Cincinnati Conference, of which he had been for fourteen years an honored member. We direct our Secretary to retain the name of James W. Bashford upon our Conference roll as an honorary member, and we assure him that in all his world-wide journeys and labors we will follow him in our thoughts and remember him in our prayers.

Resolved, 2. We are glad to know that Bishop and Mrs. Walden will continue to reside in our bounds. We assure them that we have them "in our hearts," and that they will always be welcome to our annual sessions.

Resolved, 3. That we instruct our Secretary to send our affectionate greetings to Bishop and Mrs. Walden, and to Bishop and Mrs. Joyce, citing 1 Cor. i, 3, "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

The resolution was adopted by a standing vote, accompanied with the "Chautauqua Salute" to Bishop Bashford.

Memorial Service.—The printed program providing for Memorial Services was adopted, and brief memorial notes concerning deceased ministers and wives of ministers were read. The memoir of J. L. Gregg was read by W. A. Robinson; that of Reuben K. Deem, by J. S. Pumphrey; that of W. T. McMullen, by J. S. Pumphrey; that of L. E. Prentiss, by H. D. Ketcham; of Mrs. Thomas Lee, by Jesse B. Young; of Mrs. J. E. H. Sentman, by J. D. Darling; of Mrs. T. E. Fidler, by S. O. Royal; and of Mrs. Jesse M. Robinson, by D. J. Starr. C. W. Blodgett called attention to the death of Thomas Audas, one of the first members of this Conference, and who recently died within our bounds, being a member of the Kansas Conference. Dr. Blodgett was requested to prepare a minute concerning his death, and forward it to the Kansas Conference. Mention was also made by W. A. Robinson of the death of H. C. Hutchinson, until very recently a member of our Conference, but at his death of the New England Southern Conference.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Memorial Sermon was postponed for the afternoon session at two o'clock.

Welcome.—On behalf of the Miamisburg Church, Professor William McKendree Vance, Superintendent of the Miamisburg schools, and son of John Vance, one of our veteran members, was introduced, and gave an address of welcome in words beautiful and appropriate. Bishop Bashford responded cordially to the address.

The list of Standing Committees was called for the noting of absentees, and the Nominating Committee was instructed to fill all vacancies.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, it was decided to adopt the program as printed in the Conference Directory, subject to such changes as the Committee on Public Worship might arrange.

Bishop Bashford appointed J. P. Porter to preside at the afternoon session, pronounced the benediction, and after announcements were made the Conference adjourned to meet at two o'clock for the Memorial Sermon.

AFTERNOON.

The Conference convened at two o'clock, with J. P. Porter in the chair.

C. W. Blodgett conducted the devotions, reading a portion of the fourteenth chapter of John, and led in prayer.

R. E. Smith then preached the Memorial Sermon from 2 Sam. vii, 10. At the close of the sermon Hymn 1078 was sung, and A. B. Leonard led in prayer.

The Memoirs were adopted, and ordered edited by the Secretary and published in the Minutes.

Statistical Session.—The list of the charges was called, and a number of the pastors reported their collections.

On motion, the Conference ordered a column in the Statistical Report for Christ's Hospital.

The Nominating Committee reported the following changes in the Standing Committees: Sunday-schools, D. S. Ewry for S. A. Keen; Temperance, E. J. Moore for F. M. Clemans, and George S. Easton for G. M. Hammell; Public Morals, A. K. Stabler for J. W. Bashford, and T. W. Salt for J. W. Magruder; Conference Relations, J. S. Pumphrey for R. K. Deem; American Bible Society, W. B. Brown for C. D. Munsey; Board of Stewards,

W. A. Wiant for U. G. Humphrey; Education, H. C. Jameson for J. W. Bashford, and G. P. Benton for L. E. Prentiss; Epworth League, A. L. Brokaw for C. P. Pumphrey; Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, J. E. Abrams for G. V. Morris; Postmaster, E. W. Serl for W. E. Hammaker. On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the report was adopted.

Aggressive Evangelism.—H. W. Bailey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Conference appointed a Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, and requested each Annual Conference to appoint an Annual Conference Commission to co-operate with the General Conference, and each Presiding Elder to work with the Annual Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we appoint such a Commission by this Conference, to consist of the Presiding Elders and one minister and one layman from each district, which Commission shall report at this Conference.

Announcements were made, and the benediction was pronounced by J. T. Bail.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *September* 1, 1904.

AT half-past eight o'clock this morning Bishop Bashford opened the Conference and conducted the devotions, reading for the Scripture lesson a part of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, and commenting upon the Beatitudes.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Rules of Order.—The following paper concerning Rules of Order was offered by D. J. Starr, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The last General Conference has provided that an Annual Conference may adopt Rules of Order for its annual sessions, the same to continue at the pleasure of the Conference, and to be repealed or amended as it may provide; therefore,

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference hereby adopt the Rules of Order of its last session, and that the same shall continue in force until the Conference may otherwise order.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the row of pews ranging with the columns.

Episcopal Ruling.—A. B. Leonard offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the late General Conference decided that an Annual Conference "continues in its organic existence, while its individual members come in and go out;" and

WHEREAS, A Conference may adopt Rules of Order to continue in force from session to session, subject to amendment as the Conference may determine; therefore,

Resolved, That we present to our presiding Bishop the following legal question, to-wit: As the organic life of the Annual Conference continues, and the Rules of Order may continue at its pleasure subject to amendment, do not the officers elected by the Annual Conference remain in office continuously, rendering unnecessary their election from year to year?

The hour of adjournment was fixed at 11.45 A. M.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Committee on Nominations was directed to present names for the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism as ordered yesterday.

I. R. Marshall, W. W. Reeves, and W. J. Baker were granted brief leave of absence.

J. W. Mason.—C. L. Conger announced the sad news of the death of J. W. Mason, and that the funeral would take place to-morrow, and, at the request of the family, under the direction of George H. Dart. At the request of Brother Dart, the following additional persons were appointed to represent the Conference: A. B. Leonard, C. W. Barnes, C. L. Conger, John A. Story, John W. Peters, S. O. Royal, H. C. Weakley, F. G. Mitchell, John Pearson, James P. Porter, D. J. Starr, Edward McHugh, M. LeSourd, Gervaise Roughton, and M. B. Fuller.

The Secretary read to the Conference a letter from Wilbur N. Mason, written previous to his father's death, expressive of his appreciation of the sympathies of his Conference brethren.

At the call of the Bishop, C. W. Barnes led the Conference in prayer for the bereaved family.

The Bishop announced dividends for Conference Claimants from the Book Concern for $1,332, and from the Chartered Fund for $22, and the drafts were ordered.

He also presented a statement of the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, showing a deficiency in the collections of this Conference for that purpose.

H. W. Bailey moved that the Statistical Secretary be requested to purchase a stamp for blanks providing for reports for Christ's Hospital and the Home for the Aged, which was carried.

Presiding Elders' Reports.—D. W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, and Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, read their reports.

Bishop Walden.—Bishop J. M. Walden entered and was given the "Chautauqua salute," and was invited by Bishop Bashford to the platform.

A. B. Leonard offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially welcome Bishop John M. Walden to our Conference, and invite him to take part in our discussions as in days of yore. (Signed.) A. B. LEONARD, G. S. EASTON, R. H. RUST, S. B. SMITH.

Bishop Walden briefly addressed the Conference, referring particularly to a readjustment of boundaries of Ohio Conferences.

Boundaries.—On motion of A. B. Leonard, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we appoint a Commission of five to confer with like Commissioners from the several Annual Conferences within the State of Ohio for the purpose, if found practicable, of so rearranging Conference lines as to provide for four Conferences instead of five.

Resolved, 2. That we request our Bishop and Cabinet to nominate for Conference approval said Commissioners.

Visitors.—Professor F. C. Eiselen, of Garrett Biblical Institute, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning theological instruction.

Rev. W. F. Anderson, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and addressed the Conference with regard to the work of the Board. Special interest was taken in the address on account of the fact that this was the first official visit of the Secretary since his election to that office.

Christ's Hospital and the work of the Deaconesses was presented by W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary.

The Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate,* Rev. Levi Gilbert, D. D., was introduced, and spoke concerning the plans and work of the periodical under his care.

The following were then introduced: Rev. F. Ohlinger, missionary to China; Dr. J. M. Mills, of the Central Ohio Confer-

ence; J. W. Magruder, of the Maine Conference; J. N. Jerman, of the Indiana Conference; W. W. Ramsay, recently transferred to this Conference; Isaac Crook, of the Ohio Conference; S. P. Devasagaim, Delaware, Ohio; Rev. W. E. Bancroft, of the Ohio Conference, and Harry Baker, of Lima, Ohio.

On motion of the Secretary, the Certificates for the Deaconesses were ordered signed.

Notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *September 2*, 1904.

CONFERENCE was called to order at half-past eight o'clock, Bishop Bashford conducting the devotions. He continued his comments of yesterday on the Beatitudes.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

A note of fraternal greeting from Bishop Joyce was read by A. B. Leonard.

V. F. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, read his report.

The report of the Examining Committee was heard with regard to the classes still in Conference studies. The following action was taken: F. J. Reinbarth was advanced to the Studies of the Second Year; John J. Giblin, transferred from the Kentucky Conference as a probationer in the first year's studies, was passed to the class of the Second Year, conditioned on Rhetoric; C. J. Kelch was discontinued; and E. W. Lutterman was continued in studies of the First Year.

In the class of the Second Year the following action was taken: W. E. Verity and J. M. Bailey were passed in their examinations; J. J. Hawk was continued on trial in the Studies of the Third Year; and C. J. Moore was continued on trial in the Studies of the Second Year.

In the class of the Third Year the following action was taken: Asa J. Kestle, W. W. Reeves, and Louis O. Hartman were passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

At his own request, J. S. Ruggles was granted a Superannu-

ated relation, and was recommended to the consideration of the Board of Stewards.

Edward McHugh was continued as Supernumerary, and recommended to the consideration of the Board of Stewards. On motion of John Pearson, a contribution, expressive of good will and fraternal sympathy, was made for Brother McHugh. It amounted to $60.

The work of the Preachers' Relief Society was called to the attention of the Conference by George W. Dubois in a brief address.

R. W. Burns, Esq., a member of the Church at West Carrollton, was introduced, and invited the Conference to attend a reception at his home this evening. On motion, the invitation was accepted.

J. L. Shively offered the following report from the Committee on Nominations, and it was adopted:

> We, the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees, to whom was referred the matter of nominating the members who should compose the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, beg leave to refer the matter back to the Conference, with the recommendation that the Conference request the Bishop and Cabinet to appoint said Commission.
>
> M. LeSourd, *Chairman.*
> J. L. Shively, *Secretary.*

A. N. Spahr, Presiding Elder of the Milford District, read his report.

On motion of C. W. Barnes, John Wilson was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request. The remarks of Brother Wilson, relating to his thirty-four years in the itinerancy, were happy and eloquent.

The Preliminary report of the Board of Stewards was read by R. E. Smith.

The names of the effective Elders on the Cincinnati District were called, and each reported having taken the Disciplinary collections.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to reappoint D. J. Starr Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary, according to the request of the Board of Managers of that institution. The Bishop was also requested to reappoint U. G. Humphrey State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for Indiana, and he was excused from further attendance.

Dr. P. A. Baker, Superintendent of the National Anti-Saloon League, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

H. D. Ketcham offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we rejoice at the rising tide of temperance sentiment brought about by the allied temperance forces as manifested in the Brannock Law passed by the last General Assembly. To this law as a tentative measure, so far as it points to the entire overthrow of the saloon by the voice of the people, we give our hearty approval. We also express our regret that the Governor of Ohio allied himself with the liquor interests in his persistent effort, by the threatened use of his veto prerogative, to compel the Legislature to modify its action in the interest of the saloon, against the expressed wish of the people through their representatives. We look upon such use of the veto prerogative as dangerous, and such a defense of the saloon as shameful, and do earnestly protest against the renomination of the present Governor for that high office.

H. D. KETCHAM, A. B. AUSTIN, S. O. ROYAL,
G. W. DUBOIS, W. H. WEHRLY, FRANK G. MITCHELL,
M. B. FULLER, A. C. TURRILL, JOHN A. STORY,
J. E. ABRAMS, C. L. CONGER, C. W. BARNES.
J. G. VAUGHAN,

The following, offered by H. D. Ketcham, was also adopted:

We hereby instruct the Secretary of the Conference to convey to Dr. G. L. Tufts our most cordial greeting and indorsement in his new field of labor as State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon. And to assure him in his transfer to the Oregon Conference that he goes bearing the love of his brethren, and shall have their sustained interest in his success.

Visitors.—Rev. T. G. Duvall, one of the professors in the Ohio Wesleyan University, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The following visitors were also introduced: J. H. Fitzwater, D. D., of the Central Ohio Conference; A. H. Norcross, D. D., of the Ohio Conference; Paul C. Curnick, D. D., of the Northwest Indiana Conference; and Mrs. William Herr, one of our honored widows, of Dayton, Ohio.

Notices were given, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Isaac Crook.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September* 3, 1904.

THE Conference opened this morning at half-past eight o'clock. Bishop Bashford conducted the devotions, dwelling in his remarks on personal and pastoral work as a preparation for a revival.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and adopted.

The transfer of G. L. Tufts to the Oregon Conference was announced.

Episcopal Ruling.—Bishop Bashford rendered his decision on the question of law presented at the first day's session, as follows:

The Annual Conference is a permanent body. (See Discipline, paragraph 34.) As such it may adopt rules for its government and provide for the election of its officers, save a president; and it may adopt Rules of Order for its Annual Sessions, the same to continue at its pleasure and to be amended or repealed as it may provide.

A. B. Leonard offered the following addition to the Rules of Order, and it was adopted as Rule No. 1:

No. 1. The elective officers of the Conference shall be chosen annually by such method as the Conference may adopt, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

J. G. Vaughan moved a vote of thanks to R. W. Burns and the Friend Paper Company for the courtesies of last evening, and the Secretary was instructed to convey this action to Mr. Burns.

C. W. Barnes, the retiring Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, read his final report, at the close of which C. L. Conger, on behalf of the preachers of the district, in well-chosen words presented to him a set of Hastings's "Dictionary of the Bible."

Boundaries.—H. D. Ketcham offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference is hereby instructed to convey to each of the other Ohio Conferences, through its presiding Bishop and Secretary, the request of the Cincinnati Annual Conference to appoint a Commission under Paragraph 436, to confer with like Commissions from all the other Ohio Conferences in regard to the readjustment of the Conference boundary lines, the same to meet in Columbus on Thursday at 10 A. M. of the first day of December.

The Bishop appointed the Presiding Elders as Commission on Boundaries.

Admissions.—James M. Bailey and William E. Verity were recommended by Quarterly Conferences, by the Presiding Elders, and by the Board of Examiners for admission into Full Connection. After a brief and appropriate address by Bishop Bashford concerning a minister's habits of reading and study, and after answering the Disciplinary questions they were admitted into Full Connection. James M. Bailey was elected to Deacon's Orders, and William E. Verity to Elder's Orders as a Local Preacher.

R. E. Smith read the final report of the Board of Stewards.

T. D. Moore offered a plan for the pensioning of Superannuates, and the plan was referred to the Board of Stewards, requesting a report on the same during this session. (See page 73.)

The following was offered by H. A. M. Henderson, and was adopted:

Resolved, That among the noblest charities inviting Christian interest is the Home of the Aged, whose merits need only to be known to receive the financial support and devout prayers of the Church.

Resolved, That we commend the energetic president to the favorable notice of all philanthropists, and tender Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., our appreciation of his tireless efforts to build and endow the Home.

HOWARD HENDERSON, G. H. DART,
J. T. BAIL, A. B. LEONARD.
S. B. SMITH,

H. C. Weakley, the President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Admission on Trial.—Recommendations for Admission on Trial were presented as follows: George Franklin Barber, from the Avondale Quarterly Conference; William Luke Boicourt, from the Westwood Quarterly Conference; and George W. Keen, from the St. James (Newark, N. J.) Quarterly Conference, and Dudley Matthews, from the Germantown Quarterly Conference. They were each recommended by the Examining Committee and the Committee on Qualifications, and admitted on Trial.

Local Deacons.—Recommendations for Local Deacons' Orders were presented as follows: Alfred Taylor, from the Tremont City Quarterly Conference; Edmond M. Lewis, from the Atlantic (Quincy, Mass.) Quarterly Conference; and William L.

Boicourt, from the Westwood Quarterly Conference; and George F. Barber, from the Avondale Quarterly Conference, all of whom were elected to Deacons' Orders.

Visitors.—John T. McFarland, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-School Union and Tract Society, was introduced. E. R. Graham, one of the Agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the circulation of books and periodicals. D. D. Thompson, LL. D., Editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate;* John F. Fisher, of the East Ohio Conference; Shoji Murakami, of Tokyo, Japan; and Moses Nye, of Dayton, Ohio, were also introduced.

The Bishop announced the Board of Examiners for next year (see page 4), and also the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism (see page 6).

The session adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Bashford.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, *September* 5, 1904.

AT half-past eight o'clock this morning Bishop Bashford opened the Conference and conducted the devotions. Many testimonies concerning personal work were given.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The names of the effective Elders of the Dayton, Hillsboro, Milford, and Springfield Districts were called, they reported their collections, and the character of each passed.

The following requests for special appointments were made: H. L. Torbet, C. J. Moore, J. J. Giblin, and C. P. Pumphrey to be left without appointment to attend theological school; E. J. Moore, District Superintendent Anti-Saloon League; W. W. Reeves, to be a Field Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League; U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League of Indiana; D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent for the Western Methodist Book Concern; John Pearson, Field Agent of the American Bible Society; J. A. Easton, Field Agent of the Preachers' Relief Society; Guy P. Benton, President of the Miami University; and C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston Theological Seminary.

F. M. Clemans was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request. A letter from him was read by the Secretary, and a Committee, consisting of R. E. Smith, A. Hamilton, and J. W. Peters, Conference classmates, was appointed to reply.

Mears Bequest.—John Pearson presented the report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest, and it was ordered printed. (See page 110.)

He also presented, on behalf of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest, the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a fund of $7,750, besides a small amount of accrued interest, in the hands of John Pearson, W. A. Robinson, and W. F. Boyd, trustees appointed by this Conference, which fund was created by the will of John Mears, deceased; and

WHEREAS, Said Trustees have recommended that the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of Ohio, be appointed in their place and stead as trustees of said fund; and it is the judgment of this Conference that it would be wise and prudent to grant this request if said corporation will accept the trust aforesaid, and provided that there are no legal obstructions; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That said corporation, the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church be, and it is, hereby appointed trustee of said fund.

2. That John Pearson, W. A. Robinson, and W. F. Boyd, Trustees, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish said corporation with a copy of the will of John Mears and any other important papers relating to this bequest that may be in their possession, and to pay over the principal and interest of said fund now in their hands to the said corporation.

3. That whenever said corporation accepts said trust and receives said fund the present Trustees shall be relieved from all further responsibility in the premises, except that they shall make a report to the Cincinnati Annual Conference of their proceedings under this resolution.

Lakeside.—John Pearson offered the report of the Committee on Lakeside, which was adopted. (See page 100.)

C. L. Conger offered his resignation as Trustee of Lakeside, and it was accepted. On his motion, H. C. Jameson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

E. L. Hollingsworth was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

George H. Dart presented the memoir of J. W. Mason, and, on his motion, a Memorial Service was appointed for two o'clock this afternoon.

H. C. Weakley moved that his report on the Home for the Aged be printed in the Minutes, and the motion carried.

The list of Supernumerary preachers was called, and they were continued in the same relation. Philip Trout was granted an Effective relation.

The list of Superannuated preachers was called, and they were all continued in that relation.

The following Superannuates, being present, were called upon for remarks: W. H. Sutherland, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, C. H. Kalbfus, J. E. H. Sentman, Howard Henderson, and W. W. Ramsay.

A. N. Spahr was appointed to write a letter, on behalf of the Conference, to his classmate, W. N. Maxey.

A letter from Sylvester Weeks was read, and his classmate, Bishop Walden, was requested to respond with fraternal greetings.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Committee on Program for next year was directed to arrange for a Semi-centennial Sermon by Howard Henderson.

Bishop Bashford announced the following nominations to be Conference Trustees: J. A. Story and A. T. Cowgill, term to expire 1907, and they were elected.

A paper from James N. Gamble concerning Deaconess Work was referred to the Cabinet for nominations.

W. P. Thirkield, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, addressed the Conference concerning the important work of that Society. He was excused from further attendance.

J. T. McFarland, D. D., Secretary of the Sunday-School Union and Tract Society, addressed the Conference.

Admission on Trial.—The following persons were recommended for Admission on Trial: Benjamin H. Lewis, from the Amelia Quarterly Conference; Edgar Starkey Jackson, Blanchester Quarterly Conference; Jesse Lee Corley, from Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference; William F. Clark, from Brandt Quarterly Conference; and Clark L. Gowdy, Gordon Quarterly Conference. After representation by Board of Examiners and Presiding Elders and the Committee on Qualifications, they were admitted on Trial.

The following were also recommended: Bert. Edward Smith, from Dunkinsville Quarterly Conference; Purdy L. Van Wicklin,

Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference; and Herbert R. Whiting, Mount Auburn (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

Pending consideration of their Admission on Trial, the Conference adjourned.

Bishop Bashford requested Bishop Walden to preside at the afternoon session. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON.

BISHOP BASHFORD called the Conference to order at two o'clock this afternoon. J. S. Pumphrey conducted the devotions.

The journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

The question pending at the hour of adjournment was taken up. Bert E. Smith, Purdy L. Van Wicklin, and Herbert R. Whiting were admitted on Trial, the last-named to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

On motion of H. D. Ketcham, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the sum of money in his hands accruing from fractional amounts to S. W. Bell for defraying expenses connected with the Conference program.

H. D. Ketcham offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference hereby expresses its cordial approval of the plan for the Memorial Service, in having three-minute memoirs presented of those deceased, followed by a Memorial Sermon not to exceed thirty minutes. The Committee on Public Worship for the next Annual Session is hereby instructed to arrange for the service following the administration of the Sacrament and the Roll-call upon the opening day of the session.

On motion, a recess of ten minutes was taken to secure a Conference photograph.

Bishop Walden occupied the chair after recess, and during the service which followed.

Memorial.—George H. Dart read the memoir of John W. Mason, and several members of the Conference made remarks, offering tributes to the memory of our translated brother. By vote, the memoir was adopted.

Bishop Walden being compelled to leave, called A. B. Leonard to the chair.

W. N. Mason and Mrs. Roudebush, children of Brother Mason, were introduced, and Wilbur N. Mason made brief and tender remarks, paying a beautiful tribute of filial affection to his departed father and his devoted mother.

Reports.—The report of the Board of Stewards was presented by R. E. Smith, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 73.)

R. E. Smith also offered a report from the Board of Stewards concerning pensions for Superannuates. The first item of the report was adopted. The second item was ordered printed for fuller consideration next year. The third item was adopted. (See Report, page 102.)

The following reports were also presented, read, and adopted (see Reports, pages 90-107): That of the American Bible Society, by Frank Lever; of the Auditing Committee, by C. W. Briggs; of the Church Extension Society, by O. L. Utter; on Education, by W. H. Wehrly; on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, by J. P. Gilliland; on Missions, by H. G. Curless; on Parsonages, by S. G. Pollard. A paper on Church Insurance was presented by the Secretary, and ordered printed with the reports.

During the session Bishop Bashford presented for record the following:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies, *That on September 4, 1904, in Miamisburg, Ohio, I ordained James Monroe Bailey, George Franklin Barber, William Luke Boicourt, George William Keen, Edmond Mark Lewis, Dudley Matthews, and Alfred Taylor,* DEACONS; *and on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained William E. Verity an* ELDER, *according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Miamisburg, Ohio, September 4, 1904.

J. W. Bashford

Bishop.

J. A. Easton exhibited a pamphlet entitled, A Report of the Missionary Society for the year 1832, and presented it to the Historical Society of the Conference.

Pending the report on Missions, A. B. Leonard, the Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. P. Porter, the Conference adjourned to meet at seven o'clock to-night.

The benediction was pronounced by A. B. Leonard.

EVENING.

AT seven o'clock to-night A. B. Leonard called the Conference to order, and S. B. Smith led in the devotions.

W. J. Baker moved that Statistics No. II be published in the Minutes only by recapitulation, and the motion carried.

Reports of Standing Committees were read and adopted as follows (see pages 90-107): On Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, by J. E. Thomas; on Tracts, by L. A. Washburn; on Deaconess Work, by Gervaise Roughton; on Sabbath Observance, by D. J. Starr; on Public Morals, by D. J. Starr; on Epworth League, by J. F. Chenoweth.

The list of Standing Committees nominated for next year was offered by M. LeSourd, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and it was ordered printed.

The members of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism were named by the Nominating Committee, and they were approved. (See page 6.)

The report on Aggressive Evangelism was read by J. S. Pumphrey, and was adopted. (See page 91.)

G. S. Easton offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby express its appreciation for the stand taken by the Hon. L. M. Shaw, in the matter of the Sabbath opening of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and that we hereby instruct our Secretary to express to him our appreciation and gratitude for said action.

J. G. VAUGHAN, G. S. EASTON. C. W. HORN.

H. W. Bailey offered the following, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, On account of family affliction Rev. J. L. Shively is to go from us for a while to the mission work in New Mexico, be it

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our regret at having to lose temporarily a man whose eminently pious life, irreproachable Christian con-

duct, rare brotherly spirit, and earnest Christian work we greatly admire and highly prize;

Resolved, 2. That we commend him to the mission workers as a true minister of Christ in every way worthy of their confidence and well qualified for the Master's work.

Resolved, 3. That we assure Brother Shively of our sympathy and prayers that God's blessing may accompany him to his distant field of labor, and that after the speedy restoration of his daughter's health he and his excellent family may be restored to their place of usefulness in our midst.

H. W. Bailey,
Thomas W. Salt,
William H. Spybey,

The following reports were read and adopted: On Sunday-school Cause, read by J. A. Jenkinson; on Temperance, by A. B. Leonard; on the State of the Church, by J. S. Pumphrey. (See pages 90-107.)

A collection amounting to $26.38 was taken for Mr. John Rohrer, the janitor, who was introduced to the Conference, and expressed his thanks for the contribution.

The Conference Treasurer, C. W. Horn, read his report, and it was adopted. (See page 76.)

G. M. Hammell read the report of the Statistical Secretary, and it was adopted. (See pages 77-89.)

The question of the seat of the next Conference was taken up. J. A. Story invited the Conference to High Street, Springfield. The invitation was accepted by a unanimous standing vote.

The journal of the afternoon session was read and approved.

Bishop Bashford entered and resumed the chair.

Howard Henderson read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and it was adopted item by item by rising votes. (See page 103.)

Sale.—V. F. Brown reported the sale of the parsonage on Sugar Tree Ridge Circuit, according to Paragraph 316 of the Discipline, for the sum of $436, and handed the same to the Conference Trustees. He asked that if during the coming year the circuit should buy or build a parsonage this money shall be at its disposal, the pastor of the charge and Presiding Elder of the district concurring in the request of the local Trustees, without an order from the next Annual Session of the Cincinnati Conference. It was so ordered by vote.

The Bishop presented nominations for Boards of Church Location and Church Extension, and they were approved. (See page 4.)

He presented also his appointments of Triers of Appeals; also for the Missionary and Memorial Sermons. (See page 6.)

The Bishop was requested to appoint four Conference evangelists; namely, J. L. Glascock, H. G. Scudday, E. S. Gaddis, and H. Hershey.

H. D. Ketcham offered the following, which was adopted:

We hereby reaffirm the position of this Conference, announced at the two sessions preceding, that no charge paying less than $600 and a house has just cause for complaint if a married man in full membership in the Conference is not appointed to the charge, and would add that no station nor circuit contiguous to a city should pay less than $700 and a house.

Transfers.—The following Transfers were announced: C. F. Enyart, to Southwest Kansas Conference; G. L. Tufts, to the Oregon Conference; and W. A. Cooper, from the Colorado Conference; and W. F. Gilliland, from the Central Ohio Conference, being a Probationer at the end of the first year. The Examiners reported his studies, and he was passed to the Studies of the Second Year.

A. B. Leonard moved that after the reading of the Minutes and the announcement of the Appointments for the ensuing year, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*, and the motion prevailed.

On behalf of the preachers of the Hillsboro District, J. S. Pumphrey presented a purse to V. F. Brown, the retiring Presiding Elder, who made appropriate response.

The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and Dr. Leonard led in prayer, after which Bishop Bashford read the appointments (see page 35), and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
John J. Giblin (Probationer first year), from the Kentucky Conference; G. R. Frenger, from the Kentucky Conference; John S. Young, from the Kentucky Conference; W. A. Cooper, from the Colorado Conference; *William F. Gilliland* (Probationer second year), from the Central Ohio Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Jesse Lee Corley, Clark L. Goudy, Edgar Starkey Jackson, Benj. H. Lewis, Wm. F. Clark, Bert. E. Smith, Purdy C. Van Wicklin, Herbert R. Whiting.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*George F. Barber, Wm. L. Boicourt, Geo. W. Keen, Dudley Matthews.*

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Edward Lutterman.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Fred J. Reinbarth, John J. Giblin, Chas. J. Moore, Wm. F. Gilliland.*
(*c*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*Jacob J. Hawk.*
(*d*) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—*Louis O. Hartman.*

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
Chas. J. Kelch.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*James M. Bailey.*
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*William E. Verity.*

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*James M. Bailey.*
(*b*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
Asa J. Kestle, William W. Reeves.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—None.
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(*a*) As Local Preachers.—Alfred Taylor, Edmund M. Lewis.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

(*c*) Under Seminary Rule.—*Wm. L. Boicourt, George F. Barber, George W. Keen, Dudley Matthews.*

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) As Local Deacons.—*Wm. E. Verity.*

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was, in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

George L. Tufts, to the Oregon Conference; C. F. Enyart, to the Southwest Kansas Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

John L. Gregg, Wm. T. McMullen, L. E. Prentiss, R. K. Deem, J. W. Mason.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, Charles Hartley, John Wilson, E. McHugh, I. R. Marshall, W. G. Warner, F. M. Clemans, E. L. Hollingsworth.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

W. N. Maxey, J. F. Hull, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, G. W. Fee, S. W. Carey, S. W. Edmiston, W. H. Sutherland, L. F. Young, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, L. O. Deputy, J. H. Davis, C. H. Kalbfus, J. E. H. Sentman, Howard A. M. Henderson, J. S. Ruggles, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, H. M. Keck, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, T. J. Harris, E. P. James, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Wells, J. McK. Schultz, C. D. Munsey, W. W. Ramsay.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

W. A. Wiant, C. M. Van Pelt, A. D. Maddox, E. Burdsall, J. S. Pumphrey, J. P. Porter, H. W. Bailey.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*
Probationers, 1,535; decrease, 102. Members, 51,606; increase, 54.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*
$56,789.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
$11,950.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*
$10,100. (See Report, Board of Stewards, page 73.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
(See Appointments, page 35.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*
High Street Church, Springfield.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Miamisbug, Ohio, September 5, 1904.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held August 31 to September 5, 1904, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

J. W. Bashford

Bishop presiding.

S. O. Royal

Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder, 5.
220 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

CINCINNATI:

Asbury, ... C. C. Peale, 2.

AVONDALE CHARGE:

1. Avondale, . E. P. Edmonds, 6.
2. Pleasant Ridge, *L. O. Hartman*, 2.
3. Bond Hill, . . *J. L. Corley*, 1.
4. Carthage and Reading, *G. F. Barber*, 1.

Christie, ... C. L. Myers, 4.
Clifton, ... J. F. Chenoweth, 3.
Columbia, . . George H. Smith, 1.
Delta Avenue, . . . J. P. Ninde, 3.
E. Pearl Street, . . S. G. Pollard. 1.
Elmwood Place and Camp Washington, ... T. D. Moore, 1.
Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 7.
Finley, ... [W. W. Tranter.]
First Church, Northside, A. L. Brokaw, 3.
Linwood and Madison Road, J. E. Thomas, 3.
McKendree, . . John A. White, 1.
Mt. Auburn, . . J. A. Geissinger, 4.
Mt. Lookout, . G. M. Hammell, 2.
Price Hill, . . E. M. Ellsworth, 2.
Riverside, ... J. D. Darling, 1.
St. Paul, ... C. W. Blodgett, 5.
Trinity, ... M. B. Fuller, 4.
Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 5.
Wesley Chapel, Gervaise Roughton, 8.

WESTWOOD CHARGE:

1. Westwood, . D. G. Latshaw, 6.
2. Groesbeck, Asbury, and Ebenezer, ... S. A. Keen, 2.
3. Miamitown, Mt. Hope, and Dent, . . . *W. L. Boicourt*, 2.

Winton Place, . . . E. Burdsall, 6.
York Street, ... O. L. Utter, 2.
Cleves and Addyston, J. S. Young, 1.
Delhi, ... J. R. Colley, 4.
Harrison, ... W. K. Brown, 1.
Hartwell, ... F. G. Mitchell, 3.
Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 5.
Madisonville, ... S. O. Royal, 2.

NORWOOD:

First Church, ... J. E. Beery, 5.
Grace Church, . . A. K. Stabler, 4.

R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Avondale (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Westwood Quarterly Conference.

John Pearson, Field Agent of American Bible Society, Clifton (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

Edward W. Lutterman, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

E. J. Moore, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, Walnut Hills (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

E. S. Gaddis, Conference Evangelist, member of Madisonville Quarterly Conference.

Herbert R. Whiting, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Mt. Auburn Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

H. D. KETCHAM, . Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Dayton, O

Bethany, ... J. H. Lease, 5.
Brookville and Pyrmont, [Clarence Grouser.]
Camden and Somerville, S. B. Timmons, 2.
Centerville, ... A. D. Maddox, 1.
DAYTON:
Broadway, ... C. W. Elliott, 3.
Grace, ... H. C. Jameson, 3.
Homestead Ave., *George W. Keen*, 1.
Raper, ... V. F. Brown, 1.
Riverdale, ... E. W. Serl, 1.
St. Paul, . J. G. Vaughan, 7, J. P. Gilliland, 1.
Trinity, ... O. M. Sellers, 2.
Eaton and West Alexandria, W. A. Wiant, 2.
Ebenezer and Woodward, *W. E. Verity*, 2.
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley, *W. T. Gilliland*, 1.
Fort Jefferson, . . [D. S. Ferguson.]
Franklin, . . . Creighton Wones, 3.
Germantown, ... *J. J. Hawk*, 1.
Gordon, ... [*C. L. Gowdy*, 2.]
Hamilton, and Lindenwald, C. E. Schenk, 6, and S. A. Stephan, 2.
Lewisburg, ... G. L. Travis, 1.
Miamisburg, . . Sheridan W. Bell, 2.
Middletown, . . W. E. Hammaker, 1.
Monroe, ... J. A. Jenkinson, 2.
New Paris, . . . *Dudley Matthews.*
Osborn, ... F. Leever, 2.
Oxford, ... C. M. Van Pelt, 3.
Port Union and Glendale (Stockton), R. E. Smith, 2.
Red Lion and Merrittstown, D. W. C. Washburn, 1.
Seven Mile, ... O. P. Hoffman, 5.
Springboro and Lytle, J. W. Patton, 5.
Venice (Ross), . . W. D. English, 1.
Walker and Union (McGonigle), [G. H. Pettingell.]
West Carrollton, . John W. Gaddis, 4.
West Chester, . . . J. F. McColm, 2.
West Elkton, . [Stephen S. Myrick.]
West Milton, . . *F. J. Reinbarth*, 2.

H. L. Torbet, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

W. W. Reeves, Field Secretary of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent Methodist Book Concern, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Franklin Quarterly Conference.

G. P. Benton, President Miami University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent for Indiana of the Anti-Saloon League, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

H. G. Scudday, Conference Evangelist, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

A. C. TURRELL, . Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Hillsboro, O.

Belfast (Bell), . . . *Bert E. Smith*, 1.
Blanchester, . . . Geo. W. Vorhis, 4.
Bowersville, . *P. L. Van Wicklin*, 1.
Butlerville, ... To be Supplied.
Centerfield (Rainsboro), [J. H. Davis.]
Clarksville, ... J. H. McNary, 3.
Greenfield, ... J. J. McCabe, 1.
Highland, ... J. R. Hill, 2.
Hillsboro, ... W. A. Deaton, 2.
Jamestown, ... J. P. Porter, 4.
Leesburg, ... Geo. S. Easton, 2.
Loveland, ... L. M. Davis, 2.
Lynchburg, ... C. W. Briggs, 1.
Maineville, ... W. S. Gray, 2.
Martinsville, . . . [E. S. Underhill.]
Morrow, ... E. T. Lane, 2.
New Burlington, . . O. D. Becker, 1.
New Jasper, . . . C. L. Chapman, 1.
New Vienna, ... A. Hamilton, 2.
Rainsboro, ... *A. J. Kestle*, 2.
Sabina, ... W. M. Coffman, 1.
Sinking Spring, . . *E. S. Jackson*, 1.

South Lebanon, . . . [H. W. Brown.]
Sugar Tree Ridge, . . [T. M. Scarff.]
Union (Spring Valley), W. M. Patton, 2.
Waynesville, ... Philip Trout, 1.
Wilmington, . . . J. S. Pumphrey, 3.

XENIA:

First Church, . . . C. W. Barnes, 1.
Trinity, ... R. H. Rust, 3.

C. J. Moore, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member Highland Quarterly Conference.

J. A. Easton, Field Agent of Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.

Henry Hershey, Conference Evangelist.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

ALBERT N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, . . . [Wilton F. Martin.]
Amelia, ... G. R. Frenger, 1.
Batavia, ... W. H. Spybey, 2.
Bethel, ... L. A. Washburn, 3.
Branch Hill, ... *H. H. Lewis.*
Chilo, ... To be Supplied.
Decatur, ... D. S. Ewry, 2.
Dunkinsville, . . . To be Supplied.
Feesburg, ... [Fee Naylor.]
Felicity, ... W. J. Baker, 2.
Georgetown, ... C. W. Horn, 6.
Goshen, ... G. M. Fulton, 2.
Laurel, ... W. E. Spurrier, 3.
Lebanon, ... W. A. Cooper, 1.
Manchester, ... J. Verity, 2.
Marathon, ... [W. E. Shriver.]
Mason, ... W. E. Putt, 2.
Milford, ... M. LeSourd, 5.
Moscow, ... J. A. Winkler, 1.
Mount Orab, . . . T. G. Williams, 2.
Mount Washington, . C. T. Crum, 1.
Mulberry, ... To be Supplied.
New Richmond, . . W. J. Dunham, 3.
Newtown, ... T. P. Walter, 2.
Owensville, ... W. B. Brown, 1.
Peebles, ... John Phillips, 2.
Ripley, ... H. W. Bailey, 2.
Summerside, ... A. J. Newton, 1.
West Union, . . . W. C. Mitchell, 2.
Williamsburg, ... T. W. Salt, 1.
Williamsburg Circuit, [J. E. H. Sentman.]
Winchester—Seaman, *J. M. Bailey*, 1.
Sante Fe, New Mexico, J. L. Shively.

J. J. Giblin, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Williamsburg Quarterly Conference.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, ... S. W. Campbell, 2.
Brandt, ... [David Clutch.]
Catawba, ... J. L. Dalbey, 1.
Cedarville, . . . H. C. Middleton, 3.
Christiansburg, . . [Warren Wiant.]
Concord (Westville), . J. C. Eckles, 1.
Covington, ... O. L. Seward, 1.
Dialton, ... J. F. Laird, 1.
Greenville, ... A. B. Austin, 3.
King's Creek, . . . D. A. McColm, 2.
Mechanicsburg, . . C. H. Haines, 2.
Mutual, ... Thomas Cundy, 1.
New Carlisle, . . H. E. Armacost, 2.
New Moorefield, . . R. S. McColm, 5.

PIQUA:

Grace, ... A. W. Leonard, 2.
Greene St., . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 4.

South Charleston, . A. T. Cowgill, 3.

SPRINGFIELD:

Central, ... C. L. Conger, 3.
Clifton Ave., . . . H. G. Curless, 2.
Grace, ... J. L. Duckwall, 6.
High Street, . . . J. A. Story, 10.
St. Paul, ... J. W. Peters, 6.

Tippecanoe City, . . G. P. Austin, 4.
Tremont City, ... [A. Taylor.]
Troy, ... W. H. Wehrly, 1.
Troy Circuit, ... *W. F. Clark*, 1.

URBANA:

First Church, . . J. E. Abrams, 2.
Grace, ... E. H. Cherington, 7.

Vienna Cross Roads, . [J. D. Trout.]
Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 3.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.

C. P. Pumphrey, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member Arcanum Quarterly Conference.

F. C. English, President Moores Hill College, Moores Hill, Ind.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service, those before the number of years in present relation.

3. E. T. Wells, 35, ... Toledo, O.
2. E. McHugh, 47, ... Cincinnati, O.
2. G. H. Dart, 47, ... Hamilton, O.
2. I. R. Marshall, 10, . . . Dayton, O.
2. Charles Hartley, 12, . . Delaware, O.
1. W. G. Warner, 14, . . . Cleveland, O.
1. John Wilson, 34, ... New Vienna, O.
1. F. M. Clemans, 38, . . Washington C. H., O.
1. E. L. Hollingsworth, 10, King's Creek, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

W. N. Maxey, 9, ... Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh, 13, ... Fresno, Cal.
J. F. Hull, 17, ... Rowland, Ala.
T. E. Fidler, 30, ... Upper Sandusky, Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black, 37, ... New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck, 32, ... St. Paul's (Toledo) Quaterly Conference.
M. P. Zink, 40, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar, 34, ... Troy Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee, 28, ... Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
John Vance, 35, ... New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey, 19, ... Grace (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.
T J. Harris, 29, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Winchester Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James, 38, ... Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Sutherland, 55, . . Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman, 14, ... Delaware, O.
L. F. Young, 23, ... Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail, 49, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith, 45, ... R. R. No. 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
W. P. Jackson, 33, ... Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
W. M. West, 27, ... Newtown Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter, 29. . . . . Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
L. O. Deputy, 18. . . . Madisonville, Cincinnati.
Sylvester Weeks, 35, . . . Pensacola, Fla.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs.
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Carlisle.
C. D. Munsey, 24, ... Cleveland, Tenn.
Howard Henderson, 47, . Hartwell, O.
W. W. Ramsay, 39, ... Winchester, O.; St. Paul (Cincinnati) Q. C.
J. S. Ruggles, 28, ... Mutual (Ohio) Quarterly Conference.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry.		Consecra'd Bishop.	Residence.
		Conference.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Stephen Mason Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
James Newbury FitzGerald	July. 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	Saint Louis, Mo.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Philadelphia, Pa.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Frank W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
John W Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry	May 1856	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer	1847	Newark	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford	May 25, 1849	New England S.	1883	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott	1855	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan	1883	1901	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson	1849	South India	1874	1904	Calcutta, India.
*Merriman C. Harris	1846	Japan	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

*Missionary Bishops.

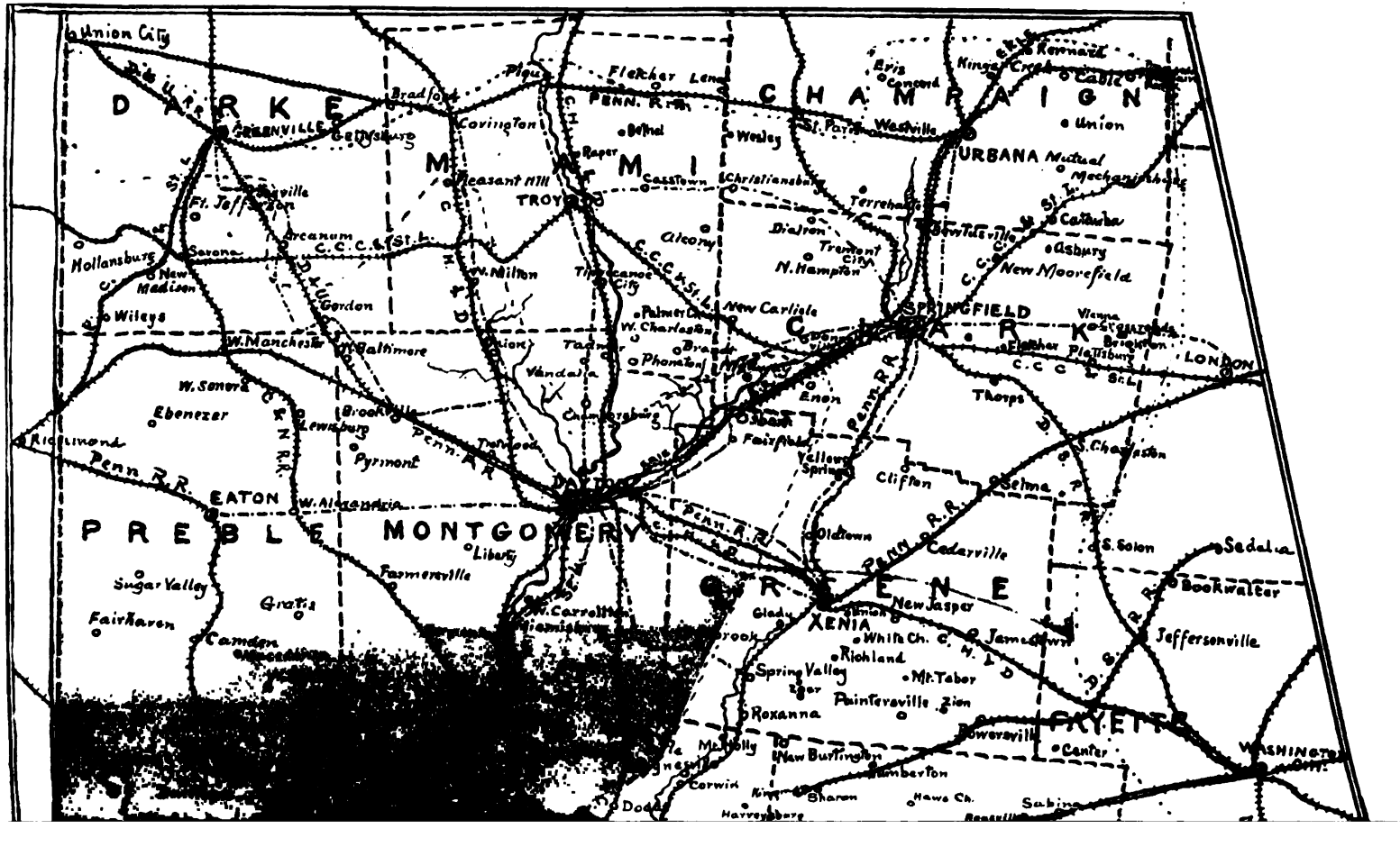
MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. indicates those who are Superannuated; Sn. Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise noted.

Abrams, J. E., Urbana.
Armacost, H. E., New Carlisle.
[redacted], Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Greenville.
Austin, G. P., Tippecanoe City.
[redacted], Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Ripley.
Bailey, J. M., Winchester.
Baker, W. J., Felicity.
Barber, G. F., Carthage.
Barnes, C. W., Xenia.
Becker, O. D., New Burlington.
Beery, J. E., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bell, S. W., Miamisburg.
[redacted] P., Oxford.
[redacted], New Carlisle.
Blodgett, C. W., Cincinnati.
Briggs, C. W., Lynchburg.
Brokaw, A. L., Cincinnati.
Brown, V. F., Dayton.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Brown, Wm. B., Owensville.
Burdsall, E., Wintou Place.
Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.

[illegible], J. W. (Sa.), Urbana.
Chapman, C. L., New Jasper.
Chenoweth, John F., Cincinnati.
Cherington, E. H., Urbana.
Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clark, W. F., Troy.
Clemans, F. M., Washington C. H.
Coffman, W. M., Sabina.
Colley, J. R., Delhi.
Conger, C. L., Springfield.
Cooper, W. A., Lebanon.
Corley, J. L., Bond Hill.
Cowgill, A. T., South Charleston.
Crum, C. T., Mt. Washington.
Cundy, T., Mutual.
Curless, H. G., Springfield.
Dalbey, J. L., Catawba.
Darling, J. D., Riverside (Cin).
[illegible] (Sn.), Hamilton.
[illegible]. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Davis, L. M., Loveland.
Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
Deaton, W. A., Hillsboro.
[illegible] (Sa.), Madisonville.
Dubois, G. W., Springfield.
Duckwall, J. L., Springfield.
Dunham, W. J., New Richmond.
Easton, G. S., Leesburg.
[illegible], Sinking Spring.
Eckles, J. C. Westville.
Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Hillsboro.
[illegible] (Sa.), Winchester.
Edmonds, E. P., Avondale, Cin'ti.
Elliott, C. W., Dayton.
Ellsworth, E. M., Cincinnati.
[illegible], Moores Hill, Ind.
English, W. D., Ross.
Ewry, D. S., Decatur.
[illegible] (Sa.), Mt. Orab.
Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Upper Sandusky.
Frenger, G. R., Amelia.
Fuller, M. B., Cincinnati.
Fulton, G. M., Goshen.
Gaddis, J. W., West Carrollton.
[illegible], Madisonville.
Geissinger, J. A., Cincinnati.
[illegible], Boston Mass.
[illegible], Washington, D. C.
Gilliland, Jas. P., Dayton.
Gilliland, W. T., Fair Haven.
[illegible], Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Gray, W. S., Mainville.
Haines, C. H., Mechanicsburg.
Hamilton, A., New Vienna.
Hammaker, W. E., Middletown.
Hammell, Geo. M., Cincinnati.
[illegible] (Sa.), Station H, Cin'ti.
Hartley, Chas. (Sn.), Delaware.
Hartman, L. O. Pleasant Ridge.
Hawk, J. J., Germantown.

Henderson, H. A. M. (Sa.), Hartwell.
[illegible], Cincinnati, O.
[illegible] (Sa.), Delaware, O.
Hill, J. R., Highland.
Hoffman, O. P., Seven Mile.
[illegible] (Sn.), Kings Creek.
Horn, C. W., Georgetown.
[illegible], Rowland, Ala.
[illegible], Indianapolis, Ind.
[illegible], Lebanon.
Hypes, B. D., Yellow Springs.
Jackson, E. S. Sinking Spring.
[illegible], Blanchester.
[illegible], Delaware.
Jameson, H. C., Dayton.
Jenkinson, J. A., Monroe.
[illegible] (Sa.), Yellow Springs.
Keck, H. M. (Sa.), 19 San Fleet Bldg., Toledo.
Keen, G. W., Dayton.
Keen, S. A., Westwood.
Kestle, Asa J., Rainsboro.
Ketcham, H. D., Dayton.
Kirgan, F. M., Fairmount.
[illegible], Westwood.
Laird, J. F., Dialton.
Lane, E. T., Morrow.
Latshaw, D. G., Westwood.
Lease, J. H., Bethany.
Leever, F., Osborn.
[illegible], 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
Leonard, A. W., Piqua.
LeSourd, M., Milford.
[illegible], Edward J., Madison, N. J.
Maddox, A. D., Centerville.
[illegible] (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
[illegible], R., (Sn.), Port Union.
[illegible], (Sa.), Russell.
McCabe, J. J., Greenfield.
McColm, D. A., Kings Creek.
McColm, J. F., West Chester.
McColm, R. S., New Moorefield.
[illegible] (Sn.), Cincinnati.
McNary, J. H., Clarksville.
Middleton, H. C., Cedarville.
Mitchell, F. G., Hartwell.
Mitchell, Wm. C., West Union.
[illegible], Boston, Mass.
[illegible], Cincinnati.
Moore, T. D., Elmwood.
[illegible] (Sa.), Cleveland, Tenn.
Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.
Newton, A. G., Summerside.
Ninde, J. P., Cincinnati.
Patton, J. W., Springboro.
Patton, W. M., Spring Valley.
Peale, C. C., Cincinnati.
[illegible], Jno., Cincinnati.
Peters, J. W., Springfield.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Ft. Jefferson
Mollansburg
New Madison
Wiley's
Gordon
W. Milton
Tippecanoe City
Alcony
Palmer
W. Charleston
Brandt
Phoenix
New Carlisle
Tadmor
Vandalia
W. Manchester
Baltimore
Penn R.R.
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Richmond
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Ebenezer
W. Somers
Brookville
Lewisburg
Pyrmont
C.H.&D.R.R.
EATON
W. Alexandria
PREBLE
MONTGOMERY
Liberty
Farmersville
Sugar Valley
Gratis
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Selma
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S. Charleston
S. Solon
Sedalia
Bookwalter
Jeffersonville
New Jasper
Union
White Ch.
Jamestown
Richland
Spring Valley
Mt. Tabor
Roxanna
Painterville
Zion
Bowersville
Center
FAYETTE
Washington C.H.
New Burlington
Jamestown
Corwin
Sharon
Hawes Ch.
Sabina
Harveysburg
Dodds
Mechanicsburg
Terrehaute
Treasant City
N. Hampton
Diadon
Tremont City
Catawba
Ashbury
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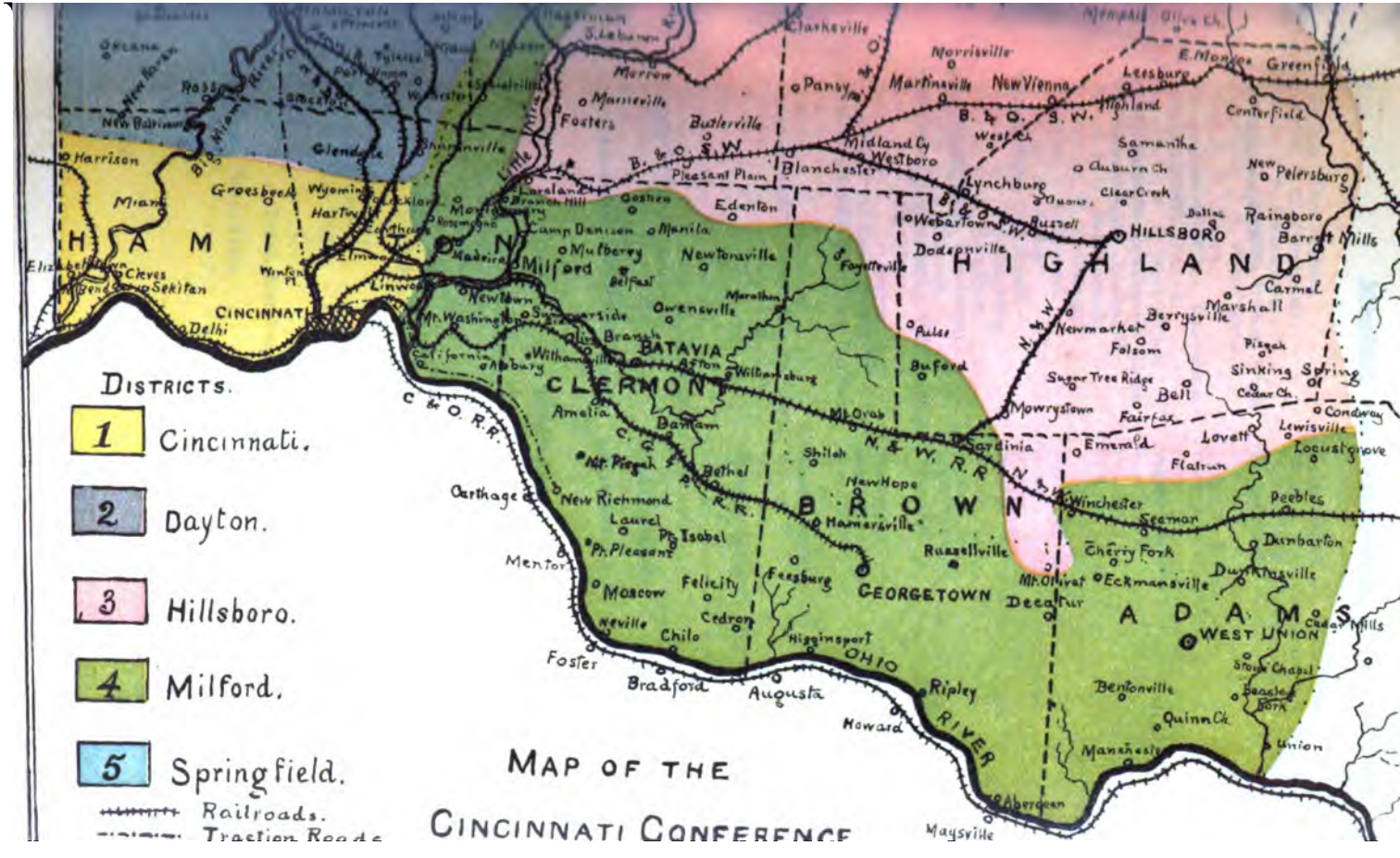
DISTRICTS.
1 Cincinnati.
2 Dayton.
3 Hillsboro.
4 Milford.
5 Springfield.
Railroads.
MAP OF THE
CINCINNATI CONFERENCE
HAMILTON
CLERMONT
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WEST UNION
OHIO RIVER
C. & O. R.R.
N. & W. R.R.
B. & O. S. W.
Harrison
Groesbeck
Miami
Elizabethtown
Clives
Sekitan
Delhi
Winton Pl.
Linwood
Madeira
Milford
Camp Dennison
Manila
Mulberry
Newtonsville
Belfast
Newtown
Mt. Washington
California
Owensville
Marathon
Williamsburg
Amelia
Bantam
Bethel
Mt. Pisgah
Carthage
New Richmond
Laurel
Pt. Isabel
Pt. Pleasant
Mentor
Moscow
Felicity
Neville
Chilo
Foster
Bradford
Augusta
Howard
Higginsport
Ripley
Aberdeen
Maysville
Foresburg
Cedron
Russellville
Mt. Orab
Shiloh
New Hope
Hamersville
Sardinia
Buford
Fayetteville
Dodsonville
Webbertown
Russell
Lynchburg
Clear Creek
Auburn Ch.
Samantha
Centerfield
Leesburg
Highland
Martinsville
New Vienna
Morrisville
Clarksville
Pansy
Midland Cy
Westboro
Blanchester
Butlerville
Fosters
Morrow
Pleasant Plain
Edenton
Goshen
Loveland
Braden Hill
Little Miami
Xenia
Fairfax
Mowrystown
Sugar Tree Ridge
Bell
Cedar Ch.
Fairfax
Emerald
Flatrun
Lovett
Lewisville
Locust Grove
Condway
Sinking Spring
Pisgah
Marshall
Carmel
Barrett Mills
Raingboro
Dallas
Bevryville
Newmarket
Folsom
Peebles
Seaman
Winchester
Dunbarton
Cherry Fork
Mt. Olivet
Eckmansville
Decatur
Cedar Mills
Strow Chapel
Beagle Fork
Bentonville
Quinn Ch.
Manchester
Union

Phillips, John, Peebles.
Pollard, S. G., Cincinnati.
Porter, J. P., Jamestown.
[redacted], Boston, Mass.
Pumphrey, J. S., Wilmington.
Putt, W. E., Mason.
[redacted] (Sa.), Winchester.
[redacted], Oxford.
Reinbarth, F. J., West Milton.
[redacted], Newtonville, Mass.
[redacted] A., Cincinnati.
Royal, S. O., Madisonville.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
Ruggles, J. S., Mutual.
Rust, R. H., Xenia.
[redacted], Cincinnati.
Salt, T. W., Williamsburg.
Schenk, C. E., Hamilton.
[redacted], Cincinnati.
Sellers, O. M., Dayton.
[redacted] (Sa.), Williamsb'g.
Serl, E. W., Dayton.
Seward, O. L., Covington, O.
[redacted], Santa Fe, N. M.
[redacted] (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Smith, B. E., Bell.
Smith, R. E., Stockton.
[redacted] (Sa.), Grand Rapids, Mich.
Smith, G. H., Eastern Ave., Cin.
Spahr, A. N., Milford.
Spurrier, W. E., Laurel.
Spybey, Wm. H., Batavia.
Stabler, A. K., Station H, Cincinnati.
[redacted], Columbus.
Stephan, S. A., Hamilton.
Story, J. A., Springfield.
[redacted] (Sa.), Wyoming.
[redacted] W. P., Cincinnati.
Thomas, J. E., Linwood.
Timmons, S. B., Camden.
[redacted], Boston, Mass.
Travis, G. L., Lewisburg.
Trout, P. Waynesville.
Turrell, A. C., Hillsboro.
Utter, O. L., Cincinnati.
[redacted] (Sa.), New Moorefield.
Van Pelt, C. M., Oxford.
Van Wicklin, P. C. (C.), Bowersville.
Vaughan, J. G., Dayton.
Verity, J., Manchester.
Verity, W. E., Dayton.
Vorhis, G. W., Blanchester.
Walter, T. P., Newtown.
[redacted] (Sn.), Dayton.
Washburn, D. W. C., Red Lion.
Washburn, L. A., Bethel.
[redacted] C., Cincinnati.
[redacted] (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
Wehrly, W. H., Troy.
[redacted] (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
[redacted] (Sn.), Toledo.
[redacted] M. (Sa.), Madisonville.
White, J. A., Eastern Ave., (Cin.)
[redacted], Boston, Mass.
Wiant, W. A., Eaton.
Williams, T. G., Mt. Orab.
[redacted] New Vienna.
Winkler, J. A., Moscow.
Wones, Creighton, Franklin.
Wyckoff, R. J., Piqua.
Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
[redacted]), Georgetown.
Young, J. S. Cleves.
[redacted]), Hillsboro.

SUMMARY.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—	
Superannuated,	33
Supernumerary,	8
Effective,	159
Total Members,	200
PROBATIONERS—	
First Year,	12
Second Year,	7
	18
Total, Members and Probationers,	219
LOCAL PREACHERS,	101
WIDOWS,	63

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics;* and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

BENSON, W. C. (Wesley), Cincinnati.
Cornuelle, V., Madisonville.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
Gilson, W. H. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Halley, R. H. (Finley), Cincinnati.
King, Thos. Sam'l (Northside), Cin'ti.
Leaverton, Landon W. (First Church), Northside.
LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, St. Paul.
O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.
Olenslayger, L. (Asbury), Cincinnati.
Pugh, Albert H. (Avondale), Cin'ti.
Simpkinson, W. H. (First Church), Norwood.
Thayer, Warren H. (Grace), Norwood.
Waffensmith, J. W., Asbury.
Warren, Francis M., Trinity.
Wright, H. G. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A. (R. F. D., No. 5), Dayton.
Bates, A. E., Dayton.
Clark, D. W., New Paris.
Crouder, George, Heno.
Eckert, Clark, Glen Cairn.
Ganster, Howard A., Evanston, Ill.
Gowdy, Clark, Gordon.
GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford.
Grouse, Clarence, Dayton.
Hill, W. T., Enon.
Hoffman, George W.
Howell, E. S., West Elkton.
HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
Jones, T. S., Dayton.
Lamm, Chas., Camden.
Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
RICKETTS, S. B., Dayton.
SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton.
Silvers, H. D. (R. F. D.), Eaton.
Vorhis, J. S., Dayton.
Webber, Leroy, Heno.
Weisenbarger, Elmer C. (R. F. D., No. 3), Arcanum.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Chancellor, S. D., Wilmington.
Craig, S. L., New Burlington.
Collins, H. O., Dunbarton.
Curless, Ashur, Blanchester.
DeLong, John E., Hillsboro.
Hardy, Chas. R., Centerfield.
Hill, John P. J., Westboro.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.
Milburn, W. D., Xenia.
McIntyre, Altman, New Burlington.
Murphey, Geo. W., Turkey.
Naylor, John S., Hillsboro.
Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
Roberts, Walter E., Seaman.
Scarff, T. R., Spring Valley.
Semple, Robert, Cedar Mills.
SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
Thompson, Milton, Greenfield.
Wheeler, Wm., Xenia.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

Bennett, Milton, Amelia.
Bucklen, W. A., Pleasant Plain.
Cox, Edward, Point Pleasant.
DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
DURHAM, J. L., Bethel.
Gudgeon, H. W., Williamsburg.
HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
Hatfield, Geo. B., Batavia.
Hendrixson, E.
Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hockett, Wm., Newtonville.
Lewis, Edwin, Amelia.
Lewis, Benj., Amelia.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
McMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
Moore, J. F., Felicity.
Rhodes, J. N., Williamsburg.
Richards, D. S., Moscow.
Thompson, E. B., Brecon.
Thoroman, S., West Union.
Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

ALBRIGHT, S., Arcanum.
BENNETT, C. W., Greenville.
CLINGER, I. W., Springfield.
Clutch, David, Alcony.
Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.
C. A. Edgington, Selma.
Gilham, Albert, Springfield.

GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
Herr, D., Springfield.
Martz, G. H., Greenville.
Mitchell, R. M., Urbana.
Parker, S. V., Addison.
Stevens, Albert, Grafton.
Swisher, Milton, King's Creek.
Taylor, Alfred, Springfield.
Thompson, C. W., Covington.
Trout, John, Springfield.
Trout, Joseph D., Harmony.
Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O., 28.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O., 44.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky., 10.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O., 12.
Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenville, O., 41.
Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Wilkinson Street, Dayton, O., 47.
Collett, Mrs. Thos., Middletown, O., 51.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
Darlington, Mrs. N.W., West Union, O.
Deem, Mrs. R. K., Mainville, O., 40.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
Gullett, Mrs. C. W., Mt. Clemans, Mich., 22.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky., 6.
Herr, Mrs. Wm., Dayton, O., 56.
Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., 10.
Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensville, Ohio, 37.
Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Dayton, O., 13.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., York, O., 35.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O., 6.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, St. Paris, O., 13.
Loyd, Mrs. J. F., Highland, O., 44.
Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.
Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51.
Mason, Mrs. J. W., Springfield, O., 44.
McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 52.
McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, Ohio, 8.
Miesse, Mrs. Wm. H., 1333 Otis Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 4.
Miller, Mrs. Adam, 172 Ashland Av., Chicago.
Miller, Mrs. Henry, 4142 Kirby Ave., Cumminsville, Cincinnati, O., 24.
Middleton, Mrs. J. H., Greenfield, O., 36.
Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, Ohio, 30.
Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.
Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H, Cincinnati, 62.
Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
Prentiss, Mrs. L. E., Athens, Tenn., 30.
Purkhiser, Mrs. M.G., Hillsboro, O, 32.
Richards, Mrs. M. A., Station H, Cincinnati, O.
Runyan, Mrs. William, Milford, O.
Sargent, Mrs. D. H., LaClyde Ave., St. Louis, Mo., 28.
Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.
Shanor, Mrs. Geo., Blanchester, O., 6.
Smith, Mrs. E. C., Price Hill, Cincinnati, O., 18.
Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown, O., 37.
Stokes, Mrs. H., Lambert's Point, Va.
Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.
Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O., 40.
Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., Lebanon, O., 29.
Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.

IV.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Frank G. Mitchell, *Chairman.*	D. G. Latshaw,	W. H. Wehrly,
Charles L. Conger, *Registrar.*	J. A. Story,	J. A. White,
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C. M. Van Pelt	S. W. Bell,	W. L. Y. Davis,
	J. E. Abrams,	G. H. Smith.
	J. A. Geissinger,	

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. Robinson.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of the Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. Van Pelt.—Short History of the English People, *Green;* Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson;* Essays and Books to be read, of Candidates for Admission.

Section 3. A. B. Austin.—A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row;* Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the First Year; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. Story.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher;* Analogy of Religion, *Butler.*

Section 5. W. L. Y. Davis.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. Abrams.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley.*

Section 7. D. G. Latshaw.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* Student's American History, *Montgomery;* Introduction to New Testament, *Dods.*

Section 8. J. A. Geissinger.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler;* Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 10. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3. John Wesley the Methodist, A Biography; Systematic Theology, *Raymond.*

Section 11. G. H. SMITH.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd;* Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books read by Local Preachers.

Section 12. S. W. BELL.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harmon;* A Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens.*

Section 13. M. B. FULLER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* Theological Compend, *Binney;* A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie.*

Section 14. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904; Digest of Methodist Law (Edition of 1900), *Merrill.*

c. EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, on the first Thursday in December, 1904, and on the last Thursday in June, 1905, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1905.

Examinations in December will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Homiletics, *Kern;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Parts 1-5).

SECOND YEAR.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Part 6 to end); Short History of the English People, *Green.*

THIRD YEAR.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher* (Parts I and II); History of the Christian Church, Vol. I., *Hurst;* Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst;* Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher.*

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 63. Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

d. CLASSES.

FOURTH YEAR:

Asa J. Kestle.....Deacon.
Louis O. Hartman.....Deacon.
William W. Reeves.....Elder.

THIRD YEAR:

James M. Bailey.....Deacon.
George F. Barber.....Deacon.
William L. Boicourt.....Deacon.
Jacob J. Hawk.
George W. Keen.....Deacon.
Dudley Matthews.....Deacon.
William E. Verity.....Elder.

SECOND YEAR:

John J. Giblin. William T. Gilliland. Charles J. Moore.
Fred J. Reinbarth.

FIRST YEAR:

William F. Clark.	Edgar S. Jackson.	Bert E. Smith.
Jesse L. Corley.	Benjamin H. Lewis.	Purdy C. Van Wicklin.
Clark L. Gowdy.	Edward W. Lutterman.	Herbert R. Whiting.

V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder.

PERSONNEL.—The following personal notation should be made in the opening of this report:

The General Conference, by its action in the superannuation of Bishop John M. Walden, the resident Bishop of Cincinnati, has touched the personnel of our local situation. The Bishop emeritus needs no encomium. As a painstaking, industrious chief executive officer of the Church, his reputation is secure. The same Conference designated Bishop Henry Spellmeyer as our resident Bishop in the room of the one retired. It is significant that the first official act of the new incumbent was the baptism of a class of probationers for one of our unordained ministers; and his next, the dedication of a mission chapel. This may be safely interpreted as a token and pledge of helpfulness to pastors from one who is preeminently the Bishop from the pastorate.

I have the honor to report to the presiding officer of this Conference that the relation which he himself maintained to my district was dissolved by the General Conference which honored itself in his elevation to the Episcopacy.

Bishop David H. Moore has placed Cincinnati under increased and lasting obligation to himself by recent service. Before an audience in Music Hall, which no Methodist church in the city could have accommodated, he gave an address narrating his four years of Episcopal supervision in China, Japan, and Korea. The occasion was a jubilee in honor of the complete liquidation of the mortgage indebtedness of Church property within the Cincinnati District. On the evening of the same date, Bishop Moore dedicated the Linwood Church, to which reference will be made later.

No change has occurred in the "old guard" of the Cincinnati District, the superannuates—our honored father and brethren, W. H. Sutherland, J. T. Bail, Sylvester Weeks, T. J. Harris, L. O. Deputy—except that to their number has been added a worthy comrade in the person of Dr. Howard Henderson. Dr. Sutherland has suffered a tedious illness from which he has happily recovered so that we are honored by his presence at this session. Dr. and Mrs. Bail have joyously observed the golden anniversary of their marriage. Dr. Edward McHugh forms a class by himself, being the only supernumerary preacher in the District. His

friends rejoice in the substantial restoration of his health. Dr. Frank Clare English has been unanimously elected President of Moores Hill College, a position for which he has peculiar qualifications. At the request of the Cincinnati Missionary Society, the Rev. J. S. Young has been transferred to this Conference and has been employed by the Society. In addition to his work for the Society at McMicken Mission, he has supplied in a helpful manner the vacant pulpit of Addyston.

With the concurrence of the Conference, certain brethren have been assigned to special offices and forms of work.

Dr. Richard S. Rust will enter upon the sixtieth year of his ministry, and the fortieth year of official relation to the Freedmen's Aid Society. Dr. W. A. Robinson begins his fourth year as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association. Christ Hospital has been aptly called the Queen of our local philanthropies. One hundred thousand dollars has just been expended upon it, making it the most thoroughly equipped hospital in the Central West. Since its opening in 1888, 8,500 patients, including the clinic cases, have been treated. Of the patients treated annually, 400 are unable to pay anything; 400 more can pay but in part; a majority of the clinics are cases of charity. As might be inferred, the current expense of this enlarged work is a great problem to solve. Each month bills to the amount of $3,500 have to be provided for. The proceeds of the endowment of a little over $50,000 are hardly sufficient to meet the expenses of a single month. The only other sources of income are the pay patients and the contributions of Churches and individuals who sympathize with this work. My official relation to the work of the Association as the Presiding Elder of the District in which it is located, has given me exceptional opportunities for knowing its worth and seeing its needs, and I am impressed with the conviction that every pastor should regard himself as a lookout committee not only to secure endowments for the institution, but also to interest young women in entering our Training-school and Home, with the purpose of devoting their lives to the work of the deaconess. I have the further conviction that Dr. Robinson should not have to plead for the privilege of presenting the work, but that all the pulpits should be open to him, with invitations by the pastors and official boards extended to him to come at the most opportune time and take a collection for the work. There is no other way to make it go, and it must go. No pastor should any more think of coming up to the Conference without a collection for our Christ Hospital than of coming without a collection for the missionary cause. The healing and salvation of our own sick ought to be as precious in our sight as the salvation of the heathen.

Dr. H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, will make his own report. I am certain that it will be listened to with the attention which its inspiring character will justify. Dr. John Pearson, Field Agent of the American Bible Society, will also claim the privilege of the floor to report his cause, the transcendent importance of which is conceded. Dr. D. J. Starr has been reappointed by the Board of Managers and the approval of the Warden of the prison, and the Governor of the State, to a third term as chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary. This is a position difficult to fill to the satisfaction of all parties, but members of our Conference who have visited this great prison at Columbus, one of the largest prisons of the world, bring back encouraging reports of the chaplain's good work among the sixteen hundred prisoners there. The Board of Managers request the Bishop to reappoint Dr. Starr to the Chaplaincy.

Dr. E. J. Moore, Superintendent of the Cincinnati-Dayton District of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, was transferred at the last session to this Conference by its request. This district of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League comprises twenty-one counties of southwestern Ohio, including all of the

Cincinnati Conference and parts of the Ohio and Central Ohio Conferences. All the work of the League in this District comes under the supervision of Dr. Moore. He has spoken at least twice every Sunday of the year, save two, as well as many times during the week in local option campaigns, traveling about thirteen thousand miles. The increased support of the Churches and people of the Conference, and particularly the Cincinnati District, is an encouraging sign of the developing of public opinion regarding the work of this Federation of Churches. The passage of the Brannock Bill last winter made it possible for the voters in our large cities to determine concerning the location of saloons in the residence sections. Parts of Avondale and Walnut Hills, in Cincinnati, and of Norwood, have already taken advantage of this measure, and by overwhelming majorities banished the saloon from their districts. There are twelve county seats now without saloons, and five of these are within the bounds of this Conference. Two counties within our Conference boundary have saloons in only one place.

Dr. W. K. Brown continues as Professor in the Miami Military Institute, Dr. J. E. Gilbert as General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, and Dr. M. M. Kugler as Instructor in the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home. The Rev. J. L. Glascock has been thirteen years in the evangelistic work. He has held meetings from Massachusetts to Colorado, and from Canada to Texas. He has traveled 116,760 miles, held meetings in 241 places, and preached 4,675 sermons. God has blessed his labors to the conversion of thirteen thousand souls. During the year, the Rev. H. G. Scudday ceased his work as an evangelist to supply the vacant pulpit at Middletown. The venerable Charles W. Rowland, an ordained local preacher whose name is indissolubly linked with the history of Methodism in Cincinnati, has joined loved companions of other years in the larger life beyond. Mrs. Thomas Lee, the widow of Dr. Thomas Lee, once an honored member of this body, passed to her reward during the present Conference year.

It is impossible for me to describe the varied and beautiful Christian industries in which the consecrated Methodist women of the Cincinnati District are engaged. I can not even name their numerous organizations and the official rosters of the same. These sisters will not, however, consider it an invidious discrimination if I refer to two of their sex. Miss Anna Cartwright, an evangelist, employed by the Charles Wesley Brotherhood, during the year held evangelistic meetings in five Churches and in a Gospel wagon. These meetings resulted in the conversion of five hundred. Miss Virginia Swormstedt, granddaughter of Leroy Swormstedt, one of the earliest agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, during the present year sailed under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to her far away field in Africa.

THINGS DONE.—There has been as a rule intense, continuous, faithful pastoral activity. In several instances, the number of visits made exceeds one thousand, and this pastoral work has been supplemented by the visitation of deaconesses, so that the territory legitimately belonging to each Church has been thoroughly canvassed. This has been done in no perfunctory manner, but for the real cure of souls. From other lips than those of my pastors have come tributes to their fidelity. Incidents might be cited where urgent need has been relieved out of the preacher's slender purse, where the reclamation of the wayward has been sought, the stranger has been welcomed, the desolate comforted, and occupation has been found for the unemployed. Often the service has been entirely without expectation of advantage accruing to the pastor personally or to the Church which he serves, but should it not be acknowledged as a definite and considerable contribution for the bettering of our common human life? What I have said of parish work, I can duplicate in reference to pulpit effort. The preachers of the District are men with a definite message

for the people of to-day, which they deliver in a manly way. They have been able to arrest attention, produce conviction, effect reformation. If I have at all idealized the case as a whole, I am morally certain that in a majority of instances this ideal is at least seen and sought.

My brethren have also cultivated the executive side of their manifold profession. They have presided over their societies with dignity. As good stewards, they have looked well to monetary interests, pushing the reduction of debt to a finish, and standing against its reaccumulation. They have sought the betterment of Church properties and their proper care. The report of the Conference Treasurer will indicate with what zeal they have presented the benevolences to their congregations. At this point, without invidious discrimination, I may refer to a few instances. I note the splendid and complete transformation of our Cincinnati Cathedral, St. Paul, at an expense of $12,000. The location of this church in the angle of the street is singularly fortunate, as this massive pile is made thereby conspicuous the entire length of the thoroughfare. The building is of such form and material as to take gratefully any ornamentation given it. The undertaking has been skillfully financed by Dr. Blodgett so that no debt will accrue. The reopening will be one of the great events in the early part of the next Conference year. The enlargement of the Avondale church at a cost of $10,000 was announced to you in my last report. The reconsecration of the splendid edifice by Bishop Bashford occurred early in the present year. The Rev. Marcellus B. Fuller has prudently undertaken to secure the permanent endowment of Trinity Church and has already secured $9,000. Rev. J. Elbert Thomas, one of the most recent acquisitions to our Conference, is deserving of high praise for his service in the inception and completion of a suburban chapel in Linwood at a cost, including the lot, of $7,000. This was dedicated by Bishop Moore June 12th. A duplicate of it has been erected in the West End by the City Missionary Society, and is to be known as State Avenue Church. It was dedicated by Bishop Spellmeyer. The First Church of Norwood is still in process of erection. It is being built of rough-face finish concrete blocks. The total estimated cost, including the ground, is $18,400. It is believed the cost, considering material and labor, would have been $25,000 but for the fact that the Rev. J. E. Beery has served personally as superintendent of construction. The building will probably be ready for dedication by Thanksgiving.

The unique plan by means of which a collegial relation of pastors is maintained upon the Cincinnati District has proven its excellence during another Conference year. It is coming to be known as the "Westwood Plan," from the place where it originated, but it is now spreading in other sections. The Quarterly Conference of Avondale Church, at a very largely attended session, unanimously requested the Presiding Elder to associate with the said Church the neighboring societies of Pleasant Ridge, Bond Hill, and Reading, generously guaranteeing the sum of five hundred dollars toward ministerial support for the half of the Conference year remaining. Under guarantee, Rev. George F. Barber has been employed and stationed at Reading, Rev. Oliver Hartman continuing to serve at Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill. The success of the plan from a monetary point of view is evinced by the fact that where a few years ago, the estimated support amounted to a scant six hundred dollars, the Churches pledge for the ensuing Conference year the sum of eighteen hundred dollars. But this monetary phase, important as it is, can scarcely be mentioned in comparison with the spiritual inspiration which has come first to the small societies, and in a reflex manner upon Avondale itself. I can not possibly express my gratitude and high appreciation of the generosity of the Avondale Church and the co-operation of its pastor, Dr. Edmonds.

Probably the most unique Methodist meeting ever held in Cincinnati or vicinity occurred upon the Westwood Charge on the beautiful Harvest

Home grounds, Westwood, where many hundred people gathered from a radius of fifteen to twenty miles to enjoy a basket-meeting which included a Sabbath-school rally, a baptismal service for infants and adults, addresses by three Bishops, three Quarterly Conferences in concurrent session, and an evangelistic meeting led by Miss Cartwright. The day was so thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated in it that notice has been served upon me that it must be repeated. I can not speak in too high praise of the executive ability of the Rev. David G. Latshaw, my Deputy Presiding Elder, and the spirit of his associates, the Rev. Samuel A. Keen and the Rev. William L. Boicourt, the latter of whom for the past five months has served upon Section No. 3.

The "Westwood Plan" has also been adopted by Price Hill Church, where the Rev. Earl M. Ellsworth has fostered a little congregation in the country chapel of Shiloh, preaching there upon Sabbath afternoon, usually accompanied by some of his laymen who assist in the service. Inspired by this friendly aid, the chapel has been refitted at an expense of three hundred dollars.

In conclusion of this report I must pay my grateful tribute to my predecessors in this office, and to the great constituency of the District, lay and clerical, in earlier years. Of Silliman the younger, lecturing at Yale, on a certain occasion an admiring hearer said "He beats his father!" Silliman, the senior, overhearing the remark, said good-naturedly, "He ought to. He stands on my shoulders." Methodism in Cincinnati to-day stands on the shoulders of previous generations of ministers and laymen. To say that Methodism is rising here is not disparagement, but rather compliment to the past. That it is rising, witness the complete liquidation of mortgage indebtedness, the erection of more new churches and the most extensive betterment of others ever undertaken at any one time, substantial increase in ministerial support and in the aggregate of benevolence, the foundation of a new and great charity, "The Methodist Home for the Aged," and the enlargement of those already in existence, the thorough organization of the young life of the Church in the Epworth League, Senior and Junior, the aggressive work of the City Missionary Society, and the present admirable manning of the pulpits of the District.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, Presiding Elder.

UPON the threshold of this report I would pause, and with bowed head record the death of our departed brother, Lyman E. Prentiss. Impulsive, passionate, kind-hearted, and genial, a cordial friend, an honorable foe, an earnest advocate, a pastor-evangelist, a persuader of men, at once fervid, fearless, and firm, he lived and died in loyal love for his Church and his God. An insidious disease had slowly encircled the outer posts of a well-fortressed frame, until, constitution-shattered, he died at an age when manhood should be strongest and mental vigor most firm.

One other ministerial home in our district has been stricken. The sweet child of three months, infant son of W. E. Hammaker, was taken the morning of July 30th. Over the gloom enshrouding the gash in the turf that received their sacred dead faith has flung its rainbow arch and reigns supreme.

It is with a pathos even painful that I would make brief record of Henry C. Hutchinson, who was transferred from the Dayton District two years ago. His only child died of consumption in the early fall. In the spring he slowly sank under the same dread disease. Yet every cliff around his Clermont County home became a sounding-board of praise.

Besides these no itinerant home has been called to abide under the shadow of death, though some have watched with anguished fear the surging tides of threatening sorrow, till assurance and dread contended for weeks in uncertain mastery the crisis hours from midnight into noon. Yet the sun finally shone, and God was gracious. Some of our brethren have suffered even deeper sorrow.

In summing up the year the garners are laden, and the conflict proves wrought amidst the shouts of the workers. The province of a Presiding Elder's report may be of varying definition. Let us blaze our way. If the intent of militant Methodism is that the Presiding Eldership, our diocesan superintendency, supplementing our General Superintendency, shall of right administer the law in the local fields and be the active leadership of the campaign, then the whole range of vital Churchly issues would properly come within the province of a Conference report. Our field is the field of methods, commented upon through the facts and failures of the year.

1. True to this purpose we would first look at the major aim of the ministry, the question of our aggressive spirituality. The one supreme plea for Methodism's place in the world is its passionate, unceasing demand that men shall be pure in both heart and life. The anguish of the ages has wrought history into distorted forms, yet religion's epitome is found in the undying search for holiness. This final aim is the one test of a minister's power. The question is, How have we met it? Several of our charges reported gracious revivals, aggregating in all 1,033 reported conversions and reclamations. The largest gains were: Oxford, 40; Osborn, 50; St. Paul, 50; Broadway, 50; Raper, 56; Trinity, 64; Woodward Avenue, 105, where W. E. Verity is serving his first year in the Conference. At West Carrollton an equal number professed to find the new life in Christ. Here the pastor was assisted by Miss Cartwright a part of the time, as was also the pastor at Osborn by Miss Marshall. In each case the faith of the helper proved an abiding benediction in the Church.

Our brethren have helped each other in some cases. Some have secured special evangelists. Some have toiled till, fiber and feeling wearied, grace strained and strength gone, they have wept as Rachel in her sorrow, and then have turned in half discouragement to a doubt of the revival need. Others have also gone forth weeping, and returned bearing their sheaves with them. Our evangelistic problem is the chaotic one of the Conference. Wherein is our weakness? Are we confusing the fact of salvation with the method of its profession? Do we seek a sentiment, whose maudlin reaction is certain? God forbid! Some spurious specimens will always attend a religious awakening. It is equally true that the theological gun fired over the waters that brings the dead to the surface also bursts the shell on the deck of the contending iron-clad. Periodic awakenings are an absolute demand of human nature. One assuming, self-complimenting pulpit sinner, too wise to even learn of the Fathers, can destroy much good. Our itinerancy, where each chases every other in the round of the appointments, not knowing whom he will follow, necessitates a certain unity of method. Nor does Methodism intend to become Congregationalism, especially with what seems the purpose of the Church to return to the time-limit. It would be criminal folly to force men into a common mold, for that could only be the mold of the tomb. We want men of individual, independent character. We want every community developed in its own native ability for greatness. The unity of our work must lie in that anguish of heart for the souls of men that will burn and glow when ease would think it unpopular, and time-serving declare it a relic of the past. We plead the undying defense of our faith, attested by an inward witness and declared with a conviction that will startle the world. May Heaven help us to this!

2. We would raise a second inquiry as to our Bible-study, and the

training of the youth. This brings before us the Epworth League and the Sabbath-school. Under the presidency of Alex. Boxwell, our district held a successful rally at Camden last fall, and contemplates one of greater magnitude at Dayton in October. The need of a Junior League is being more and more realized. There is, however, scarcely a Junior League in the district maintained outside the towns, and only in a part of them. In St. Paul, Dayton; Oxford, and West Carrollton annual examinations are conducted before initiation into the regular League, and the Catechism taught. Other places have partial plans for the same. The Epworth Guard movement fell unceremoniously out of favor, while the Church stands helpless asking the Young Men's Christian Association or other local organization to do what Providence designed Methodism should do for our young people. The Methodist twigs are not being trained to the perpendicular form of upright, regular Methodists, but are allowed to leave out and lean toward the borrowed sunlight of other Churches. The Junior League very meagerly serves the intent of the Discipline in the instruction of our baptized children. The lack of systematic child-instruction is the weak point in our system.

The regular Epworth League can never compete with the Sunday-school in Bible-study, nor should it try. Nor is the department of Mercy and Help its best opportunity, for that should enlist the whole Church under the direction of the stewards. The true call to the League is to create a social center to solve the vexed amusement problem, to rescue the decaying testimony in Methodism, and to co-operate with the great missionary movement of the Church.

The Sunday-school is the greatest opportunity of Methodism next to the preaching itself. Some of our schools are large, as at Hamilton, with 650 members. Some in greater or less degree are graded. Some resort to the contest between sections in the school, such as the blues and the reds, the grays, the purples, to try to stimulate the attendance. The sorrow of this is, when the immediate gain is over, the after-result proves the blues always ahead. Artificial ways are sure to react. The true solution is found in attractive methods to interest the child nature, centering in the more careful study of the Word of God. The unbaked clay in our foundation is superficial Bible-study. So true is this that there is a growing feeling that expository sermons are uninteresting, and a formulation of Christian doctrine a relic of the past. Without falling into the fallacy of training a child *into* a converted state, but emphasizing the absolute need of child-conversion—that is, a conscious consent to the claims of faith—the call to Methodism is for the better training of our young people.

3. We would next call attention to our new enterprises and buildings. A new society of eighteen members has been formed at Mixersville, on the Walker and Union work, and a new society at New Lebanon, west of Dayton. Not since 1865, according to the knowledge of those present, had the Sacrament been administered in that village.

We are deeply in sympathy with the increasing problem of our country work, and feel that no men deserve our loyal help so much beside, as the devoted pastors in our country Churches. It takes equal ability with the best, yet yields small financial return. The General Conference was wise in the suggestion to create a sustentation fund to be distributed in the weaker places. It would be the herald of untold good.

In all combined, $5,500 have this year been collected and expended in church improvements, with $2,000 additional covered by subscription. Besides this, $3,000 in all have been paid on old indebtedness at several places, especially Middletown, Osborn, Riverdale, and Fair Haven, besides the victory at Franklin, where Creighton Wones raised $2,000 in good subscriptions to cover the debt.

At Venice Charge the seven years' pastorate of O. D. Becker is crowned with a refitted house of worship at Venice, and the lot secured

and plans started for a new church at Okeana. At Eaton the red has given place to the gray, at a cost of $700. At Oxford $800 were expended in renovating and frescoing. At West Sonora a practical resurrection has taken place, and the renovated building is soon to be reopened. A new building is expected at West Milton. At West Carrollton the anticipated cost of the new church is $13,000, $4,500 of which being already raised.

Three new parsonages have been secured, one at Osborn, costing $2,500, with $1,000 paid; another at Fair Haven, costing $2,700, every dollar of which is paid; and the other at Grace, Dayton, at a cost of $12,000, paid for out of the proceeds of the sale of the old parsonage. In Hamilton, the pastor, C. E. Schenk, engineered the Lindenwald Society into form. Then a year ago S. A. Stephan was appointed associate pastor, to specially build the Lindenwald work. The First Church has paid over half the salary and $1,000 to the new building. Lindenwald has paid $500, and has $1,000 more in good subscriptions, besides the paying of $690 for a lot. But just as the "cupola crowns the building to stand up and shout hallelujah," so a happy event, not exactly in the prescribed Conference work, climaxes the year. As Jacob of old journeyed for Rachel's sake to Padam-Aram, so Brother Stephan made this more modern journey to Hamilton. The happy servitude was reduced from seven years to one, and the ministerial Canaan of happy wedded life already possessed.

Three dedications have graced the year. By the aid of Grace, St. Paul, and Broadway, with minor help from the other Churches, Homestead Avenue was dedicated July 3d, with the $2,400 of debt all paid, and $300 on hand for a new furnace. Crowning the six years' pastorate of J. J. McCabe the new Raper was built, and dedicated April 24th. By the splendid help of Bishop Bashford, the $21,000 debt was covered by subscription, including the $14,000 pledged by the various societies of the Church. Raper is determined, nor will it fail. Dayton Methodism, with Grace Church as its natural center, presents a body of workers as noble as can be found in any city of the land. All hail to its future! Were our views of church architecture summed up in one sentence, we would say, build a common vestibule where the whole congregation must enter and depart, and throw round it a building in accord with the means of the community. Sociability is a prime requisite of Church prosperity.

The crowing dedication mention is left for the Church, in whose arched and beautiful architecture we are met to-day. September 25, 1903, the building was dedicated, a testimonial of the labors of the former pastor, J. E. Abrams, the entire cost of $35,000, by the aid of Mr. Powell, of Buffalo, being covered by good subscriptions. Arrayed as one robed for the marriage, the society received the new pastor, Sheridan Bell, with joy. The result has been that the pastor and his gifted wife have found a loyal membership to second every effort during the year for the Church's good.

4. Our benevolences, we believe, have gained in the aggregate, including all objects. We have, however, not reached our ideal. It seems impossible for our pastors to complete their collections until at least one train after the scheduled intention of leaving for Conference; therefore we can not state exact figures. Some causes of this deserve mention, among them a growing timidity in appealing to our people for money, a lack of planning early in the year for their systematic presentation, and a lack of information among our people. If a like plan in all our causes with that of the *World-Wide Missions* should put a free leaflet in every Methodist home, it would do much to rescue the liberality of Methodism from any self-centering danger. The Station Plan has resulted in good. Why could not this Conference set the fashion, and raise in this way, over and above the regular collections, an amount that would send and maintain the new administration of Bishop Bashford in China, the greatest missionary Empire need of the world?

5. In the Church's rightful province of civic reform we have in part

succeeded. Our district has loyally contributed to the Anti Saloon League, and given one of our most successful pastors, U. G. Humphrey, to its field work. Brookville voted "dry," and drove five saloons from the town. Lewisburg is getting ready for the vote. Oxford will again test the issue, and we believe this time will drive the demons out. Several incorporated townships have voted "dry," and not a single case within the bounds of the Dayton District has returned the saloons after banishing them. Where Dayton failed it was, with one exception, where the liquor element marked

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out the territory and petitioned for a vote, making conditions almost certain to carry for rum. An amended Brannock law, and a Governor who himself needs amendment back of it, have been potent factors for the liquor power. We believe an aroused public citizenship will decree the speedy retirement from public life of the executive head of the State, whose every policy seems against reform.

6. Our City Problem. Only in lesser degree do we have the perplexing question of the masses. Dayton, then Hamilton and Middletown would in some degree suggest it. It seems settled that Methodism does

not expect to Christianize the world by amusing it, nor enter the institutional rôle, barring an occasional great center. Our traditional position discredits games of chance, billiard tables, bowling alleys, and modified theatricals in citizen's dress as means to salvation. In fact, any show tendency in Methodism is dubbed a sham. Life is serious and salvation real to every true Methodist. Granted! Then let the world hear the trumpet call in clarion tone that will wake the dead. No over-enthusiasm nor under-zeal can find apology before the world for the inconsistency of many carping pietists. Nothing but an active, sensible, readapted godliness, suited to the common sense of men, can ever keep among us the consecration of a Bethel, or make the Church an Israel rather than a Jacob. We believe next to the care of our young people, and properly directed Bible-study, the city evangelization problem is the greatest one of the Church at home. Our hospitals are centers of mercy, and our deaconesses angels of help. They have blessed with their sweet evangel every Church in the Dayton District where they have worked. The tenderest love of all Methodism circles the halo on the brow of this Order.

7. Our district is honored with classic "Miami" in beautiful Oxford. For eighty years it has been maintained with varying success, and never with nobler aim nor stronger president than at this present time. The new problem of our higher education is not whether we shall favor State instruction, but how shall we put Christian men into these places of power.

At Germantown a disastrous fire leveled the Miami Military Institute with the ground. But under the leadership of Colonel Brown, and by the cordial help of the citizens of Germantown, a new plant to cost $30,000 will soon be built.

8. The ever-varying question of the measures and the men would alone crowd the limits of this report. We can only salute as we pass. Our multiplied appliances, centering in our Book Concern, are gaining in favor, no little credit for which in our own district is due to the good work done by D. Lee Aultman in its field agency.

Our ministry is becoming better educated, we trust not less consecrated, nor is the *personnel* of the Conference waning. We will venture to suggest that a better-understood definition of ministerial courtesy would enhance the good of our whole military system. Pastors have rights touching weddings, baptisms, funerals, and every other material recognition in the local Church which every other pastor is bound to respect. The laymen will be courteous if the ministers set the example. A like right pertains to all the associated offices of the Church. We proudly claim the spirit of Methodism to be the genius of democracy. Yet the existence of the itinerancy warrants the military courtesy of a carefully constructed army, nor is such inconsistent with the same. If in our world-limited Bishopric, our General Superintendency; if in our district-limited, diocesan Bishopric, the Presiding Eldership; if in our New Testament Bishopric, the pastorate, the utmost law of rightful courtesy shall be maintained, we believe Methodism is constructed to lead the moral armies of the Protestant world to ultimate victory. We are a brotherhood, and must stand together. Without this every Conference will prove a knell, and every hour add sorrow to the strenuous life of the itinerancy.

If courtesy and consecration, looking both manward and Godward, like the ancient Cherubim overarching the mercy-seat with wings touching and faces opposite, shall guard the altar, the glory of the Shekinah will forever abide with us. This will insure to the world an answer to the mighty missionary call of the Man of Nazareth, which is the greatest thought that has ever inspired the race or circled the destiny of men. Of this call we have not been unmindful, nor have our preachers walked unaided by the presence of the Son of God. He who girds himself for the conquest of the world is with us. Nor will His kingdom fail. May it come speedily!

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HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. BROWN, Presiding Elder.

BISHOP BASHFORD AND BRETHREN,—It is with sincere gratitude to God that I report to you the Hillsboro Division of this noble army, after another year of battle. The winter months were long, the storms severe, and travel difficult, but the division kept on the move, and we are thankful to note that some little advancement has been made against the forces of unrighteousness. True, no far-reaching campaign has been executed, yet a steady advance with well-directed fire on all sides has been maintained, and while many of the veterans in the ranks have fallen, new recruits have been enlisted, and the effective force of the division we trust is somewhat stronger than one year ago. Scarcely a Quarterly Conference, however, but that has lost one or more of its faithful ones during the year. The crown has been taken up as the cross has been laid down, but earth is richer because of their lives and labors. We miss them here; we believe they await our coming yonder, and we plan to meet them there.

Just as we were concluding the work for the year, when all arrangements had been made for the last charge, and orders had been sent down the line for a forward movement to a finish, without a moment's warning, the whole division was startled by the sudden decease of Brother R. K. Deem, which occurred at Sabina, Saturday morning, August 13th. Brother Deem was closing the best year of his pastorate there and one of the best in his entire ministry, and we can not yet realize that he gone from us, his departure was so sudden and unexpected. True, there had been a perceptible decrease in his vital forces in the past two years, so much so that he had about concluded to ask for a superannuated relation at this session, but no one expected so sudden a translation, and yet, this is just as he had wished it might be, for in a letter to me under date of June 13th, he said: "If I could be sure that the Lord would be good enough to me to early take me, I would not hesitate, but I dread the long superannuation." God gave him his desire, and called him from labor to reward. "Servant of God, well done."

Early in the Conference year a very successful Ministerial and Lay Association was held at Clarksville, at which plans and methods for a more aggressive evangelism throughout the district were discussed, which were afterwards more or less followed. True, we have not yet realized our desire in a deep, thorough permanent, general widespread evangelism throughout our bounds, resulting in such a quickening as brings multitudes to the Savior in genuine repentance for sin, deepens and enriches the lives and experiences of the whole Church membership; makes money matters easy and enables the stewards to meet all pastoral claims promptly and in full; pays one hundred cents on the dollar on all benevolent apportionments; restores the class-meeting to its former place of power and popularity; fills the prayer-meeting room in the middle of the week with a company of anxious worshipers; makes every Epworth League Chapter the power among the young people of the community it should be; compels faithfulness on all Sunday-school officers and teachers and regularity in the scholars; makes every official member of the Church feel that his part of the work is just as necessary to the success of the cause as the pastor's; begets a larger liberality in many places, so that the societies that are of necessity being abandoned because of this lack would be revived and saved to Methodism, and makes all people see and feel that the sacrificing and hardship should not all be left to the pastor and occupants of the parsonage. Perhaps we may *never* see this greatly to be desired condition come to pass, but we have planned and worked and prayed for it, and shall continue to do so, and if any one can tell us how to cer-

tainly bring this state of things to pass we shall look upon him as a true prophet indeed and deserving of cannonization among the worthies. It is not a "get-rich-quick" scheme we are seeking, but a deep, permanent, working, self-sacrificing Christian life, which works as well with and applies as *definitely* to laymen as preachers, and warranted to last, no matter whether the weather be stormy or pleasant, whether the preacher in charge be Brother Old or Brother Young; Brother Prosy or Brother Eloquent, or the conditions in general be favorable or unfavorable. How sad the sight of an abandoned Methodist Church in the midst of a thickly populated territory; yes! but sadder far is it not to see a society presumably representing the people called Methodists, which means "Christianity in earnest," allow the Church to decay and services to go unattended because there is wanting a satisfactory working-spirit-filled life, which may be had for the asking and the using.

We are pleased to report that the pastors' salaries have been more

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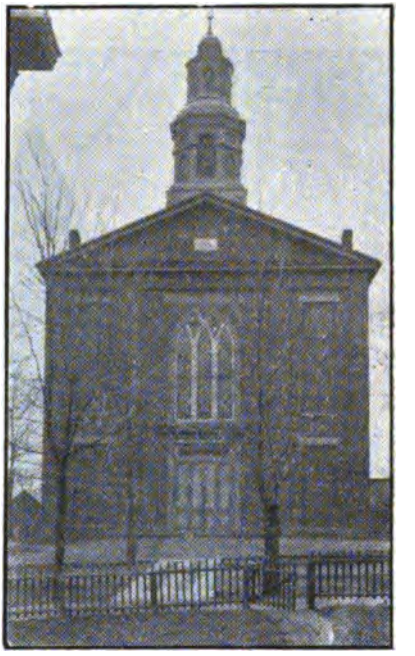
promptly met than in former years, and this is to be encouraged, especially where the claim if paid in full is but a bare living.. If paid regularly and promptly less inconvenience will arise than if the claim be larger and carelessly looked after. We devoutly pray that the consciences of all Church officials may become very tender on these matters, until they will be as prompt in looking after the pastoral claims, as they would be if the pastors were indebted to them,—do as they would be done by.

It is with pleasure we note a commendable pride in most charges in the appearance of the sanctuary and parsonage properties. This has resulted in the dwellings of our pastors being made more comfortable and convenient, and the churches newly and neatly adorned. We have insisted that those intrusted with the care of the Church property should see that it is fully protected against fire and tornado by insurance, and the uninsured church and parsonage is a rare exception on this district.

With but three exceptions, and these supply points, every charge owns its own parsonage home. It is gratifying to make mention of a

deepening interest in this matter. Last year Highland Charge built a beautiful and commodious parsonage, into which the pastor moved at Thanksgiving time. Wilmington has under way now a home which will be equal, when completed, to any in the Conference for comfort and convenience. It is under contract to be ready to receive the pastor when this session adjourns, and they insist that Pastor Brother J. S. Pumphrey shall be returned to be its first occupant.

Hillsboro has secured places and subscriptions for the construction of a new and modern parsonage home, displacing the old building which has stood there for more than half a century, and my instructions as elder are to insist that the present pastor, Brother W. A. Deaton, be returned to complete and enjoy it for this coming year. Trinity, Xenia, has added modern conveniences to her already excellent church home, and I am instructed by the unanimous vote of her official body to see that Dr. R. H. Rust, the present incumbent, be continued for the ensuing year. Alterations and improvements have been made in other parsonage homes by which the comfort and convenience of the families have been greatly increased. Among this number must be mentioned Rainsboro, New Vienna, New Jasper, Mt. Orab, and Union.



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On church improvements, much might be said, and few are the charges that have not to some extent shared therein. Varnishing, papering, carpeting, decorating, and altering the interior has been the order in many places, while carpenters and painters and workmen of various crafts have made many exterior changes. Lynchburg has under way at this time a remodeling of her edifice, which, when completed will give them as neat and attractive a house of worship as the village contains. Pastor C. W. Briggs, whose return is asked for the coming year, is pushing the work. It will represent an expenditure of about $3,500.

In my report four years ago, I said Greenfield had purchased a new site, and secured an architect, and that the building contemplated an expenditure of $40,000. Four have passed, and with these passing years the ideas and plans and purses of Greenfield Methodists have grown, and on Sunday, the 26th of last June, our own Bishop Bashford, in the presence of an audience of 2,000 people, dedicated as magnificent a church as can be found in all this section of country, having been completed at a cost of $75,000. Its description, even in brief, in this limited report, must not be attempted. It must be seen to be fully appreciated. No Methodist church building in all this territory equals much less surpasses it, and its institutional features will give Greenfield Methodists an opportunity to do for the young life of that community some things that few Churches can un-

dertake. It pioneers the way for Methodists in Ohio on this line of work, it being the only church built from its foundations, planned to include these features, and in this respect, Hi'lsboro District is away to the front again. With a building capable of accommodating sixteen hundred people, and with all the appliances furnished for the best work even in this most advanced age, a Church which in every department, from the Junior League to the great congregation, seeks the immediate conversion and salvation of men and women, what may we not hope for the future of Methodism in this thriving and enterprising city. Too much credit can not be given the pastor, Brother W. H. Wehrly, whose return is unanimously requested, who, by his untiring and unceasing efforts, with the aid of a judicious building committee, safely piloted to her soul-saving cruise this stately vessel, so auspiciously begun a few years since under the careful adminis-

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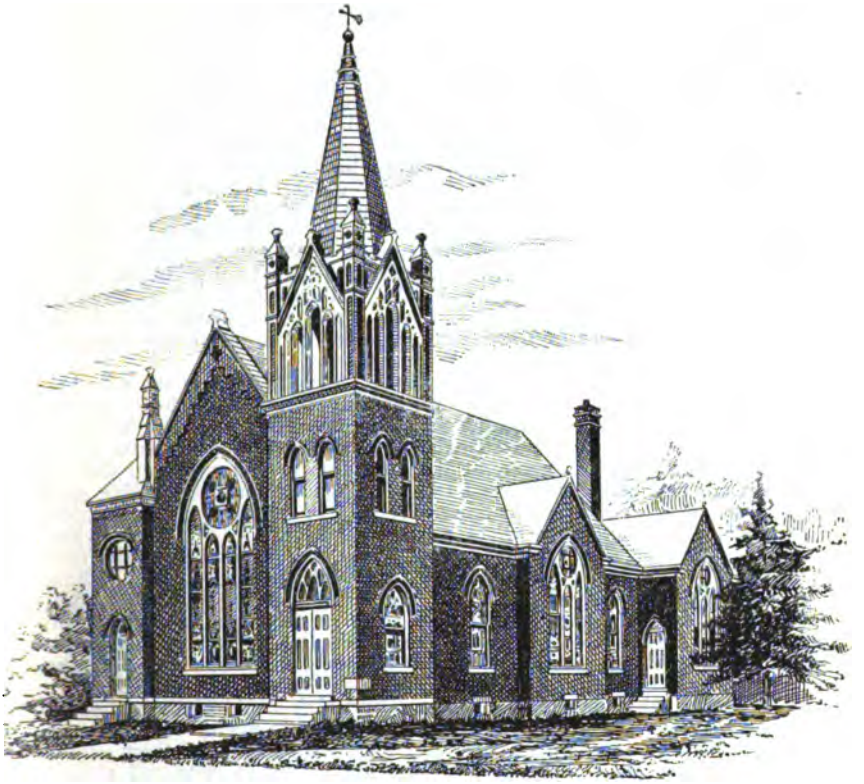
tration of Brother F. G. Mitchell. The prayer of the pastor and people, as unitedly they toil, is that the glory of this latter house may be even greater than the former one, and that multitudes may be born into the kingdom at her altars.

While these new enterprises have been and are being pushed, and others are being projected, namely, Peebles, where a goodly sum is already pledged to this end, some old debts, very familiar faces, in fact, altogether too familiar for comfort and enjoyment, have been reduced, if not wholly obliterated, and in this list we must include Blanchester, Dunkinsville, Prospect on the Belfast Charge, Martinsville parsonage debt, Sardinia on the Mt. Orab Charge, Winchester and Seaman and First Church, Xenia. We hope at the expiration of our term to hand over to our successor an unencumbered Church property throughout the entire

district. A part of our war-cry is death to debts. An unpaid Church debt is not conducive to deep spirituality.

The war against the *un-American* saloon has continued with unabated zeal, and it is with pleasure that we announce new territory has been won, while all the old ground has been retained. In the second battle of the ballots Wilmington and Midland City each repudiated a former wet vote by a dry majority, leaving, I believe, but one incorporated village in Clinton County in the wet list, likewise but one incorporated village in



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Highland County, from which the saloon has not been voted out, and two in Greene County, while that part of Adams County in this district is all dry. Dr. Clark reported twelve dry county seats in Ohio, and five of them within the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference. I am happy to give this additional fact, that of these five, three of them are in the Hillsboro District—so that the statement stands, twelve dry county-seats in Ohio, five of which are in the Cincinnati Conference, and *three* of the five within the bounds of the Hillsboro District. After a vigorous effort to secure the necessary per cent of voters to a petition for a second test of strength in Blanchester, the wets have given up the struggle and the former dry victory stands. New Vienna has been added to the dry territory, and after

a very hotly contested fight, Xenia, by quite a decisive majority, against tremendous odds, remains in the dry list. Now, if we could have officers who would fulfil their sworn duties, and the courts treat the liquor cases as all others for fairness, so far as the people of the Hillsboro District are concerned we would have a strictly temperance territory. Not far from one hundred saloons have been voted out of the business within the bounds of the district since the Beal Law became operative. We very seriously deprecate the spirit of anarchy shown by the dealers in strong drink, and the disregard of solemn oaths by officials, high and low, but have no intention of abandoning the fight or showing the monster any quarter.

The pastors have labored faithfully along revival lines endeavoring to maintain the old-time aggressive evangelistic and revivalistic spirit of Methodism, and while few far-reaching revivals, with large ingatherings, have been reported, yet many have shared in the quickening imparted. Rainsboro Charge, under the pastorate of Brother A. J. Kestle, shared most largely in revival results, there having been between sixty and seventy souls converted during the winter. At Greenfield, a united effort of the Evangelical Churches resulted in a thorough awakening, and the addition of almost half a hundred to our Church, while the following charges to some degree, in some instances quite marked, shared in the blessed results: Bowersville, Dunkinsville, Highland, Hillsboro, Lynchburg, Leesburg, Martinsville, New Burlington, Mt. Orab, Peebles, Sabina, Sinking Spring, Sugar Tree Ridge, Wilmington, Winchester, Union, and Xenia, the aggregate number of conversions reported being above five hundred, and almost five thousand for the five years.

Last year was the banner year for Hillsboro District in the offerings of the people for Missions, the contributions having been the largest in the history of the district, leading the Conference in gains made from collections only; so saith the statistician in New York, and I assure you a faithful effort has been made all along the line not only to hold the excellent advance made in the past two years, but to make a positive gain. To this end subdistrict conventions were held in the interests of Missions at which most excellent services were rendered by Dr. W. N. Brewster, of China, and Dr. Geo. Heber Jones, of Korea. From partial returns from the charges, I fear we have met with a reverse in this matter. It is difficult to understand how or why, unless it has been a case of overloaded omnibus. We have protested against this mode of travel as unsafe and un-Methodistic, and can only pray for the speedy and irreparable breakdown of the omnibus. Men and women seek to satisfy conscience and the Master and the demands of the Church with a five dollar fare, who ought to pay five times that sum for a single trip, and *they* would be the richer for so doing. Down with the omnibus! Our earnest prayer is for an enlarged vision for Methodists, that they may behold the God-given opportunities before the Church in this day, and go up at once and possess the land. We want at least an average of one dollar per member for Missions annually from Hillsboro District Methodists for the salvation of the world. A handsome bequest of about $1,000 for Missions will soon come into the Missionary Treasury from the estate of Brother Reed, of the Union Charge, for which we give thanks to God.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Epworth League was fittingly celebrated by a district meeting at Wilmington in June, which for deep spiritual earnestness surpasses all others we have attended. At this convention not only did the Seniors have their work, but the Juniors as well, sustaining their part of the program, under direction of Sister J. S. Pumphrey, most admirably. Thank God, there is a place in the work of the Church for the least to toil. We are hopeful of good results to the young life of the Church from this convention. The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, at New Vienna, is said to have been

the best for years in spiritual power and earnestness. The Woman's Home Missionary Society anniversary was likewise full of interest and life, and is doing a good work. All the various district organizations have vigorously pushed the work in hand, and while the results have not been all that we had hoped for on all lines, they are nevertheless far from discouraging.

We have continued, and we believe to the advantage of the work, by the aid of the pastors and charges, the publication of the *Hillsboro District Quarterly*, sending out once in three months to the homes within our bounds, about 2,000 copies.

It has been our aim in all our work on all lines to help believers to a richer, better Christian experience; backsliders to a speedy return to their Father's house, and sinners to a gracious forgiving Savior, believing that by as much as these results were attained by so much might we really be said to be advancing. We have sought for *permanency* rather than *parade*, and insisted upon a *whole-hearted* service, the *outgrowth* of a *deep, abiding conviction* of duty and right, rather than a *following* as the result of some peculiarly wrought-up emotion. Not that we object to the emotional in religion. No, we believe in it; but rather the permanent, abiding, the "always abounding in the work of the Lord." We give thanks for every victory. Our mistakes and shortcomings and failures humiliate us until we implore His forgiveness, and in His name and strength we press toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

ALBERT N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder.

BISHOP BASHFORD AND BRETHREN OF THE CONFERENCE,—In 1889, when as the happy pastor of Trinity Church, Xenia, I had the great pleasure of providing for the entertainment of the Cincinnati Conference, for the second time in my ministry, Rev. Dr. J. W. Bashford, then just entering upon his great work as President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, visited our Conference for the first time. His address, upon being introduced to the Conference, charmed us all. An enthusiastic mother in our "Israel" was so delighted, she said to me, "I want to speak a word of encouragement to that young man." After fifteen years of eminently successful administration, as the President of our great university, "that young man" is now presiding over this Conference. I am sure, dear Bishop, that I only re-echo the feeling of my brethren when I say, "May God make your first Conference a rich benediction to us all, not only the promise, but the sure prophecy of many years of great usefulness as a Bishop in the Church of God." As our brother, representing our Conference, like our brothers, Bishop Walden and Bishop Joyce, we feel assured that you will never forget your ordination vows, but "will use the authority given you, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; showing yourself merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people and to all strangers destitute of help." The members of your cabinet in this your home Conference, will begin the great task of bringing you in touch and sympathy with a great host "of poor and needy people destitute of help."

The procession of these, beginning here, will not vanish from your vision, while you continue as a Bishop, to hold in your heart and hands the interests, the hopes and destiny in large measure, of the pastors and people of the Conferences of our beloved Methodism! Take courage, dear brother Bishop, in the assurance that the hearts and prayers of this Conference will follow you to the end of your holy and exalted ministry.

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Through the abounting mercy and goodness of God I have been able to travel through my district as our Discipline demands, visiting my thirty-three pastoral charges four times during the year, missing one Quarterly Conference because the ice made the crossing of the Ohio River dangerous, if not impossible. The ice and sleet sometimes made it necessary for me to pass over "slippery places," whether I could stand upon them or not. A few times "I inched along" upon my hands and knees. Once, because of the lack of power on a traction line, I made a unique display in passing over several sections of trestle-work in this novel way, with my satchel in one hand and umbrella and hat in the other, while the fierce, cold wind played fantastic tricks with my not superabundant hair. But not once did I fall down, and helping my brethren a little in their revival services, preaching usually six times a week, sometimes more frequently, I passed in safety through the long winter's storms and toils, and at the end of the year's campaign, I am here as a monument of the loving care of the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." I have given attention to the business assigned to the Quarterly Conferences, have tried to promote the interests of our benevolent causes, and have made careful inquiry as to the instruction of the children; have sought to help and encourage the pastors in caring for the spiritual and temporal business of the Churches. As a rule the pastors "have labored faithfully in the Lord." Some have struggled on heroically in spite of small salaries, and the apparent indifference of the stewards and people as to their temporal necessities. To toil faithfully under the strain of financial embarrassment, which the stewards and people *could* remove, if *they would*, fearfully taxes the faith and love of *any pastor!*

Then worldliness, Sabbath desecration, lukewarmness, and an awful indifference as to spiritual and eternal verities, confront and appall the faithful heralds of the Gospel. A sense of loneliness, of utter discouragement, of failure, of the hopelessness of future efforts, may imperil our "Elijahs," but fed on "angels' food," divinely renewed and recommissioned, they hold on their way. The pastors on the Milford District are fighting a hard and long-continued fight, "not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against principalities and powers, against wicked spirits in high places." But as "the weapons of their warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God," "they see the victory from afar, by faith they bring it nigh." They hail with joy the action of the General Conference on "Aggressive Evangelism," and will hasten to join in the great forward movement which that action ought to inspire, and create in all the ranks of the millions "called Methodists." The year has not been without its victories. Nearly all the charges have had some measure of spiritual quickening and "refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

The following named charges have been most richly favored: Batavia, Goshen, Laurel, Lebanon, Maineville, Marathon, Bethel, Moscow, Mt. Washington, Manchester, New Richmond, Ripley, Williamsburg. Newtown leading all with 135 conversions and accessions; West Union following with fifty conversions. Here a glorious year has been enjoyed. The quickened spiritual life has been manifested in the prayer and class meetings; the large congregations, eager to hear the preaching of the Word of Life from Sabbath to Sabbath, and in the assembling of the people on Saturday, or Monday morning, to hear the Presiding Elder, as in the days of the fathers. The aggregate of conversions, as reported by the pastors, reaches, in round numbers, nearly six hundred, and of accessions to the Church on probation and by letter, over seven hundred. The work of paying debts and improving church buildings and parsonages continues. Aberdeen, Batavia, Bethel, Butlerville, Centenary, Decatur, Felicity, Georgetown, Mason, Milford, Mt. Washington, New Richmond, Owensville, all shared in this good work. Special mention should be

made of Newtown parsonage, in which Sister L. H. Hawkins put a splendid furnace; of Williamsburg Circuit, paying $500 on the new church at Salem, and $200 on repairing the church at Clover; of Feesburg Circuit paying $700 on the new church at Harnersville; of Georgetown, raising $600, this following $1,400 raised last year. Here the church and parsonage add much to the beauty of this handsome town and gives splendid testimony to the successful ministry of the pastor; of Maineville, $1,000 raised on improvements and building. The new church at Cozaddale is fast taking form; of Goshen, $1,700 provided and expended in remodeling and beautifying the church. Brother Fulton has won signal success in this field, beginning with a gracious revival, and following this by adding another beautiful auditorium to the churches of this district.

The columns of the Western Christian Advocate, with the articles written by Dr. Gilbert, and the pictures of the church and pipe-organ, have told the story of Dr. Bailey's success at Ripley. Skillfully securing the promise of one-half the cost from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the other half was soon in hand, and for $1,500 a sweet-toned and beautiful instrument was soon in its place. The Church, adding $2,050 to Mr. Carnegie's generous gift, the raised floor, the added work of painter and artist speedily prepared the way for the reception of the new incarnation of harmonious sounds, and now it would be difficult to find a more stately, churchly, or beautiful auditorium in this Conference. We pray that this splendid achievement may date the beginning of a new era of temporal and spiritual prosperity to Centenary Church. It is still a cherished hope of mine that Ripley, by and by, may once more invite and entertain the Cincinnati Conference. It has twice in the past, as I know by personal experience, performed splendidly this great ministry of love. The amount paid for building and improvements exceeds $9,000.

Last year the Milford District contributed more largely to Missions than in any previous year. The pastors have earnestly sought to equal and, if possible, surpass the record of last year. The failure of the crops in some localities for three successive years has been discouraging. Not a few of the farmers have been compelled to buy grain to feed their stock. This fact alone has made me fearful of decreased contributions. But some of the pastors report an increase in the benevolences, the increase in some instances is very marked and encouraging. Bethel, Felicity, Feesburg, Georgetown, Maineville, Williamsburg Circuit, Owensville, Moscow report an increase. Milford, after sweeping in three years from $713 to $1,291, reports an increase of $70 for Missions, and $25 for Conference Claimants. Decatur reports forty per cent increase for Missions and other collections advanced. Laurel, twenty per cent increase; Lebanon advanced from $300 given to Missions last year, to $345 this year. South Lebanon, remarkable advance; West Union, collections nearly doubled; Mt. Washington, a like increase; Newtown, a great increase.

Brother Darling reports a special gift of $100 by Brother D. A. Rees, of Williamsburg, to furnish a room in Christ's Hospital; also a special gift by Mrs. Ellen Ashton of $25 to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The friends of Brother Spurrier, on Laurel Charge, gave him a handsome new buggy. Georgetown, Manchester, and New Richmond voted to increase the pastors' salaries. So we report some growth in the "grace of giving."

The annual meeting of the ministers was held at Georgetown in October. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Horn, and his people gave us a royal reception. It was an occasion of rare interest. The Epworth League Chapters held an intensely interesting and helpful convention, presided over by Brother George O. March, of Lebanon. Rev. J. D. Darling, of Williamsburg, and the hospitable people of that gem of a station, graciously welcomed and provided for the convention. The annual meeting of the Methodist Sunday-schools of Clermont County was delightfully

entertained by Rev. W. H. Spybey and his Church in Batavia. The charges left to be supplied gave me no little trouble. But in Rev. G. R. Frenger, transferred by Bishop Joyce from the Kentucky Conference, Mt. Washington was provided with a most acceptable and useful pastor. Williamsburg Circuit in the same way secured, in Rev. J. J. Giblin, a young man who has served efficiently as pastor of that charge. At Aberdeen, Rev. J. M. Bennett, a young local preacher, has made a fine record. Rev. H. E. Stevenson finally concluded to return to his profession, and sought to be released from pastoral relation to Montgomery Circuit. Unable to secure any one to take his place, he has continued to preach on the Sabbath, but has resumed his work as a lawyer. The story of Chilo and the different supplies I thought I had secured, would fill pages, and suggest a long homily on ministerial supply, and the great peril which threatens us in this direction. Almost in despair the people of this charge begged for the ministry of Sister Charlotte Boyer, of Ripley, whom they knew and loved, she having been recognized as a useful and successful evangelist by my predecessors on the district. Counseling with our resident Bishop as to how this could be done, their plea prevailed, and with a slight supervision given her by Rev. W. J. Baker (in the midst of his arduous and successful work as pastor at Felicity) and the Presiding Elder, she has accomplished the difficult and laborious task of ministering to the people as a traveling class-leader, visiting the homes and holding public services. Her success in uniting and building them up in the faith was so signal that the last Quarterly Conference, by unanimous vote, petitioned the powers that be, "that if at all possible, she may shepherd the Chilo Circuit another year." If I was not, as I am, a loyal Methodist preacher, pledged to uphold the teaching and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I would say with the light shining upon me from "The call to preach," as described in Paragraph 102 in our Discipline, that Sister Boyer possesses every "mark" of "one" called of God to preach. But as she is a woman, I only dare to pray that as the men fail us, the Holy Spirit may call enough of such traveling class-leaders as Sister Boyer to save our poor, neglected, and unmanned charges from perishing. If I err in this, not knowing the Discipline nor the power that interprets and can enforce it, I throw my helpless self upon the mercy of the Bishop presiding, and solemnly promise, "if *convinced of sin*, to bring forth fruits meet for repentance." But time fails me to speak in detail of the blessed camp-meeting at Epworth Heights, with its spiritual and uplifting messages of salvation, as held under the superintendency of Rev. E. S. Gaddis, or of the one held at Shiloh under the direction of Rev. W. S. Gray. Both were ladened with benedictions for the preachers and the congregations. Under the Presidency of Mrs. E. T. Lane, of Moscow, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its annual meeting for the district at Newtown, and was pleasantly entertained by Rev. T. P. Walter and his people. The addresses were full of inspiration, well calculated to create and increase untiring zeal in missionary work. I failed to say at the proper place, that the unexpected vacancy at South Lebanon, created by the astonishing and sad departure of the pastor, was filled by Rev. H. W. Brown, a local preacher from the North Indiana Conference. Accepting a task of great delicacy and difficulty, Brother Brown has won his way into the hearts of a people disappointed and deceived again and again.

The shadow of death has fallen upon us. Rev. W. T. McMullen, once my honored colleague, for years laid aside, has "fallen asleep." The beloved wife of Brother Sentman has ceased from her invaluable ministries of love, as a helper to her husband in the home and in his fields of ministerial toil. She has joined the saints who rest from their labors. May God tenderly comfort and sustain our bereaved brother and his family. Brother Edward Cox, of Point Pleasant, a noble local preacher, has also been "crowned."

Our Brother J. L. Shively, of Lebanon, has had a year of peculiar and great trial. The sickness of a beloved daughter demanded her transfer to another climate. The mother going with her, for months the family has been divided and widely separated. He now feels impelled to separate himself from us, for a time at least, that the family may be reunited, and the precious life of the loved one saved. I grieve over his removal, and ask for him and his family your prevailing prayers. I owe a great debt of love and gratitude to the pastors and their families for their unfailing kindness; also to many in the different charges who have cheered and strengthened me by their words and deeds of kindly appreciation.

But I forbear. I have traveled more, prayed more, preached more frequently, than in any other year of my ministry. In a life abounding in bereavement and sorrow, grief has never shaken my soul more deeply than in the recent death of a son, and the loss of my dear mother in her ninety-third year. But I have never seen the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ more signally displayed, or enjoyed such blissful revelations of our Heavenly Father's love. If it is God's will, I will be glad to serve a little longer, hoping in the near future to see our united Methodism endued as never before with "power from on high," with "three millions" in the Missionary Treasury, marching forward with banners flying and songs of victory to the speedy conquest of the nations, thus hastening the glad day when "Christ Jesus shall reign from sea to sea and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth!"

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, Presiding Elder.

I. CONFERENCE CHARITIES.—On this my sixth and closing report, I desire to commend to the laymen of our district two noble charities which have their homes within our Conference. The Home for the Aged, now being built upon College Hill, has its own peculiar and pathetic appeal. The original location at Yellow Springs brings this institution very near us. The removal of these aged saints is felt by the Yellow Springs Church as a distinct loss to the spiritual forces of the community. Follow this Home for the Aged to its new and beautiful location, and remember it in your gifts while living and benefactions when dying. Put your will into its interests, and its interests into your will, and rest assured of all human and divine approval. The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital sends forth a double ministry of spiritual and physical healing. During the year Miss Olive Marshall has rendered most efficient evangelistic services at Catawba, Addison, and St. Paul's, Springfield. St. Paul has invited her return for a second meeting. Central has also invited her to labor in that field, and it seems that Springfield is being divinely opened for a great evangelistic work under the leadership of this talented and consecrated deaconess. I would urge pastors and laymen to seek out devoted and efficient young women for this field of Christian service. The hospital has manifested its gift of healing in a blessed way, in which both laymen and ministers within our district have received the benefits of this house of mercy. Within the year our dear Brother John W. Mason spent a period of time in this palace of pain. Although a palace of pain, with its walls of silence, he found it filled with the angels of God. Since these lines were first written the angels of God have borne his spirit home. If I could have been in the funeral service at Springfield yesterday, I would have placed on his breast three flowers, a white rose, a symbol of his snow-white life; a red rose, a token of his loving heart;

and the third, an Easter lily. I desire to say to the laymen and ministers who may read this report, open the way for Dr. Weakley and Dr. Robinson, as they go up and down the land seeking gifts and friends for these institutions, which are certainly the best examples of applied Christianity within our Conference borders.

II. Conference Claimants.—I want also to appeal to our Springfield laymen—not for a charity this time—but for a debt. Do all you can for the Conference claimants—the old unpensioned soldiers of our Methodist war. As a Church we have fought the world, the flesh, and the devil, and we have worn out these men in the fight. They deserve the honors of war, and living comforts for their old age. The Springfield District has furnished a most substantial contribution and worthy example in this direction, in the bequest of the late P. P. Mast. That benefaction and our regular collections should be increased until the comfort of these aged veterans of the cross is financially assured. To give to the Conference Claimant's Fund is the nearest approach we have to place a gift directly in the pierced hand of Jesus Christ. To give to this cause is to come near to God. In this connection I want to call my "roll of honor," and pay my tribute to Rev. J. G. Black, New Carlisle; Rev. John Vance, New Moorefield; Rev. S. W. Carey, Urbana; Rev. C. H. Kalbfus, Yellow Springs; Rev. John W. Mason, Springfield; and Rev. C. D. Munsey, Cleveland, Tenn., who still holds his Conference relation with the Mutual Charge; Rev. T. E. Fidler now resides in Upper Sandusky. The pastors, where these brothers live, and the Presiding Elder have had no better friends that these men. They have been loyal and loving. I repeat concerning them what I said last year, "They have each done a good year's work. The Springfield District is richer and stronger for their presence and their prayers, and Christian practice. Fortunate are the charges where these men of God worship."

III. Personal Mention.—This year marks the retirement from our district and from ministerial service of two excellent men, who have given the Cincinnati Conference many years of earnest and efficient service. Their abilities in pulpit and pastoral ministrations were always acceptable, and in character they have maintained the highest type of Christian manhood. Rev. J. S. Ruggles closing the first year of his pastorate on the Mutual Charge, and the twenty-seventh in the ministry, asks to be given a superannuated relation. Rev. John Wilson, closing his first year at Catawba and the thirty-fourth of his ministry, asks to be given supernumerary relation. Faithful, loyal, efficient, their conscientious work has built permanent results and made strong the Church of God. We shall ever miss them. We shall always love and honor them. They are our Knights of the Holy Grail. Not only have they seen the "sacred cup," but each has borne it to a thousand lips.

Our Conference and Grace Church, Springfield, are certainly grateful for the Christian statesmanship of Hon. O. L. Hypes, whose valuable service in the State Senate has resulted in the return of the inheritance tax upon the Mast's bequests, thus giving to Grace Church $385, and adding $1,459 to the Conference Claimants' Fund. The amount saved the Ohio Wesleyan reaches into the thousands. The public services of this young layman, standing as he has done for the best things, promises to make the name of Hypes as honored in statesmanship as it is in theology.

In the death of James A. Myers, of Springfield, Central Church and Springfield Methodism have lost one of the noblest laymen I have ever known. Genial, generous, and great-hearted, he was a tower of strength in every good work. He was a positive force for righteousness in the business circles and public interests of the city. He was the President of the last Lay Electoral Conference, and his influence was potent among the laymen of the Cincinnati Conference. He was an ideal Superintendent. He was the children's friend; and his sunny spirit was like

the happy Heaven he has entered. Mrs. Myers and two noble sons, Wilbur and Warren, remain and are faithfully striving to carry out his generous purposes in behalf of Central Church.

IV. TEMPERANCE VICTORY.—The Mechanicsburg battle for local option was won by seven votes. An exceptional feature of the campaign was the active and public co-operation of the Mayor, who presided at the closing meeting. His action is worthy of all commendation. One of the most efficient forces was the work of our pastor, Rev. C. H. Haines. It was an example of Christian gentlemanliness on fire. Urbana lost her first battle, but, while defeated at the polls, accomplished a great moral victory.

JAMES A. MYERS.

V. RELIGIOUS AWAKENINGS.—To very many earnest people the subject of revivals in this age of transition presents profound problems. There are those who feel the force of Michelet's striking figure. The camel has made his weary journey over the hot sands and comes to an empty torrent bed, which puts into the desert from the arid hills. The dragoman mocks the camel, saying, "Drink camel, drink, this was once a stream." But we do not believe that the revival is a spent force. The channel may change but the waters of life are still flowing from the hills of God. Religious awakenings of marked interest have been enjoyed at Concord, the third exceptional meeting held by the present pastor, Addison, Old Town, St. Paul, Springfield; Yellow Springs, Brighton, Vienna, Grace, Piqua; Tippecanoe City, New Carlisle, Brandt, Mutual, and Clifton Avenue. The additions to Church membership, another form of the revival movement, indicate that the old power is not wanting. A partial report of the charges is as follows: (All forms of receiving members are united in a single item.) Grace, Piqua, 83; High Street, 42; Covington, 12; New Moorefield, 20; Greene Street, Piqua, 89; Grace, Springfield, 23; Dialton, 22; Concord and Westville, 56; Tippecanoe City, 40; New Carlisle, 26; Troy, 19; Christiansburg, 42; Brandt, 14; Greenville, 26; Grace, Urbana, 22; South Charleston, 14; Yellow Springs, 100; Tremont City, 9; Catawba, 4; Kings Creek, 10; Troy Circuit, 4; Mechanicsburg, 12; Clifton Avenue, 58; Central, 106. Some pastors have not reported, but these figures aggregate 873 additions.

VI. MISSIONS.—The missionary work of the ladies is well organized. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has fourteen auxiliaries, and three Young Ladies' Societies. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has eighteen auxiliaries, and six Young Ladies' Societies. The Concord auxiliary has met with large success, due in large part to the leadership of the pastor's wife. Missionary interest is being developed in the Sunday-schools. The Piqua and Springfield schools have done well in this regard. The Easter missionary offering for Clifton Avenue was $32. Central, making her Church collection through the Sunday-school, will give this year the splendid total of $734.

The program of the District Ministerial Meeting at Troy was rich in missionary matter. Rev. W. N. Brewster and wife gave notable addresses. Their temporary residence in Springfield has been a benediction

to the district, and their visit among their old friends at Troy will never be forgotten. The two days' Missionary Conference at the Urbana Chautauqua, with addresses by Bishop Oldham and others, was a distinct inspiration to the cause. A new method of missionary effort has been used with success. It consists of "Missionary Team" work. Three ministers are designated as a team. There are nine of these groups, and about twenty-five week-day evening meetings have been held in as many different Churches. One of the team discussed "The Appeal of the Harvest;" the second considered "The Relation of Missionary Interest to Spirituality;" and a third conducted a "Question Box." The interest in these meetings was so excellent that it is intended to continue the plan next year. There has been a steady increase by regular collection in each of the past five years, and last year our regular offering was $887 in advance of that of the first year. This, we believe, is a permanent gain. We have

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not aimed at the spectacular or boom method, but have tried to cultivate a solid, permanent advance, and the result mentioned is gratifying.

VII. IMPROVEMENTS.—In improvements the record of the year has been unusually good. St. Paul, Springfield, has paid $1,200 upon the Church debt. Plans and money have been secured for adding social rooms to Grace Church, Urbana. In church or parsonage repairs the following sums have been expended: Covington, $140; New Moorefield, $350; Union, $250; Mutual, $130; Grace, Piqua, $502; Greene Street, Piqua, $2,500; Grace, Springfield, $150; Dialton, $260; Concord and Westville, $700; New Carlisle, $90; Christiansburg, $400; Yellow Springs, $190; Nation, $150; Terre Haute, $402; Troy Circuit, $76. The Sabbath-schools of New Carlisle and Tippecanoe City have been provided with new pianos. Captain S. Rinearson, of Arcanum, delighted the Arcanum Sabbath-school and Church by the gift of a piano—a beautiful instrument. Central has modernized the parsonage, adding a porch with colonial columns. The expenditure was $700. The improvements upon the church cost $200, and

$800 has been paid upon Church debt. Rev. A. D. Maddox has secured an endowment of $1,000 for Concord Church and $500 for Tremont City. First Church, Urbana, paid last year $8,000 on church, and $800 this year.

VIII. NEW BUILDINGS.—The new parsonage at Greenville, now approaching completion, is a veneered brick house of ten rooms, exclusive of pantry and bathroom. Indiana gas-burnt brick, laid in white mortar, give the walls a pleasing effect. The house was planned by S. W. Jackson & Son, a firm of Methodist architects in Greenville, and is very convenient and complete. The heating, lighting, and plumbing arrangements are especially satisfactory. The estimate of cost is $4,200, and is fully provided for with good subscriptions. With their beautiful new church, cozy parsonage, and delightful people, the Greenville pastor will have a permanent temptation to preach often on the text (Psa. xxx, 6), "In my prosperity I said I shall never be moved."

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The crowning event of the year with the people of High Street was the happy dedication of their beautiful new church. The edifice is of unusual architecture, that of the English country church, but it is so thoroughly satisfying that it does not seem strange. It has all the elements which aid in devotion. It is chaste and churchly. It is plainly rich, and the windows have a fine artistic effect in which there is an unusual blending of the spirit of beauty and devotion. The acoustic properties, for both singing and speaking, are perfect. The dedication-day will ever be remembered as a day upon the spiritual heights. Bishop Bashford preached the dedication sermon, and Bishop Moore preached in the evening hour. Under the persuasive leadership of Bishop Bashford, the necessary subscriptions were easily secured with a surplus margin of $1,000. The communion service in the afternoon added another element of sanctity to the dedication, and was a season of deep spiritual feeling. The cost of the church was $42,000. It seems idle to congratulate Dr. Story and his people upon their work, for the city of Springfield, the district, and Con-

ference rejoice with them in this victory. In the past six years we note the erection within the district of the following churches and parsonages: Vienna, $5,000; First Church, Urbana, $21,000; High Street, $42,000; Troy (with new lot), $60,000; Troy parsonage, $7,000; Greenville parsonage, $4,200; making a total investment of $139,200. This record shows what kind of laymen we have in the Springfield District, and indicates a devotion of a most substantial and positive kind. May God bless them and their Churches forever.

IX. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—The patient, persistent pressing for the increase of the pastors' salaries has been rewarded by some encouraging results. The charges which have advanced this year are Grace, Piqua; Greene Street (Greene Street will make an additional advance next year), Covington, Cedarville, South Charleston, Brandt, King's Creek, New Moorefield (addition of Vienna), Grace, Springfield (addition of Brighton). This makes nine in all, for this year, and for the past three years, twenty-three out of the twenty-eight charges of the district, have advanced their pastoral support. It has also been my privilege and pleasure to assist my brethren in their advancement by appointments, as well as in the development of the charges. In the past five years sixteen of the men under my care have received advancement (in cash salary) as follows: Three, $50 each; two, $100; one, $200; one $300; one, $350; and eight were advanced $400 each.

[POST CONFERENCE NOTE.—This year adds: Four, $50 each; one, $100. In the past six years Springfield District has furnished the Conference four Presiding Elders—Drs. Ketcham, Brown, Spahr, and Dubois. While twenty-one ministers in all have received advancement, others are likewise worthy, and I commend them to the good offices of my successor.]

X. CABINET.—I desire to pay tribute to the members of our Conference Cabinet. The Dictionary is authority for the statement that a Cabinet is a place where curiosities are stored, and our Cabinet is certainly unique in the fact that in all these six years I have not heard an angry word or noted an unfair or unbrotherly act. My confreres are Christian gentlemen of the highest type. I shall ever treasure their friendship, cemented as it has been by the weight of mutual cares and heavy responsibilities. Three names I mention with loving reverence, Dr. T. H. Pearne, Dr. J. F. Marlay, Dr. Wm. Runyan. Father Ryan assures us that there are thoughts "too fine for the touch of a word," and the silence and sacredness of memory can best pay tribute to these men who have been called from their Cabinet labors to Heaven's reward.

XI. MINISTERS AND LAYMEN.—In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the many acts of kindness I have received from both ministers and laymen. In their homes I have been given cordial welcome, and the friendships thus formed will long be cherished. I AM GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS UPON THE PAST SIX YEARS.

XII. INVITATION.—There remains a final and pleasing duty. Springfield is a goodly city. Ten years of my ministerial life have been spent there. It has five Methodist Churches, and they have all joined officially with High Street in the invitation that the Cincinnati Conference shall hold its next session in the Champion City. The Conference is invited to meet in the new High Street Church, and Central, St. Paul, Clifton Avenue, and Grace unite in the entertainment and welcome. The coming session will mark one hundred years of Methodist history in the city of Springfield.

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STATISTICS.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, ... $11,950 00

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received in these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund,	$22 00
From Mears Bequest,	100 00
From Matilda W. Kempton Bequest,	296 65
From Book Concern Dividend,	1,332 00
From Conference Trustees,	2,300 00
From the Charges,	5,900 80
Balance from last year,	148 56
Total,	$10,100 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIMANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	$400 00	$332 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	400 00	332 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	S. O. Royal,	400 00	332 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	By mail,	300 00	249 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	J. A. Easton,	300 00	249 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee,	T. G. Williams,	300 00	290 50	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	Self,	300 00	249 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
Rev. H. A. M. Henderson,	F. G. Mitchell,	250 00	207 50	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman,	By mail,	200 00	166 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	150 00	124 50	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	G. W. Vorhis,	100 00	83 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	300 00	249 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus,	Self,	400 00	332 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	350 00	290 50	Toledo, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	249 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. E. McHugh,	Self,	400 00	332 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. C. D. Munsey,	By mail,	400 00	332 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles,	By mail,	400 00	332 00	Mutual, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	332 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. J. E. H. Sentman,	Self,	200 00	166 00	Williamsburg, O.
Rev. Wm. M West,	A. D. Maddox,	200 00	166 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. S. Weeks,	By mail,	300 00	249 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	300 00	249 00	West Milton, O.
Total,		$6100 00	$5882 00	
Funeral expenses of				
Mrs. Fidler,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Mrs. Sentman,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Rev. J. W. Mason,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Stationery, Trunk, etc.,	Net	6 75	6 75	
Printing Minutes,	Net	5 00	5 00	
			$161 75	

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	By mail,	$150 00	$124 50	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	150 00	124 50	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	C. L. Conger,	150 00	124 50	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan	C. W. Horn,	200 00	166 00	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt,	A. B. Austin,	150 00	124 50	Greenville, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall,	A. D. Maddox,	200 00	166 00	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	By mail,	200 00	166 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	J. D. Darling,	200 00	166 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	100 00	83 00	Forstburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely,	C. M. Van Pelt,	50 00	41 50	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	150 00	124 50	York, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	O. L. Seward,	100 00	83 00	St. Paris, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd,	By mail,	150 00	124 50	Highland, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	By mail,	150 00	124 50	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. W. Mason,	C. L. Conger,	100 00	83 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. J. H. Middleton,	W. H Werhly,	150 00	124 50	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller,	O. L. Utter,	200 00	166 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove	O. L. Seward,	200 00	166 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	W. E. Armacost,	200 00	166 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page,	By mail,	200 00	166 00	Mechanicsburg. O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry,	C. W. Briggs,	200 00	166 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan,	M. LeSourd,	200 00	166 00	Milford, O.
Mrs. D H. Sargent,	By mail,	150 00	124 50	St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and children,	A. D. Maddox,	300 00	249 00	Price Hill, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	J. P. Porter,	200 00	166 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	By mail,	150 00	124 50	Lambert's Pt., Va.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve,	G. W. Dubois,	200 00	166 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. J. S. Whitney,	By mail,	50 00	41 50	Lebanon, O.
Mrs. Timothy Wones,	C. L. Conger,	100 00	83 00	Springfield, O.
Total,		$4,700 00		

J. R. Hill, *Chairman.* G. P. Austin, T. D. Moore,
R. E. Smith, *Secretary.* J. F. Laird, W. M. Patton,
A. D. Maddox, *Treasurer.* W. A. Wiant, G. W. Vorhis.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

ASSETS.

Stocks:	150 Shares, P. P. Mast & Co.,	$15,000 00	
	119 Shares, Mast, Foos & Co.;	11,900 00	
	30 Shares, Little Miami Railroad,	1,500 00	
			$28,400 00
Notes secured,			11,295 00
Lot in Madisonville,			70 00
Cash in bank,			3,387 59
Total,			$43,152 59

LIABILITY.

Capital Account,	$43,152 59

RECEIPTS.

Bills payable—Temporary loan,	$500 00	
Bills receivable—Loans paid,	1,137 00	
Interest received,	1,811 29	
Collateral inheritance tax, P. P. Mast estate, refunded by State of Ohio,	1,459 48	
		$4,907 77
Cash on hand September 1, 1903,		1,133 52
		$6,041 29

EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—Loans made,	$2,100 00	
Bills payable—Temporary loan paid,	500 00	
Expenses,	53 70	
	$2,653 70	
Cash in Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati,	3,387 59	
		$6,041 29
Interest received as above,	$1,811 29	
Expenses paid as above,	53 70	
		$1,757 59
Balance brought down, interest account,	$1,757 59	
Received since report made:		
Mast, Foos & Co. dividend,	595 00	
Interest account,	34 00	
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards,		$2,300 00
Balance in bank,		86 59
	$2,386 59	$2,386 59

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., August 31, 1904.

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, *September 3, 1904.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE: CONFERENCE TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

We have very carefully and faithfully examined all the notes, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the treasurer, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books very carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. STORY,
H. C. WEAKLEY,
G. W. DUBOIS.
Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1904.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Voucher.	Total.
For Missionary Society,	$17,659 00	$6,401 00	$24,060 00
For Church Extension Society,	1,585 00	606 00	2,191 00
For Sunday-school Union,	271 00	106 00	377 00
For Tract Society,	237 00	101 00	338 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society,	1,687 00	976 00	2,663 00
From "Public Educational" Collections, (for Ohio Wesleyan University)	349 00	322 00	671 00
For Sunday-school Children's Fund,	725 00	372 00	1,097 00
For American Bible Society,	401 00	817 00	1,218 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	98 00	14,326 00	14,424 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society,	13 00	9,827 00	9,840 00
Total Disciplinary collections,	$23,025 00	$33,854 00	$56,879 00
For Christ Hospital,	633 00	6,860 00	7,493 00
For General Conference Expenses	167 00	543 00	710 00
For Conference Claimants,	5,096 00	805 00	5,901 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,316 00	216 00	1,532 00
For "Other Benevolent Objects,"	329 00	15,271 00	15,600 00
From Fractional Dollars received,	5 57	....	5 57
Total of all collections,	$30,571 57	$57,549 00	$88,120 57

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Graham, Publishing Agents, for the Missionary Society, Sunday-school Union, Tract Society, Freedmen's Aid, W. F. M. S., W. H. M. S., Episcopal Fund, and General Conference Expenses, as per amounts credited above,	$21,448 00
Paid A. B. Leonard for support of native missionary in China,	30 00
Paid J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	349 00
Paid Samuel Shaw for Church Extension,	1,585 00
Paid W. F. Anderson, for Children's Fund,	725 00
Paid John Pearson, for American Bible Society,	401 00
Paid A. D. Maddox, for Conference Claimants,	5,096 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital,	633 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	255 00
Paid Davis W. Clark for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	40 00
Paid E. J. Moore for Ohio Anti-Saloon League,	4 00
Paid S. W. Bell toward expenses of Conference program,	5 57
Total disbursements,	$30,571 57

Receipts and vouchers for the above amounts are in my hands.

Calvin W. Horn, *Conference Treasurer.*

Miamisburg, O., September 5, 1904.

STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - GEORGE M. HAMMELL, Station O, Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Prchers.	Deaths	Chl d'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. Property	Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. Property	Present Indebtedness on Ch. Property
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Cincinnati: Asbury	25	205	1	5	10	21	1	23	175	1	$8,000	1	$2,000	$166	.....	.....	.....
Avondale	4	242	1	1	...	...	1	25	170	1	40,000	1	11,000	5,000	.....	.....	.....
Christie	7	316	...	5	5	1	1	19	160	1	20,000	1	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clifton	...	55	...	...	3	...	1	15	40	1	35,000	...	.....	205	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	...	275	...	1	6	2	1	22	276	1	11,000	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delta Ave	15	171	...	2	18	...	1	23	150	1	12,000	...	.....	136	.....	.....	.....
E. Pearl Street	4	52	1	...	3	...	1	8	85	1	8,000	1	2,000	565	.....	.....	.....
Fairmount	3	150	...	1	8	5	1	22	215	1	7,000	1	2,500	75	.....	.....	.....
Finley	20	115	...	2	2	2	1	12	88	1	10,000	...	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
N'thside First Church	6	305	3	1	2	6	1	40	250	1	30,500	...	.....	625	1,120	.....	$912
Linwood and Mad. Av.	14	118	...	1	14	7	2	27	246	2	10,500	...	.....	5,000	.....	.....	500
McKendree	29	277	1	3	10	6	1	22	172	1	16,000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn	9	217	7	...	2	1	1	18	152	1	35,000	...	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Lookout	...	149	...	3	...	1	1	15	100	1	5,000	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Price Hill	12	240	2	1	12	19	1	26	254	1	15,000	...	.....	75	800	.....	.....
Riverside & C'p Wash.	6	184	1	...	4	...	2	35	350	2	8,000	...	.....	280	400	1,200	.....
St. Paul	10	705	2	11	38	42	1	31	425	1	125,000	1	20,000	10,500	1,800	.....	.....
Trinity	14	750	2	7	6	29	1	42	470	1	75,000	1	6,000	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Hills	12	514	2	9	6	2	1	35	29	1	60,000	1	15,000	234	.....	.....	.....
Wesley	70	510	2	22	25	5	1	31	270	1	90,000	1	10,000	186	.....	.....	.....
Westwood	26	479	...	1	12	26	7	71	590	7	59,300	1	8,000	405	.....	.....	.....
York Street	9	198	2	2	2	4	1	25	168	1	15,000	...	.....	500	275	.....	355
Addyston	36	120	1	8	10	25	1	12	150	1	3,500	...	.....	150	100	.....	.....
Bond Hill & Ple's't Ridge	5	163	...	2	22	33	2	27	200	2	7,000	...	.....	333	.....	.....	.....
Carthage & Elmwood Pl.	19	234	...	2	5	23	2	40	255	2	8,500	...	.....	400	.....	.....	.....
Cleves & Harrison	1	250	...	4	8	16	2	32	265	2	10,000	2	2,400	240	200	.....	.....
Delhi	10	260	1	3	4	9	1	26	150	1	13,000	...	.....	1,050	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell	4	248	1	1	...	2	1	26	235	1	12,000	1	2,500	300	.....	.....	.....
Lockland-Wyoming	2	321	...	5	4	5	1	24	200	1	25,000	1	6,000	150	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville	5	485	1	4	10	7	1	28	300	1	25,000	1	3,000	90	.....	.....	.....
Norwood: 1st Church	5	275	1	3	5	...	1	18	225	1	10,000	...	.....	9,000	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church	...	215	1	2	1	2	1	10	22	1	5,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reading	2	54	...	1	2	12	1	15	165	1	2,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winton Place	36	142	1	2	9	1	1	21	147	1	15,000	1	10,000	45	.....	.....	.....
Totals	420	8964	28	115	268	314	45	875	7612	45	832,800	18	111900	37,110	4,695		2,967
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany	7	180	...	1	...	...	1	15	75	1	3,000	1	1,000	75	.....	.....	.....
Brookville & Pyrmont	3	158	1	2	8	2	2	25	110	2	4,200	...	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
Camden & Somerville	12	315	1	3	8	2	2	31	225	2	9,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centerville	18	400	...	9	5	8	2	30	180	2	8,000	1	1,000	91	.....	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway	65	826	1	7	17	46	1	67	600	1	15,000	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace	9	780	...	5	4	...	1	27	375	1	60,000	1	12,000	12,175	.....	.....	.....
Homestead Avenue	...	40	...	...	...	...	1	15	75	1	5,500	...	.....	115	2,416	.....	.....
Raper	43	871	1	16	36	12	1	52	500	1	70,000	...	.....	31,500	.....	.....	.....
Riverdale	12	234	...	2	2	...	1	25	248	1	18,000	...	.....	300	390	6,100	.....
St. Paul	5	850	2	14	16	28	1	53	650	1	27,000	1	5,000	350	.....	1,500	.....
Trinity	57	358	3	5	10	33	1	37	350	1	15,000	1	3,000	50	100	1,300	.....
Eaton	6	321	2	11	7	2	1	27	218	1	24,000	1	3,000	719	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer & Woodw'd Av	28	270	...	3	19	31	2	40	290	2	4,700	1	1,500	255	.....	.....	.....
Fair Haven & Sugar Val.	5	239	...	3	7	25	2	26	145	2	5,500	1	3,000	2,450	.....	.....	.....
Fort Jefferson	15	198	...	...	...	5	4	51	354	4	6,000	1	700	85	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	11	345	1	4	...	16	1	18	180	1	20,000	1	4,000	.....	200	1,800	.....
Germantown	...	150	...	2	...	...	1	17	110	1	2,500	...	.....	25	.....	.....	.....
Gordon	6	171	1	...	1	9	3	55	350	4	8,900	...	.....	717	100	175	.....
Hamilton	7	724	...	16	20	11	1	53	550	1	35,000	1	10,000	250	.....	.....	.....
Lewisburg & W. Alexand.	5	296	...	4	1	8	2	30	250	2	7,000	1	1,200	45	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg	18	382	...	7	3	7	1	35	322	1	37,000	1	5,000	.....	6,800	6,000	.....
Middletown	7	637	2	3	7	1	1	28	575	1	40,000	1	2,000	.....	1,000	215	.....
Monroe	15	164	...	2	43	7	2	18	135	2	9,500	1	2,000	150	100	100	.....
New Paris	4	155	...	4	...	3	2	20	150	3	2,000	1	700	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osborn	21	358	1	7	...	22	4	53	300	5	17,000	1	2,500	1,381	400	2,000	.....
Oxford	12	444	1	7	1	15	1	27	250	1	20,000	1	3,500	1,051	.....	1,451	.....
Port Union and Glendale	...	200	...	1	3	...	4	35	200	4	12,000	1	2,500	100	50	.....	.....
Red Lion & Merrittstown	12	160	...	...	4	4	2	27	125	2	5,500	1	1,000	10	.....	.....	.....
Seven Mile	4	261	...	3	7	4	2	26	154	2	11,500	1	1,000	250	.....	.....	.....
Springboro and Lytle	19	259	...	6	5	16	2	29	270	2	3,200	1	2,000	100	.....	.....	.....

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Venice	14	361		4	3	23	5	66	240	5	$9,900	1	$800	$550		
Walker & Union	18	107		4			2	16	90	2	4,500			30	$65	
West Carrollton	6	254		4	10	20	1	16	200	1	1,900	1	2,500		200	$1,200
West Chester		302		2			3	30	150	3	8,000	1	1,000			
West Elkton		165	3	10			5	40	295	5	4,000	1	800	200		
West Milton	12	200		4			4	56	210	5	5,000	1	400	21	21	49
Totals	368	11063	20	177	247	348	72	1211	9441	76	539,300	29	78,600	55,095	11,842	21,890
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast	3	440		5			6	50	300	6	9,000	1	1,200			
Blanchester	18	310	2	6	4	1	1	24	270	1	10,000	1	1,600	20	463	1,350
Bowersville	14	230	2	5	1	11	3	35	200	4	8,000	1	600			73
Centerfield	8	25					1	9	60	1	800					
Clarksville		190					4	39	300	4	5,000	1	2,000			
Dunkinsville	3	150	1	4		8	3	32	100	3	2,400			35	50	
Greenfield	42	1,085		15	1	30	1	41	771	1	70,000	1	6,500	62,000		8,000
Highland	10	389	2	3	3	12	3	51	310	3	9,000	1	3,000	1,000		
Hillsboro	25	808	3	3	6	1	1	34	584	1	12,000	1	5,500	100		
Jamestown		318		5		2	1	11	140	1	12,000	1	2,000	140		
Leesburg	3	348	2	5	2		3	53	394	3	13,500	1	2,000	65	25	
Lynchburg	8	516	1	13	1	14	4	55	280	4	7,000	1	2,000			
Martinsville		300	1	16	4	7	5	29	210	5	7,500	1	600		75	
Mount Orab	7	355		6		13	4	60	350	4	6,000	1	1,500	100		168
Mowrystown		175			1		4	32	200	4	3,500					
New Burlington	34	523	2	3	1	8	4	62	362	4	7,100	1	1 500	1,503		
New Jasper	10	310		5			3	36	200	3	7,500	1	1,800			
New Vienna	3	300		2			3	38	235	3	11,000	1	2,500	275		
Peebles	2	295	1	5	3	4	3	43	251	3	2,800	1	1,200	40		
Rainsboro	13	445		10		24	4	65	425	4	8,000	1	1,000	50		
Sabina	12	254		4	2	10	1	27	180	1	11,000	1	1,200			
Sinking Springs	5	393	1	3			5	58	397	5	4,500	1	1,000			
Sugar Tree Ridge		288	1	6		7	5	54	275	5	4,800			80		
Union	19	368		5	4	22	5	72	360	5	5,800	1	2,000	200		
Waynesville	7	287		9			2	26	200	2	6,000	1	2,000			
Wilmington	3	295	1	5	2	8	1	22	200	1	15,000	1	3,000	45		
Winchester-Seaman	1	314	1	1			2	30	240	2	11,500	1	1,000			
Xenia: First Church	12	820	2	11	4	8	1	35	750	1	37,000	1	5,000	300	1,700	1,100
Trinity	8	300		4	3		1	23	180	1	20,000	1	5,000	400		
Totals	268	10818	23	159	43	180	84	1146	8724	85	328,700	25	56,700	66,353	2,313	10,695
MILFORD DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen		412					4	44	264	4	5,300	1	800			
Amelia	7	337	3	7			3	30	375	3	6,000	1	1.000	75		
Batavia	9	256		2	1		1	17	200	1	15,000	1	1,500			
Bethel	2	448	1	5		17	4	60	320	4	4,000	1	1,500	76		
Butlerville	2	278	1	5	3	10	4	46	390	4	3,700			200		
Centenary	2	219	1	7		2	5	42	175	6	6,500			40		
Chilo	10	202		5			4	35	259	4	5,500	1	400			
Decatur	3	350	1	4	7	6	5	70	400	5	6,000	1	1,200	251		
Feesburg	8	278	1	5		4	5	36	240	5	5,000	1	800	1,700		
Felicity	7	316	2	11	5	6	3	42	260	3	6,000	1	900	120		
Georgetown		412		5	7	10	3	44	275	3	10,000	1	1,800	650		
Goshen	25	225	1		2		3	45	225	3	6,000	1	2,000	1,700		
Laurel	20	406		4		62	4	51	281	4	7,000	1	1,800			
Lebanon	4	351		5		14	1	27	255	1	12,000	1	2,500	25		
Loveland	5	158	1	1	5		1	20	170	1	6,000					
Maineville	3	175		5		3	3	36	200	3	5,500	1	1,500	1,000		
Manchester		310	1	6	1	14	3	42	240	3	6,500	1	1,500			
Marathon	6	410	1	4	8	10	4	49	217	5	7,500	1	1,200			
Mason	9	271		5	1	1	3	40	360	3	8,200	1	3,500	155		
Milford	4	326		4	1	2	1	23	170	1	6,000	1	2,500	260		
Montgomery		161	1				5	18	150	5	7,200					
Morrow	10	150		3			1	20	125	1	3,500	1	1,500	50		
Moscow	10	357	3	9		17	4	50	355	4	12,000			170		
Mt. Washington	4	102	1		14	2	3	42	270	3	7,000	1	1,000	40		
New Richmond	19	208		1	1	7	1	25	170	1	4,500	1	1,500		246	250
Newtown	10	279		5	5	41	4	35	225	4	8,000	1	2,000	225		
Owensville	4	370		7	2	5	4	50	275	4	7,000	1	1,200	44		
Ripley	11	266		4	15	1	1	16	200	1	40,000	1	3,000	2,770		500
South Lebanon	5	170	1	3	2	2	3	25	150	3	4,000	1	1,300	75		
Summerside	17	262		8	2	10	4	55	260	4	8,000	1	2,000	200		
West Union	4	466	1	2		22	3	47	340	3	4,600	1	1,500	100		
Williamsburg	5	369	2	6	10	15	1	30	180	1	4,000	1	1,800	25		
Williamsburg Circuit	6	331	1	7	2	2	5	43	225	5	7,000			750	500	500
Totals	231	9031	24	140	94	285	103	1255	8181	105	254,500	27	43,200	10,701	746	1,250

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'hers.	Deaths.....	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	....	178	1	2	....	....	1	17	180	1	$6,000	1	$2,000	$50	.....	.....
Brandt	4	110	...	4	1	10	2	20	80	4	4,300	1	1,200	30	.....	.....
Catawba	3	443	...	5	....	....	2	40	200	3	9,000	1	3,000	150	.....	.....
Cedarville	2	290	...	5	9	3	2	30	170	2	5,000	1	2,500	94	63	$125
Christiansburg	12	263	1	2	1	24	3	25	215	4	9,500	1	1,000	400	.....	.....
Covington	25	124	1	1	1	1	1	18	102	1	3,000	1	2,000	110	.....	.....
Dialton	5	305	1	4	2	14	3	58	290	3	7,600	1	1,250	235	.....	5
Greenville	4	390	1	8	2	4	1	33	273	1	27,000	1	5,500	2,000	150	2,500
King's Creek	....	150	1	3	1	9	4	40	260	1	4,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	12	400	...	5	1	....	1	25	196	1	30,000	1	2,500	134	.....	375
Mutual	12	332	...	1	....	....	4	48	200	4	7,500	1	800	300	80	.....
New Carlisle	5	241	1	5	2	2	1	28	230	1	4,000	1	1,000	50	.....	.....
New Moorefield	9	875	1	3	4	14	5	50	375	5	17,000	1	1,500	450	500	1,700
Piqua: Grace	8	418	...	4	12	4	1	29	229	1	6,000	1	3,500	315	.....	.....
Greene Street	9	610	1	6	10	12	1	34	300	1	30,000	1	9,000	1,546	.....	1,500
South Charleston	13	369	1	3	3	3	2	31	325	2	12,000	2	5,000	50	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	24	936	2	10	....	....	1	56	685	1	20,000	1	10,000	860	600	1,100
Clifton Ave	8	309	...	2	7	24	1	35	275	1	3,500	..	.....	.....	.....	950
Grace	3	280	1	...	15	15	2	25	275	2	2,800	..	.....	190	.....	.....
High Street	3	559	1	1	13	6	1	29	250	1	70,000	1	10,000	20,000	.....	.....
St. Paul	45	361	...	5	3	12	1	40	200	1	40,000	1	2,000	150	200	4,000
Tippecanoe City	8	245	1	3	10	15	1	20	200	1	15,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tremont City	6	503	1	9	1	43	5	55	458	5	24,000	1	1,200	775	.....	.....
Troy	2	551	...	6	4	7	1	25	325	1	60,000	1	7,000	.....	600	4,670
Troy Circuit	2	281	2	5	....	3	3	45	210	3	8,000	1	1,500	46	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	6	620	1	7	....	3	1	25	325	1	40,000	1	4,500	100	7,200	800
Grace	10	500	1	7	....	5	1	24	253	1	25,000	1	4,000	388	.....	.....
Yellow Springs	8	487	...	6	19	17	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	1,200	100	100	120
Totals	248	11130	20	112	126	250	56	955	7481	56	500,200	26	84,150	28,523	9,493	17,845

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'hers.	Deaths.....	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati	420	8,964	28	115	268	314	45	875	7612	45	$832,300	18	111900	$37110	$4,695	$2,967
Dayton	368	11063	20	177	247	348	72	1211	9441	76	539,300	29	78,600	53,095	11,842	21,890
Hillsboro	268	10818	23	159	43	180	84	1146	8724	85	328,700	25	56,700	66,353	2,313	10,693
Milford	281	9631	24	146	94	285	103	1255	8181	105	254,500	27	43,200	10,701	746	1,250
Springfield	248	11130	20	112	126	250	56	955	7481	56	500,200	26	84,150	28,523	9,493	17,845
Totals, 1904	1535	51606	115	709	778	1377	360	5442	41439	367	2455000	125	374550	195782	29,089	54,645
Totals, 1903	1637	51552	104	665	693	911	360	5492	40480	364	2339300	125	351753	134247	49,447	81,451
Increase	....	54	11	44	85	466	....	....	959	3	115,700	...	22,797	61,535	.....	.....
Decrease	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,358	26,806

STATISTICS No. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ... GEO. M. HAMMELL, Station "O," Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	45	875	7,612	5,032	394	739	3,013	661	$5,614
Dayton,	72	1,211	9,441	6,236	801	1,067	4,077	642	5,324
Hillsboro,	84	1,146	8,724	5,348	370	1,099	5,388	361	3,350
Milford	103	1,255	8,216	5,044	169	1,185	4,024	369	2,856
Springfield,	56	955	7,481	4,784	634	938	4,872	471	3 534
Totals, 1904,	360	5,442	41,474	26,444	2,368	5,028	21,374	2,504	$20,678
Totals, 1903,	360	5,492	40,480	22,073	1,911	4,915	16,123	1,856	18,982
Increase,	.....	.....	994	4.371	457	113	5,251	648	$1,696
Decrease,	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOP.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.						REC'D FROM.		Total.	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.			EDUCATION.		S. S. Union	Tract Society	Board of Church Extension	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged.	Christ's Hospital.	Grand Total.*
		Salary	House Rent.	Total.	Salary	House Rent.	Total.		Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.		Collections.	Other Sources.				(a) Church.	(b) S. S.	Total.	(a) Pub. Edu. Col	b. Child's Fund												
Cincinnati: Asbury	C. C. Peale	$1200		$1200	$1200		$1200		$50	$50	$10	$10	$1260	$35		$35	$597	$95	$108	$82	$190	$25	$2	$2	$25		$5	$5	$28	$27	$59	$15	$10	$187	$625
Avondale	E. P. Edmonds	2000	$750	2750	2000	$750	2750		225	225	25	25	3000	300		300	2000	170	424	76	500	142	7	10	243	$12	10	177	3584	526	1728		112	590	7857
Christie	C. L. Myers	1200		1200	1200		1200		72	72	10	10	1282	24		24	300	75	80	20	100	5	3	3	20	3		5	36	47	49			117	422
Clifton	J. F. Chenoweth	1200		1200	1200		1200		64	64	15	15	1279	34		34	321	28	85	15	100	10	6	2	20	11	5	105	200	92	56		17	52	735
Columbia	F. C. English	900	300	1200	900	300	1200		45	45	8	8	1253	20		20	550	144	40	30	70	5	1	1	2	2		2	50		96			25	282
Delta Avenue	J. P. Ninde	800		800	825		825	Ex 25	40	40	8	8	873	14		14	186	95	50	11	61	4	2	1	3	2	3	3			1	12	10	4	128
East Pearl Street	[David W. Clark]	400		400	400		400		16	16	8	8	418	12		12	119	36	30	10	40		1	2	4					2	40				104
Fairmount	F. M. Kirgan	800	240	1040	800	240	1040		30	30	2	2	1072	10		10	165	85	10	16	26	2			2	1	1	1	32		19	5		2	108
Finley	[W. W. Tranter]	700		700	700		700		24	24	5	5	729	12		12	545	100	20	5	25	5	5	3	5	4	1	5	5	5	5	2	5	10	102
1st Church, Northside	A. L. Brokaw	1200		1200	1200		1200		35	35	12	12	1247	15		15	399	160	25	15	40	5	2	2	6	5		8	69	56	44		8	18	285
Linwood and Madison Avenue	J. E. Thomas	900		900	900		900		30	30	5	5	983	14		14	225	155	22	44	66				6						62				151
McKendree	J. C. Eckels	1000		1000	922		922	78	40	40	2	2	964	3		3	160	120	10	30	40	6	1	1	8	1	2	2	18		55				187
Mt. Auburn	J. A. Geissinger	1500		1500	1500		1500		80	80	10	10	1590	55		55	950	80	165	60	225	15	10	3	35	5	10	20	448	288	300	22	30	321	1797
Mt. Lookout	G. M. Hammell	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300		80	80	14	14	1394	50		50	415	125	67	72	139	36	11	9	27	13	5	26	345	280	40	2	25	125	1147
Price Hill	E. M. Ellsworth	1200		1200	1200		1200		74	74	15	15	1289	58		58	600	189	70	42	112	12	2	2	12	2	10	4	95	118	218		3	58	716
Riverside & Camp Washington	E. W. Serl	1000		1000	970		970	30	30	30	10	2	1002	15		15	210	200		31	31	10			10		2	2	39	38	33	6			188
St. Paul	C. W. Blodgett	2000	1000	3000	2000	1000	3000		159	159	40	40	3199	110		110	2580	345	435	79	514	87	9	8	44	19		24	436	537	1150			160	3088
Trinity	M. B. Fuller	1800	600	2400	1800	600	2400		140	140	15	15	2555	90		90	2060	350	172	191	363	10	3	2	12		4	3	439	189	1267	12		528	2988
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young	2750	1000	3750	2750	1000	3750		280	280	40	40	4070	185		185	1648	227	580	500	1080	72	5	5	105	15	10	35	803	958	433	40	5	234	3975
Wesley Chapel	G. Roughton	1000	500	1500	1060	500	1560	Ex 60	141	141	20	20	1721	105		105	1080	109	747	253	1080	60	2	2	60	5	14	25	214	158	80		5	130	1855
Westwood	D. G. Latshaw	1400	600	2000	1400	600	2000		105	105	20	20	2125	835		835	1300	110	1128	59	1182	281	57	57	371	68	59	115	246		871	68		885	4610
" Sec. 2	S. A. Keen	800	220	1020	800	220	1020		20	20	11	11	1051	9		9	125	90	16	6	22	4	1	1	4	4			2						58
" Sec. 3	W. L. Boicourt	548		548	548		548		20	20	8	8	571	8		8	40	30	7	18	30	5	1	1	5		8	1		6	6			6	70
York Street	O. L. Utter	1000		1000	1000		1000		40	40	10	5	1045	10		10	347	150	35	20	55	5	1	1	5		8	4	43	110	5			5	252
Addyston	J. S. Young	300		300	300		300		20	20	2	2	322	5		5	80	40																80	87
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge	L. O. Hartman	1000		1000	1000		1000		28	28	10	10	1038	30		30	276	184	50	36	86	10	3	2	10	10	12	10	22	5	62	7	10	15	304
Carthage and Elmwood Place	S. G. Pollard	900		900	900		900		35	35	2	2	937	5		5	300	135	20		20	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	61		15	6		8	136
Cleves and Harrison	T. D. Moore	950		950	950		950		58	58	1	1	1004	2		2	390	110	4	14	18		2		2	3	3	1	62		47		1	2	144
Delhi	J. R. Colley	1300		1300	1300		1300		75	75	10	10	1385	70		70	406	126	55	75	130	9	2	2	5		3	5	99	32	137		5	28	537
Hartwell	F. G. Mitchell	1328	200	1528	1328	200	1528		78	78	18	18	1622	58		58	327	205	50	100	150	1	3	10			17	15	185	270	107	12	15	328	1179
Lockland—Wyoming	W. L. Y. Davis	1500	500	2000	1500	500	2000		113	113	20	20	2133	170		170	1800	475	723	77	800	147	2	2	170	25	5	54	633	170	292	25	100	460	3075
Madisonville	S. O. Royal	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700		125	125	15	15	1840	125		125	800	168	204	150	354	39	5	5	45	12	5	26	498	179	26	4	89	397	1774
Norwood: 1st Church	E. Beery	1400		1400	1400		1400		60	30	12	12	1442	5		5	250	90	27		27						3		107						154
Grace Church	A. K. Stabler	1500		1500	1500		1500		65	65	12	12	1577	40		40	270	150	46	59	105	15	1	1	15	3		1	112	155	135	5	5	28	638
Reading	G. F. Barber	416		416	416		416						416				125	73				2	1	1	3	2		1	15		5				30
Winton Place	E. Burdsall	800	300	1100	800	300	1100		50	50	8	8	1158	40		40	358	208	15	45	60	12	2	2	12	4	3	6	11	60	81	13	86	15	415
Totals		41090	6810	47900	41067	6810	47877	23	2542	2512	418	407	50796	2063		2063	19644	5227	5465	2206	7731	968	154	145	1295	232	205	701	8885	4908	7474	251	491	4698	40028

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—DAYTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOP		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies						REC'D FROM.				MISSIONS.					EDUCATION.									
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total.*
Bethany	J. H. Lease	$650	$75	$725	$650	$75	$725		$48	$48	$6	$3	$776	$8		$8	$100	$55	$38	$10	$48	$5		$1	$5		$3	$1	$25			$4		$38	$141
Brookville and Pyrmont	[C. S. Grauser]	300		300	300		300		22	22	4	4	324	2		2	91	25	21	4	25	2	$1	1	1			1		$9		1			45
Camden & Somerville	S. B. Timmons	600	100	700	600	100	700		53	53	5	5	758	7		7	275	100	61	15	76	4	3	3	3	$3	7	3	43					74	281
Centerville	J. A. White	800	150	950	800	150	950		71	71	10	10	1081	65		65	225	76	100	78	178	15	3	3	13		10	4	15			1		80	342
Dayton: Broadway	C. W. Elliott	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300		97	97	15	15	1412	54		54	732	405	229	102	331	30	4	3	30		19	6	117	314	$166	8	$50	11	1158
Grace	H. C. Jameson	2500	720	3220	2500	720	3220		225	225	39	39	3484	200		200	2697	284	304	496	800	110	5	5	110	10	20	25	272	555	800			562	3518
Homestead Ave	[J. M. Roberts]	345		345	345		345						345				120	35															10	10
Raper	J. J. McCabe	1500	360	1860	1500	360	1860		135	135	23	23	2018	50		50	1600	225	40	200	240	5	4	1	5	5	5	5	270	255	225			5	1098
Riverdale	W. E. Hammaker	950		950	950		950		71	71	10	5	1026	84		84	563	101	48	12	60	4	1	1	4	3	5	4		6	48	9			184
St. Paul	J. G. Vaughan	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		135	135	20	20	2055	80		80	1000	350	300	150	450	40	5	5	30	183	10	5	241	396	1020	15			2500
Trinity	O. M. Sellers	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		75	68	5	5	1073	25		25	300	155	85	10	45	5	2	2	6	2	18	4		2	102	5	5	28	256
Eaton	W. A. Wiant	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		90	90	15	15	1305	42		42	579	100	195	20	215	18	3	2	14	7	7	7	64	188	26	10		6	564
Ebenezer and Woodward Ave	W. E. Verity	550	150	700	550	150	700		48	48	8	8	751	15		15	146	164	50	17	67	5	1	1	10	4	6	1			84	8			300
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	C. L. Chapman	600	50	650	618	50	668	Ex 18	48	48	9	9	725	48		48	160	50	97	16	113	20	7	2	20	2	9	5					2	45	282
Fort Jefferson	[D. S. Ferguson]	600	50	650	569	50	619	31	48	44	8	6	669	30		30	145	125	71	9	80	9	1	1	8	1	10	3	9			6		1	165
Franklin	C. Wones	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	30		30	250	70	42	43	85	10	2	2	54		5	5	43	85		12		15	310
Germantown	[D. Matthews]	465		465	465		465		37	37	7	5	507	15		15	125	100	20	20	40					4								9	78
Gordon	C. L. Gowdy	575		575	575		575		45	45	8	5	625	16		16	211	116	66	34	100	9	1	1	8			3				17			160
Hamilton	C. E. Schenk	2400	360	2760	2400	360	2760		175	175	20	20	2955	50		50	1300	810	305	95	400	20	8	2	20	5	10	10	186	194	842			40	1307
Lewisburg and West Alexandria	J. P. Gilliland	800	75	875	750	75	825	50	65	65	8	8	898	43		43	225	227	68	7	75	16	2	2	17	12		7		108		4	10	8	302
Miamisburg	S. W. Bell	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	16	16	1521	90		90	508	200	175	75	250	20	4	4	20	15	25	15	63	51	68			30	671
Middletown	U. G. Humphrey	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		120	120	15	15	1485	48		48	435	308	75	25	100	19	1	2	19				6	222	50	54		56	592
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	775	115	890	775	115	890		60	60	9	9	959	10		10	100	55	17	13	30	2	1		2	1	4	2		29	35	4			129
New Paris	[A. B. Shaw]	450	50	500	410	50	460	40	35	35	7	1	498	4		4	80	30		10	10												18		85
Osborn	F. Leever	700	110	810	788	110	843	Ex 33	60	60	11	11	914	10		10	227	150	26	8	34	2	1	1	2	1	7	1	39			2	134	345
Oxford	C. M. Van Pelt	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640		129	129	16	16	1786	45		45	690	172	158	47	205	15	2	2	10		15	22	155	148	30			55	710
Port Union and Glendale	R. E. Smith	800	125	925	770	125	895	30	69	65	8	8	962	15		15	250	200	10	5	15	3	1	1	2		4	1						20	64
Red Lion and Harrittstown	W. D. English	650	75	725	650	75	725		44	44	8	8	777				200	40	15		15	3	1	1	3			1				3	1		88
Seven Mile	O. P. Hoffman	700	100	800	735	100	835	Ex 35	60	60	10	10	905	56		56	127	105	102	18	120	24	2	2	25	5	8	10	18		26	6		10	317
Springboro	J. W. Patton	600	75	675	600	75	675		49	49	10	10	734	10		10	186	76	55	25	80	1	1	1	18	1	4	1		81	64	2			222
Venice	O. D. Becker	700	75	775	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	18		18	181	169	45	5	50	8	1	1	11		6	1			2				98
Walker and Union	J. J. Hawk	500		500	528		528	Ex 28	37	37			565				75	32	8	4	12						4						11		27
West Carrollton	John W. Gaddis	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		82	82	10	10	1192	40		40	230	150	60	30	90	10	1	1	10	2	2	2	105	12		4			289
West Chester	J. F. McColm	650	100	750	722	100	822	Ex 72	56	56	9	9	887	2		2	125	50	18	12	25	1	1	1	2	1	1	1				7			51
West Elkton	[B. Silkwood]	328	60	388	290	60	350	86	34	32	8	8	885	1		1	80	50		10	10	1	1	1											18
West Milton	F. J. Reinbarth	588	84	672	520	84	604	18	56	56	5	4	664	4		4	170	100	15	5	20	1	1	1	2	2	5	8	1	1		4	4	7	60
Totals		$41224	$8860	$50128	$41215	$8800	$50114		2020	2013	374	336	$60004	1102		1102	14498	8235	2850	1025	1484	482	72	58	480	290	221	165	1893	2119	8090	98	109	1200	16405

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOP.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																Grand Total.*
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.		REC'D FROM.		Total.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.	S. S. Union	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION.		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Home for the Aged.	Christ's Hospital.		
		Salary	House Rent.	Total.	Salary	House Rent.	Total.							Collections.	Other Sources.		Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	(a) Church.	(b) S. S.	Total					(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund									
Belfast	D. W. C. Washburn	$600	$100	$700	$562	$100	$662	$38	$46	$46	$8	$7	$715	$5		$5	$150	$50	$25	$1	$26			$2	$2	$1	$4			$30	$3				$40
Blanchester	Geo. W. Vorhis	750	100	850	750	100	850		52	52	9	9	911	30		30	261	118	75	90	165	$10	$3	$2	10	2	5	3	$29	70	9	$5	$3		360
Bowersville	Thos. Cundy	650	75	725	625	75	700	25	51	51	8	7	758	10		10	125	60	61	17	78	4			3		15			80	8			15	165
Centerfield	John H. Davis	60		60	60		60						60	5		5	90	15	5		5					2								12
Clarksville	J. H. McNary	700	100	800	610	100	710	90	51	40	8	8	758	14		14	150	100	18	12	30	2			3		2			4				68
Dunkinsville	Bert. E. Smith	338		338	338		338		28	28	4	4	370	1		1	50	25	38		38					1			1					45
Greenfield	W. H. Wehrly	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740		120	120	20	20	1880	114		114	650	358	200	200	400	20	5	5	20	5	25	10	110	$178	78		250	207	1442
Highland	J. R. Hill	750	200	950	750	200	950		61	61	11	11	1022	50		50	220	90	201	50	251	15	2	2	15	2	9	2	86		28	8	8	21	500
Hillsboro	W. A. Deaton	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		151	151	15	15	1966	75		75	558	171	225	225	450	25	3	4	25	5	7	1	218	246	270				1854
Jamestown	J. P. Porter	900	120	1020	900	120	1020		75	75	12	12	1107	79		79	335	85	167	108	270	30	3	2	25	5	5	18	77	113	76	12		28	761
Leesburg	G. S. Easton	750	150	900	750	150	900		66	66	11	11	977	37		37	325	110	160	32	192	18	2	2	23	3	10	5	88	67	36	9	5	58	566
Lynchburg	C. W. Briggs	800	150	950	800	150	950		64	64	11	11	1025	25		25	250	145	75	35	110	2	3	2	2	1		6	16		34	5		42	259
Martinsville	C. J. Kelch	545	75	620	484	75	559	61	49	45	4	2	606	2		2	75	110	21		21						2				71				98
Mount Orab	T. G. Williams	650	150	800	600	150	750	50	53	53	7	7	810	5		5	150	90	21	4	25	5	1	1	5	1	4	1			8	7	1		71
Mowrystown	[J. Naylor].	352		352	175		175	177	18	7			182						20	1	21						4								25
New Burlington	G. H. Smith	800	100	900	800	100	900		66	66	12	12	978	64		64	220	160	240	10	250	22	2	2	22	2	6	2	51		24		7		466
New Jasper	Henry Hershey	700	100	800	700	100	800		60	60	11	5	865	10		10	175	60	75		75	1	1	1	2		10								105
New Vienna	Andrew Hamilton	750	150	900	750	150	900		60	60	11	11	971	55		55	225	100	100	15	115	4	1	1	2	1	5	2	111		178	7	7	70	570
Peebles	J. Phillips	615	100	715	605	100	705	10	60	60	9	6	771	33		33	125	74	56	9	65	6	2	2	6	2	6	2	9		32	5			174
Rainsboro	A. J. Kestle	650	50	700	650	50	700		58	58	8	8	761	35		35	135	147	118	20	138	7	2	2	7	2	6	2				7			210
Sabina	R. K. Deem	700	150	850	700	150	850		65	65	12	12	927	30		30	180	68	128	47	175	6	2	2	6	2	18	3	78	2	30	10			374
Sinking Spring	J. M Bailey	500	50	550	500	50	550		45	45	5	5	600	8		8	162	88	40	20	60	3			3		3							5	86
Sugar Tree Ridge	[T. M. Scarff]	500		500	474		474	26	45	42	7	6	522	20		20	125	80	75	17	92	10	2	2	10		8	2			4	5			161
Union	W. M. Patton	800	150	950	800	150	950		68	68	11	11	1029	60		60	215	175	175	50	225	25	2	2	25		15	3	71		10			4	453
Waynesville	W. M. Coffman	800	150	950	800	150	950		67	67	5	5	1022	19		19	150	60	55	20	75	12	1	1	12	1		1	29		9		10	175
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey	1100	168	1268	1100	168	1268		88	88	14	14	1370	60		60	447	175	250	50	300	12	1	1	12		10	3	70					72	555
Winchester—Seaman	J. A. Easton	700	100	800	700	100	800		53	53	10	5	858	5		5	125	95	80	10	40	4	1	1	4		2	1	17		34			58	167
Xenia: First Church	A. C. Turrell	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		127	127	24	24	1951	70		70	1250	325	325	150	475	25	4	3	30	4	10	15	133	60	525		5	7	1890
Trinity	R. H. Rust	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		100	100	20	20	1620	50		50	400		150	50	200	10	3	3	30	10	10	5	114	171	85	10			711
Totals		22160	3628	25788	21683	3628	25811	477	1842	1813	287	268	27892	966		966	7268	3124	3124	1238	4362	278	48	45	304	51	197	87	1806	882	1644	112	288	610	11898

* Including Conference Claimants and Episcopal Fund.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total.*
Aberdeen																																				
Amelia	C. T. Crum	$625	$100	$725	$625	$100	$725		$60	$60	$5	$5	$790	$8		$8	$205	$130	$33	$22	$55	$2	$1	$2	$3	$2	$2	$1	$2	$2	$5			$2	$93
Batavia	W. H. Spybey	800	120	920	800	120	920		74	74	10	10	1004	9		9	200	121	45	15	60	4	1	2	4	10	3	18	16	3	$7	$4	16	169
Bethel	L. A. Washburn	680	100	780	612	100	712	$18	49	48	7	7	767	5		5	150	10	45	10	55	3	1	1	8	2	3	4					10	105
Butlerville	[J. W. Burdsall]	300		300	300		300						300	2		2	140	125	20		20	1			2					3			10	46
Centenary	E. Fee Naylor	515		515	444		444	71	48	41	5	4	489	4		4	120	70	10	18	28	1	3	1	5	1	1							50
Chilo	E. L. Hollingsworth	225		225	211		211	14			2	2	213	3		3	182	52	9		9	1	1	1	1		1			1				25
Decatur	D. S. Ewry	600	100	700	570	100	670	30	48	46	6	6	712	12		12	130	75	107	18	125	2	1	1	2	4		10		35		2	55	257
Feesburg	[W. E. Shriver]	500	75	575	477	75	552	23	50	48	5	5	605	8		8	100	100	28		28	3	1	1	4		10	1	1		4	1	6	70
Felicity	W. J. Baker	600	100	700	600	100	700		54	54	6	6	760	15		15	212	70	59	3	62	3			25		7	2	17		46	6			188
Georgetown	C. W. Horn	800	120	920	800	120	920		66	66	10	10	996	30		30	220	65	75	25	100	10	2	1	10	2	18	2	1		25	3	10	225
Goshen	G. M. Fulton	600	100	700	600	100	700		54	54	5	5	759	25		25	165	100	20	30	50	4	1	1	7	3	5	1	3			4	4	115
Laurel	W. E. Spurrier	600	85	685	600	85	685		54	54	5	5	744	17		17	185	75	56	16	72	9	1	1	9	2	10						20	148
Lebanon	J. L. Shively	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		90	90	10	10	1300	70		70	416	121	257	88	345	22	5	1	2	25	4	6	7	165	187	64	10	22	48	988
Loveland	L. M. Davis	600		600	600		600		48	40	6	6	646	10		10	135	80	15	55	70	5	1	2	5	2	4	1	54		40	5	2	6	211
Maineville	W. S. Gray	650	100	750	650	100	750		52	52	6	6	808	15		15	135	110	52	23	75	6	1	1	12	5	1	1				5	6	189
Manchester	J. Verity													10		10		70	30	30	60	5	1	1	11	3								96
Marathon	J. A. Winkler	500	60	560	500	60	560		44	44	6	6	610	20		20	147	70	43	18	61	4	1	1	4	1	8	1	30		6	5	2	4	154
Mason	W. E. Putt	800	150	950	800	150	950		72	72	10	10	1012	15		15	155	125	58	31	89	4	1	1	11		9	1			34	8			183
Milford	M. LeSourd	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		111	111	12	12	1473	135		135	225	130	250	150	400	45	5	5	55	8	10	12	110	229	158		34	147	1365
Montgomery	Harry Stevenson	421		421	137		137	284	30	15			152																						
Morrow	E. T. Lane	700	100	800	700	100	800		58	58	20	20	858	7		7	144	60	23	17	40	3	1	1	5	5	8	3							98
Moscow	Thomas Salt	676		676	676		676		58	59	8	8	743	27		27	295	125	80	10	90	8	2	1	10	2	18	2	1	1	9	5			185
Mount Washington	G. R. Frenger	250	75	325	250	75	325		45	45	4	4	394	4		4	144	54	20	25	45	8	1	1	8	5	2					4		19	111
New Richmond	W. J. Dunham	700	150	850	728	150	878	Ex 28	54	54	6	6	938	5		5	175	57	36	9	45	2	1	1	2	2	6	2	1	1	25			12	111
Newtown	T. P. Walter	570	120	690	581	120	701	Ex 11	42	42	7	7	720	8		8	175	100	30	12	42	5	2	1	5		2	3	43			6			122
Owensville	A. G. Newton	550	60	610	504	60	564	46	55	50	6	5	619	8		8	140	60	75		75	5	2	1	5	2	3	2	3			3	10	122
Ripley	H. W. Bailey	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		74	74	10	10	1084	10		10	402		50	30	80	4	1	1	5	2	4	1	5	10	7	3	2	22	159
South Lebanon	[H. W. Brown]	367	100	467	367	100	467		20	20	5	5	489	10		10	100	50	20	6	26	4	1	1	2	2	4	1	2			6		10	69
Summerside	W. B. Brown	600	100	700	600	100	700		45	45	7	7	752	10		10	185	85	52	25	77	1		1	1							5	7	111
West Union	W. C. Mitchell	700	100	800	702	100	802	Ex 2	57	57	9	9	868	25		25	160	100	90	10	100	14	2	1	14	4	5	5	12	11	38	9	2		249
Williamsburg	J. D. Darling	600	100	700	650	100	750	Ex 50	52	52	8	8	810	25		25	150	100	50	30	80	5	1	1	5		10	1	103		50			140	431
Williamsburg Circuit	[J. J. Gibbin]	500		500	589		589	Ex 89	40	40	5	5	584	7		7	210	90	25	5	30										1	5		10	69
Totals		19080	2905	21731	18708	2905	21878	841	1092	1595	211	210	23148	559		559	5502	2500	1763	731	2494	190	40	36	257	66	201	76	574	457	541	96	86	576	6459

* Including Conference Claimants and Episcopal Fund.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total.*
Arcanum	S. W. Campbell	$700	$100	$800	$700	$100	$800		$65	$65	$12	$8	$868	$3		$3	$200	$100	$25	$30	$55	$3	$1	$1	$3	$3		$1	$52	$45					$170
Brandt	(W. F. Clark)	525	75	600	540	75	615	Ex 15	35	35	11	11	661	40		40	60	40	42	8	50	5	4	3	10		$3	4									138
Catawba	J. Wilson	700	150	850	700	150	850		65	65	12	12	927	26		26	280	90	74	28	97	5	2	1	5		4		89		$50		$3		$3		248
Cedarville	H. C. Middleton	750	100	850	750	100	850		45	45	10	2	897	15		15	145	98	72	26	34	5	1	1	5	1	15									88
Christiansburg	O. L. Seward	500	60	560	531	60	591	Ex 31	35	35	12	8	684	5		5	120	33	23	7	30	1	2	1	2	4								5		95	158
Covington	G. L. Travis	500	100	600	500	100	600		30	30	11	11	641	40		40	74	114	54	21	75	8	4	3	8			8	5	76		94				7	339
Dalton	J. L. Dalbey	650	100	750	650	100	750		50	50	10	10	810	85		85	111	66	189	11	200	5	1	1	5	2		2	2	58			7				328
Greenville	A. B. Austin	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		115	115	16	16	1481	28		28	367	187	98	15	108	7	1	1	7	2		2	2	96	168	50		4	48	367	25
King's Creek	D. A. McColm	500	60	560	425	60	485	75	35	35	8	8	528	3		3	160	80	12	5	17																104
Mechanicsburg	C. H. Haines	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		80	80	13	13	1198	38		38	440	79	121	104	225	10	4	3	10	3		3	5	67	185	72		4	20	647	
Mutual	J. S. Ruggles	602	100	702	542	100	692	10	40	40	8	8	740	14		14	150	90	44	10	54	6	1	1	6			2	2								104
New Carlisle	H. E Armacost	700	100	800	700	100	800		45	45	10	10	855	40		40	125	100	18	52	70	5	4	3	5	7		6	2	5	112		62	8	18	15	366
New Moorefield	R. S. McColm	800	100	900	800	100	900		70	70	12	9	979	9		9	300	160	40	35	75				2			5					5		1	106
Piqua: Grace	A. W. Leonard	900	300	1200	900	300	1200		50	50	16	16	1266	37		37	219	10	183	42	225	15	4	4	15	4	5	12	54	52	117	7	3	14	564
Greene Street	R. J. Wyckoff	1700	400	2100	1700	400	2100		140	140	27	27	2267	110		110	1582	200	500	135	635	50	5	5	55		17	72	351	251	177		100	42	1897	
South Charleston	A. T. Cowgill	825	175	1000	825	175	1000		60	60	13	13	1078	45		45	270	200	150	40	190	6	2	5	20	5	10	2	16	68			15	50	442	
Springfield Central	C. L. Conger	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000		135	135	20	20	2155	120		120	981	154	84	700	784	24	2	4	22	4	5	4	163	176	309				1590	
Clifton Avenue	H. G. Curless	720		720	720		720		35	35	8	5	760	8		8	250	90	60		60	8	2	2	4	2	5	1			20	7	2		121	
Grace	J. L. Duckwall	725		725	725		725		40	40	7	5	770	10		10	125	58	25	25	50	2	1	1	3	1	1	1				8		10	88	
High Street	J. A. Story	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200		135	135	20	20	2355	100		100	956	186	288	100	388	20	5	5	20		15	172	297		132		30	15	1219	
St. Paul	J. W. Peters	1400	400	1800	1400	400	1800		115	115	20	20	1935	30		30	500	56	52	48	100	20	1	1	15		5	2	79	142	40	8		60	527	
Tippecanoe City	G. P. Austin	650	150	800	650	150	800		40	40	10	10	850	24		24	200	150	10	30	40	5	2	2	5		7	5	8	24		5		8	139	
Tremont City	A. D. Maddox	750	100	850	750	100	850		70	70	15	15	985	30		30	308	124	114	8	122	12	2	2	10	11	2	2	74			4		5	291	
Troy	Geo. W. Dubois	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		120	120	20	20	2040	128		128	480	175	197	158	350	42	8	8	42		78	40	124	204	346	28		70	1488	
Troy Circuit	J. F. Laird	600	150	750	539	150	709	41	40	38	10	10	757	40		40	140	73	70	5	75	5	1	1	5		31	2			6	10				186
Urbana: First Church	J. E. Abrams	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		130	130	15	15	1545	95		95	800	225	325	110	435	10	2	2	15		10	5		157	100	10	50	40	946	
Grace	E. H. Cherington	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		120	120	12	12	1632	35		35	600	100	338	62	400	5	1	1	10	2	8	1	64	83	113	9	18	10	772	
Yellow Springs	B. D. Hypes	805	100	905	841	100	941	Ex 36	60	60	14	14	1015	25		25	250	150	80	35	115	2	1	1	2	1	9	1	108	76	98	14	4		466	
Totals		25802	4970	30272	25258	4970	30228	44	2000	1998	367	333	32564	1128		1128	10488	3182	3169	1840	5009	281	66	62	811	52	263	348	1818	1621	1781	132	263	522	13990	

* Including Conference Claimants and Episcopal Fund.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

NAME OF DISTRICTS	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.													
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		REC'D FROM.		Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	EDUCATION.		Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged	Christ's Hospital	Grand Total*
	Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total							Collections	Other Sources				(a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total				(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund							
Cincinnati	41090	6810	47900	41067	6810	47877	23	2542	2512	418	407	50796	2063		2063	19644	5227	5465	2266	7731	998	154	145	1295	282	205	701	8886	4908	7474	251	491	4698	40028
Dayton	31224	4899	36123	31215	4899	36114	19	2030	2018	374	359	39066	1162		1162	14468	5085	2859	1625	4484	432	72	56	486	269	231	165	1893	2319	3090	108	109	1200	16405
Hillsboro	22160	3628	25788	21683	3628	25311	477	1842	1813	287	268	27892	966		966	7268	3124	3124	1238	4362	278	48	45	304	51	197	87	1306	882	1644	112	288	610	11398
Milford	19069	2665	21734	18708	2665	21373	361	1602	1565	211	210	23148	559		559	5502	2500	1763	731	2494	190	40	36	257	66	201	76	574	457	541	96	86	576	6459
Springfield	25802	4970	30272	25256	4970	30226	44	2000	1998	867	338	32564	1123		1123	10438	3182	3169	1840	5009	281	66	62	311	52	268	348	1818	1621	1781	182	268	522	13990
Totals, 1904	139345	22972	161817	137981	22972	160908		10616	10501	1637	1562	172966	5873		5873	57330	19968	16380	7700	24080	2174	380	344	2658	670	1047	1377	14406	9582	14580	699	1187	7606	88280
Totals, 1908	135655	22558	158213	136014	22508	158522		10481	10237	1681	1522	170299	6012		6012	57074	19083	17997	7981	25978	2208	381	338	3170	658	1137	1588	17309	10801		568	9074	7843	13521
Increase	3690	414	3604	1917	474	2391		135	264	6	40	2667				256	285						6	17									
Decrease													139		139			1617	281	1898	129	1	517		40	161	2843	769				868	
																													50241				

* Including Conference Claimants and Episcopal Fund.

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of Presiding Elder and Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
BOND HILL AND PLEASANT RIDGE:		
Bond Hill,		$500
Pleasant Ridge,		500
CARTHAGE AND ELMWOOD PLACE:		
Carthage,	$450	450
Elmwood Place,	450	450
CLEVES AND HARRISON:		
Cleves,	500	500
Harrison,	450	450
LINWOOD & MADISON AVE.:		
Linwood,	450	450
Madison Avenue,	450	450
RIVERSIDE AND CAMP WASHINGTON:		
Riverside,	500	470
Camp Washington,	500	500
DAYTON DISTRICT.		
BRANDT,	$150	$150
Pisgah,	150	150
Palmer,	150	150
Wayne,	75	75
Excess,		15
BROOKVILLE,	250	250
Pyrmont,	50	50
CENTERVILLE,	600	600
Bellebrook,	200	200
EBENEZER AND WOODWARD AVENUE:		
Ebenezer,	250	250
Woodward Avenue,	300	300
FAIRHAVEN AND SUGAR VALLEY:		
Fairhaven,	360	378
Sugar Valley,	240	240
FORT JEFFERSON,	196	196
Hollansburg,	192	174
Jaysville,	110	101
New Madison,	100	75
GORDON,	215	215
Sonora,	110	110
Baltimore,	160	160
Pittsburg,	90	90

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
DAYTON—Continued.		
LEWISBURG AND WEST ALEXANDRIA:		
Lewisburg,	$400	$400
West Alexandria,	400	350
MONROE,	700	700
Amanda,	75	75
NEW PARIS,	250	251
Gettysburg,	200	160
New Hope,		45
OSBORN,	363	425
Donnelsville,	177	148
Enon,	135	135
Medway,	135	135
PORT UNION AND GLENDALE:		
Port Union,	350	350
Glendale,	200	170
Valley Chapel,	150	150
Princeton,	100	100
RED LION AND MERRITTSTOWN:		
Red Lion,	500	500
Merrittstown,	150	150
SEVEN MILE,	475	507
Darrtown,	225	228
SPRINGBORO AND LYTLE:		
Springboro,	400	400
Lytle,	200	200
VENICE,	83	83
Washington,	163	163
Okeana,	205	205
New Haven,	144	144
New Baltimore,	105	105
WALKER AND UNION:		
Walker,	250	250
Union,	250	250
Mixerville,		28
WEST CHESTER,	263	263
Tylersville,	217	189
Sharonville,	170	170
WEST MILTON,	250	250
Concord,	150	150
Union,	75	75
Pleasant Hill,	48	30
Bethany,	15	15

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
Belfast,	$128	$130
Flat Run,	114	99
Folsom,	55	41
London,	118	118
Louisville,	90	79
Prospect,	95	95
Bowersville,	230	240
Center,	220	195
Zion,	100	100
Haws,	100	100
Dunkinsville,	137	137
Cedar Mills,	128	128
Union	73	73
Highland,	375	375
Memphis,	211	211
Samantha,	164	164
Leesburg,	428	428
East Monroe,	165	165
Olive Chapel,	157	157
Lynchburg,	380	380
Dunn's Chapel,	185	185
Dodsonville,	175	175
Russell Station,	135	135
Martinsville,	125	109
Morrisville,	150	150
Webbertown,	55	55
Westboro,	150	132
Midland,	75	38
Mowrystown,	50	8
Buford,	152	70
New Market,	45	13
Brouse,	65	44
Clear Creek,	40	40
Mt. Orab,	255	255
New Hope,	50	50
Sardinia,	245	195
Shiloh,	100	100
New Burlington,	252	252
Sharon,	233	233
Lumberton,	214	214
Zoar,	101	101
New Jasper,	500	500
White Chapel,	100	100
Mt. Tabor,	100	100
New Vienna,	430	430
Auburn,	185	185
West Chapel,	135	135
Peebles,	410	410
Jacksonville,	135	130
Locust Grove,	70	65
Rainsboro,	305	305
Marshall,	162	162
New Petersburg,	110	110

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.		
Boston,	$75	$75
Sinking Spring,	180	190
Carmel,	153	153
Cedar Chapel,	57	57
Conaway Chapel,	38	38
Pisgah,	72	72
Sugar Tree Ridge,	177	175
Mt. Olivet,	122	122
Emerald,	100	100
Fairfax,	54	54
Wesley Chapel,	47	20
Union,	232	232
Spring Valley,	232	232
Glady,	133	133
Richland,	141	141
Mt. Holly,	62	62
Waynesville,	650	620
Harveysburg,	150	150
MILFORD DISTRICT.		
Aberdeen,	$195	$195
Bradysville,	150	150
Ebenezer,	143	143
Fitch's Chapel,	112	112
Amelia,	425	425
Pleasant Hill,	130	130
Union Chapel,	70	70
Bethel,	331	331
Lakin,	85	85
Old Bethel,	87	87
Clermont,	80	75
Butlerville,	113	60
McKendre,	60	60
Wesley,	109	89
Edenton,	108	83
Centenary,	82	82
Pleasant Hill,	116	82
Perintown,	82	72
Mt. Zion,	82	66
Mt. Olive,	63	52
Concord,	90	90
Chilo,	95	95
Cedron,	65	65
McKendree,	40	34
Smith's Landing,	25	17
Decatur,	174	174
Russellville,	145	135
North Liberty,	131	111
Eckmansville,	75	75
Fairview,	75	75
Georgetown,	575	585
Free Soil,	125	115
Hillman	100	100

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Goshen,	$410	$415
Pleasant Plains,	110	110
Charleston,	80	75
Laurel,	208	208
Mt. Pisgah,	158	158
Spring Grove,	122	122
Franklin,	112	112
Maineville,	425	425
Zoar,	125	125
Cozaddale,	100	100
Marathon,	164	164
Burdsall,	115	115
Greenberry,	85	85
Fayetteville,	63	63
Taylor,	73	73
Mason,	500	500
Union,	165	165
Socialville,	135	135
Moscow,	202	202
Calvary,	200	200
Point Pleasant,	151	151
Neville,	123	123
Mt. Washington,	320	320
California,	195	195
Salem,	35	35
Newtown,	200	200
Armstrong Chapel,	200	200
Madeira,	110	121
Camp Dennison,	110	110
Owensville,	180	134
Maple Grove,	70	70
Belfast,	145	145
Newtonville,	155	155
South Lebanon,	250	250
Shiloh,	83	83
Rochester,	33	33
Summerside,	200	200
Asbury,	170	170
Olive Branch	170	170
Withamsville,	60	60
West Union,	462	462
Liberty Chapel,	150	150
Stone Chapel,	88	90
Williamsburg Circuit:		
Salem,	105	121
Afton,	$120	$139
Clover,	120	120
Concord,	100	104
Branch Hill,	55	55
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		
Catawba,	$420	$420
Nation,	195	195
Pleasant Chapel,	85	85
Christiansburg,	162	163
McKendree,	197	212
Beech Grove,	78	78
Wesley,	63	80
Dialton:		
Newson,	433	440
Sims,	140	140
Asbury,	137	130
King's Creek,	325	268
Cable,	75	62
Kennard,	50	50
Local Chapel,	50	45
Mutual,	223	223
Union,	231	231
Treacle Creek,	97	97
Fountain Park,	51	41
New Moorefield,	135	135
Asbury,	170	170
Fletcher,	155	155
Moorefield Chapel,	190	190
Vienna,	150	150
South Charleston,	650	650
Selma,	175	175
Tremont City,	188	188
Concord,	600	600
Westville,	150	150
Alfred Taylor,	.....	.....
Terre Haute,	142	142
Grafton,	61	61
Troy Circuit:		
Bethel,	184	189
Raper,	184	184
Casstown,	232	189
Yellow Springs,	600	610
Emory,	125	126
Old Town,	80	105

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COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE American Bible Society is an indispensable auxiliary and a vitalizing assistant of all our missionary work. As the missionary work spreads, the demand of the Bible Society increases. When the Bible Society is straitened in its ability to respond to the demands—seeing it is our only source of supply—the work of our missionaries is seriously affected. When the Bible Society is crippled, our missionary work everywhere is vitally embarrassed. Unfortunately this very crisis is now upon us. It has arisen—

1. Because the Churches have not been sufficiently informed in regard to our relations to this great society, which in every land and language furnishes our missionaries with all the Bibles they use without expense to the Missionary Board, thereby saving our Church an outlay of many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

2. Because the erroneous impression has prevailed that the Bible Society is rich and has need of nothing, the collections have been allowed to dwindle until they have reached a distressingly low figure, not one fifth of what they need to be. The diminution of receipts precipitated a crisis this last year that threatened for a time to compel a reduction in its work of fifty per cent. This would have resulted in the withdrawal of the Society from several missionary countries, such as South America or the Levant, including Egypt, Turkey, Asia Minor, and all the region of the Eastern Mediterranean, or the Philippines or China. Such a drastic reduction would be little short of a calamity to the missionary work.

This threatened disaster was for this year averted by extraordinary efforts or special gifts, but the same conditions will again recur if the Churches do not immediately and greatly enlarge their contributions; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference hereby declares its unqualified confidence in the American Bible Society, and our conviction that its work is indispensable to our missionary success.

2. That in our view of its great and world-wide importance we will preach on this subject in each pastoral charge and give all our people an opportunity to contribute to its support.

3. That we continue the apportionment for this cause at one-eighth the amount apportioned for missions, and hereby direct our Presiding Elders to send out this apportionment to all the pastors at the beginning of the Conference year.

4. We respectfully request that the presiding Bishop reappoint the Rev. John Pearson, D. D., as Field Secretary of this society.

JOHN PEARSON, *Secretary.* FRANK LEEVER, *President.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, having examined the following accounts, believe them correct: Treasurer of Publishing Committee account, Conference Treasurer's account, and Treasurer of Board of Stewards as to distributing certain Conference Claimants' funds left in his hands for distribution. G. L. Travis, *Chairman.*

Charles W. Briggs, *Secretary.*

AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM.

The Committee met and organized. The following officers were elected: Chairman, H. D. Ketcham; Secretary, C. W. Blodgett; Treasurer, Theodore F. Spear; Executive Committee, the Presiding Elders, Judge W. R. Warnock, M. LeSourd, J. S. Pumphrey. The Committee recommend to the Conference the following report:

We rejoice in the appointment by General Conference of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, and it will be our great pleasure to co-operate so that the desired result of a perennial revival in every Church, salvation in every home, and a million converts every year be reached. We believe God is in the movement, that the people will engage in personal work for souls if the Presiding Elders and pastors will lead. The time has come when a concerted action from the senior Bishop to the humblest member of the Church be secured. We therefore recommend:

1. That our Presiding Elders organize their districts with a view to co-operative work between the pastors in revival work, and that a sub-Commission to this be appointed by the Elders in their respective districts, of which each Elder shall be the chairman in his own district.

2. We recommend that this year the pastors preach distinctively along revivalistic lines; that in all of our charges special services be held; that such help be secured as may seem wise, but especially that the pastors help and assist each other.

3. That in our large cities there be held one great central meeting, in which all of the Churches shall co-operate, and following this meeting active evangelistic work be held in all of the Churches.

4. That this Commission appointed by the Conference co-operate with the sub-Commissioners of the various districts appointed by the Presiding Elders; that they keep a roster of accredited evangelists and other helpers; that they give such information to the preachers as may be desired, and that the Commission aid the work and workers in such other ways as opportunity may afford.

5. We further recommend that a conference be held, at such time as this Commission and the Elders and pastors of the places designated deem best, in Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Hillsboro, and Milford. That at these conferences, which should be held early in November, 1904, all of the pastors be urged to attend, and delegates from our Official Boards and all others who can be so persuaded.

6. We believe that the hour is here for a great aggressive movement, and that we should plan for it in our Churches, Leagues, and Sunday-schools. We are co-workers with God, and He has given us the promise of fruit. In the addresses of Bishop Mallalieu and Rev. Dr. Brushingham they speak words that should arouse us all to activity. This Conference, we believe, in this most important of all recent movements—that of aggressive evangelism—will be on the firing line.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We rejoice in the splendid record made by the Board of Church Extension during the last quadrennium. The collections from the Churches increased more than $45,000 over the preceding four years, with a corresponding increase from other sources, making a total increase in the general fund of $791,152. This means greatly increased efficiency and a forward move of the Methodist army.

Since its inception the Board has assisted in the erection of 13,526 churches. Most of these, perhaps, have been in the great and growing West, but many of the buildings in our own and other more Eastern Conferences have escaped the sheriff's hammer and been saved to Methodism by the timely help of this Board.

What multitudes on the frontier and elsewhere have heard the gospel in these thousands of churches, and how many have rallied around these centers of religious life to hold the community for Christ and for Methodism! It is a significant fact that where these churches have been planted there has come the largest increase in our Church membership. In these regions the people seem not to be gospel hardened nor method hardened as the case may be, and more readily receive the truth. The Board has planned wisely in locating churches in these otherwise neglected districts.

The continued success of this good work will depend on the faithfulness of every pastor in presenting the Church Extension cause to his people. Not only should this be done, but we call attention to the fact that a gift of $250 or more will enable a donor to name a memorial church on the frontier, and thus have his gift going on in the work of soul-saving after he has passed away.

We are living in the era of expansion, and are glad to note the fact that the Church Extension Society is following the flag in its onward move. One church has been built in Hawaii, two in Porto Rico, and twenty in the Philippine Islands, so that literally the isles of the sea have been made to rejoice.

We recommend the careful perusal of *Christianity in Earnest*, the magazine of the Board, and the use of the maps showing the progress of this work over our land. These may be hung in the Sunday-school or League room, and be a continual object-lesson to our people.

We hail the day when every congregation shall have a comfortable and pleasant place of worship to which they may invite the unsaved, and urge our pastors and people to be satisfied with nothing less than this glorious consummation. We are happy to report that there are but two Churches in our Conference which are still indebted to the Loan Fund of the Board. On one of these the interest has accumulated for years. We hope for a prompt payment of these amounts, so that the funds now held by them may be used elsewhere in doing loving service.

We desire to congratulate the Board of Church Extension on securing the services of Dr. J. H. Fitzwater, of Delaware, Ohio, to present the cause to the Conferences, and record our appreciation of his presence and services before our own body. JOHN W. GADDIS, *President.*

O. L. UTTER, *Secretary.*

CHURCH INSURANCE.

THE Board of Insurance has paid out of its profits the expense of obtaining applications aggregating over $2,000,000, and cash premiums of over $10,000, which were necessary before our charter could be had, and

required nearly two years' work; also the expense incurred by members of the Board in attending the first meeting for organization during the latter part of the last quadrennium, and the four meetings held during the quadrennium just closed, as well as all other expenditures necessary for carrying out the directions of the General Conference. The average annual rate is approximately 40 per cent less than the one-year rates of stock companies on similar property, yet three annual dividends of 10 per cent have been paid to the members, in addition to the accumulation of the reserve required by law for the protection of the policy-holders. They estimate that at least $7,000,000 of the business is on churches and parsonages which were formerly without insurance. They have had the accounts audited separately from the audit made by the expert employed by the company. They have verified the securities shown in the statement. The corporation is under the supervision of the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois, and carries for the protection of its policy-holders the full cash reserve required by the conservative laws of the State.

The total business is over $23,000,000 and the total amount paid in losses is over $110,000, and the profits so far this year are more than enough to pay the usual dividend for the entire year. In view of the official character of this organization, of the great service it is rendering to the Church in saving Methodism to many localities, as well as saving money, a portion at least of the insurance on all of our churches and parsonages ought to be with our own company.

For further particulars address Henry P. Magill, Secretary, No. 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

THE Conference Deaconess Board of the Cincinnati Annual Conference would respectfully present its annual report:

The Board has licensed seven deaconesses: Lucy Banting, Felicia Black, Marion Chidsey, Edith Golay, Mary Pickett, Lulu White, and Mrs. C. McD. Pearne.

The Board has not made any transfers during the year. It recommends for continuance in office the following thirty-four deaconesses: Effie Austen, Anna Bassett, Willa Cassell, Cara Close, Addie Day, Florence Deaver, Anna Dwinell, Emma Enders, Mary Eyre, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Ida Hoer, Nettie Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Lucelia House, Emma Houston, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jacques, Lela Lybarger, Mary McEwan, Olive Marshall, S. M. Martin, India Paff, Ida Pennell, Hannah M. Pierce, Lottie Sinnett, Ella Slear, Bessie Smith, Clora Solomon, Alice Thatcher, Lina Terrell, Carrie Thompson, Mary Veach, Sadie Williams.

Ten deaconesses have retired from the work. To enter missionary work: Mary Pauline Abbott. Of their own volition: Amanda Longbrake and Harriet Pellman. In order to be married: Delina Fidler, Carolyn Dau, and Gertrude Holbert. On account of ill-health: Zuie Buxton, Alice Rogers, Laura Jean Pierson, Flora Faber.

There have been no changes in the charter or deeds of the property of the deaconess institutions under our care. The insurance upon property remains as heretofore, although at this time a revision of that upon the buildings and furniture at Christ's Hospital is being made with a view to its considerable increase.

The following report has been received from the Methodist Home for the Aged:

"The situation remains practically the same as it was last year, except that the Building Fund has been increased over $60,000, so that we see our

way clearly to proceed with the erection of both the main or central building and the north wing. A chapel, 64 by 39 feet, large enough to accommodate three hundred and fifty worshipers, will form a part of this north wing."

The following report has been received from the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association:

"The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association has enjoyed an exceptionally prosperous year. Its deaconesses have done most efficient service in the free kindergartens, industrial schools, and in their district visiting among the destitute and afflicted. In this work the students in the Training-school have rendered valuable assistance. Deaconesses from the Association have also done most acceptable service in assisting the pastors of Lima, Canton, Greenfield, and of Ausbury, Trinity, and Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, and also in the shanty boat mission. Miss Olive G. Marshall, our evangelist, has had a remarkable year of soul-winning. The demands for her services are greatly in excess of her ability to meet them.

"The Training-school, under the direction of Miss Margaret Wilson, its principal, who is a classical graduate, has been ably assisted by a competent corps of teachers and lecturers of distinguished talent. The school is deserving of the confidence of the public and a generous patronage. It furnishes rare opportunities for young women entering the deaconess work. Under one Association is Home, Hospital, and Training-school. Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes, a refined Christian woman, is an affectionate sister and full of motherly sympathies in her relation to the students, whom she regards as her girls. But great and beautiful as has been the work in the Home, that accomplished in Christ's Hospital, which is the Association's greatest activity, is conspicuous in its pre-eminence.

"From July to February an army of workmen was employed in making it new and in doubling its capacity. As no patients could be received during this period, the nurses were employed in outside nursing, much of which was among the poor and needy, who could make no other return than their gratitude for the service rendered. The administration building is now a complete four-story, and is new throughout. A children's ward of twenty-three beds, which is a dream of comfort and beauty; a maternity ward, which is most helpfully planned with reference to the service to be rendered in it; an additional operating-room, which is unsurpassed in finish and furnishings; a laboratory, which, in its facilities for bacteriological and pathological investigations with a view to heading off as well as healing disease, is in every respect up to date, and without a superior, if it has an equal, in the city; a new and newly-stocked pharmacy, and about twenty private rooms are among the additions.

"A laundry and power-house has been erected north of the administration building, at a cost of nearly $20,000. It is a marvelous contribution to the general efficiency, comfort, cleanliness, light, warmth, pure water supply, and provision for an even and desirable temperature winter and summer.

"The administration building is supplied with hardwood floors. The halls are rendered microbe-proof with an asbestolithe pavement, while the basement is rendered rodent-proof with concrete. Every precaution has been taken to make the building fire-proof. Fire-escape stairways, running from broad porches in connection with each story at either end of the building, afford ready and safe means of exit.

"The cost of refurnishing and restocking has been effected at an expense of about $5,000, while the whole property, as reconstructed from the beginning up to date, has cost not less than $200,000. There it stands in its beauty, our one great Methodist Deaconess Hospital in the Central West. Since the reopening in February it has had 556 patients within its walls, 200 of whom have been unable to pay anything for the service ren-

dered them. In addition to these, 2,000 clinic patients have received free treatment.

"The Hospital has at present forty-five nurses, the majority of whom are our unsalaried deaconesses. It is the purpose of the management to add to this number fifteen, that they may be able to respond to more outside calls. But not only has the Hospital done a great service for the bodies of the sick, but it has also been owned by the Great Physician in the salvation of many of the patients. The evangelistic spirit is pervasive of every ward and room, although it is not obtrusive.

"Miss Hannah M. Pierce, the great-hearted superintendent, is most faithfully aided in this part of the work, as well as in all others pertaining to the good of the patients, by the band of devoted Christian women who, as nurses, whether in official or in subordinate relations, whether as deaconesses or in training for professional service, seek to make the deaconess spirit all-pervasive.

"Through the medium of this Hospital, thus generously donated and equipped for the great work of helping the afflicted, a rare opportunity is afforded the Church for doing a great work. What has thus been provided, has been done with the hope of encouraging and inspiring others to co-operate in the work, and make the joint and liberal contributions of the many build up and carry on to the end of time a great and growing institution. To do this the Endowment Fund should be carried from its present half-hundred thousand to a half-million, and its current expense of $3,500 a month taken care of, so far as need be, by a creditable collection for this work by every charge in the Conference. In this direction, before the ideal becomes the actual, it will be seen that there must be an advance all along the line, when it is known that last year six charges in the Cincinnati, fifteen in the Dayton, fourteen in the Hillsboro, four in the Milford, and nine in the Springfield District, making a total of forty-eight of the one hundred and sixty-three charges in the Cincinnati Conference, reported nothing for this, the primary work of our Lord. And since the great majority of the free patients in the Hospital are from outside of Cincinnati, coming as they do from all parts of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia, help should be volunteered from all these regions which receive the donated services of this great Association, which only asks others to join with it in helping the helpless."

The Ladies' Aid Society, through its Treasurer, Mrs. G. Y. Gordon, No. 50 Walnut Avenue, Wyoming, Ohio, makes the following excellent report:

Current receipts	$451 88
Offering at Tenth Anniversary	706 50
Total for the year	$1,158 38

Of the twenty-nine deaconesses, members of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, thirteen are on duty in the Hospital, thirteen in the Home, one is pastor's assistant, one evangelist, and one is in attendance upon a sick sister. Of the six deaconesses not connected with the Home, one is engaged in City Missionary work, one at the City Work House, one at home on account of claims of family, and three are unemployed on account of ill-health.

Receipts for the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital during the year were	$34,526 65
Current expenditures	32,282 61

For detailed statistics of the work accomplished, receipts and expenditures, we beg to refer you to the Annual Report of the Association, which we are advised will be issued at the time of its annual meeting in October, and a copy will be forwarded to each member of the Annual Conference.

We would recommend the reappointment of Rev. Mr. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this time: James N. Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. L. McLean, Greenfield, Ohio; Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Madisonville, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted. GERVAISE ROUGHTON, *President.*

JAMES N. GAMBLE, *Secretary.*

EDUCATION.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WE commend the work of our Board of Education. We pledge our fealty to the newly-elected executive of the Board, the Corresponding Secretary, William F. Anderson, D. D. His ripe scholarship, his stalwart Christian manhood, his sympathy for youth, his successful ministry, and his previous experience as a member of the Board of Education, give him a pre-eminent fitness for succession in the line of Payne and McDowell. The vigor and wisdom of his administration, foreshadowed by a most successful beginning, give promise of an increased usefulness of this important Board, that will abundantly vindicate the wisdom of the General Conference in his election.

The object of the establishment and maintenance of the Board of Education under the authority of the Church is to place a liberal education within the reach of every youth of our Connection. We record our deep appreciation of the aid that has been rendered needy students in our higher institutions of learning, and lovingly yet earnestly urge upon the Church the importance of a more generous support of this great cause.

The assistance rendered to needy young people is given in such a way as to preserve the self-respect and self-reliance of the beneficiary, and is, therefore, both worthy in purpose and commendable in spirit.

We cheerfully commend Children's-day as a means of awakening interest and conveying information touching this great cause of Christian education, and exhort all our pastors to present fully this important work to their people. We recommend the continuance of the policy of devoting the proceeds of the general educational collection to the support of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

Our theological schools long since passed the experimental stage. They have done none of the dire things once freely predicted of them; rather they have stimulated zeal, strengthened faith, and increased the evangelistic spirit. They have sent into our ministerial ranks men sustaining our highest traditions. More than ever the special preparation they give is needed. In a Conference like ours men of such training are greatly needed. The Conference has so repeatedly stated this imperative preference, that it would now protest against the transfer to us of men destitute of theological training, especially transfers made in the intervals between Conferences, when the body can not even protest.

THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The past year has but tended to enhance our just pride and interest in the Ohio Wesleyan University. Her high standing among educational institutions of the first rank, and her invaluable service to the cause of Christian education, entitle her to the prayers, gifts, and patronage of all

who believe in Christian culture. We recognize, to quote a sentence destined to become classic, that "Education is but the lower side of Christianity, and Christianity the upper side of education."

The following items will attest the steady growth of the university:

ENROLLMENT.—The Fall term opened with the largest attendance in the history of the university. One hundred and sixty six students completed courses during the year.

ENDOWMENT.—At the close of the present administration it is appropriate to note the financial growth:

1889.—Grounds, six buildings, and equipment	$211,061 00
Endowment	228,621 00
Total	$439,682 00
1904.—Grounds, fifteen buildings, and equipment	$848,367 00
Endowment, less indebtedness	1,020,174 00
Total, less duplications	$1,706,249 00

The present and prospective property may be estimated at $2.356.249.

INTELLECTUAL WORK.—In the first examination held for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship, Mr. C. H. May, of the Class of 1903, one of the three candidates selected from Ohio colleges, received the highest grades of the three.

RELIGIOUS WORK.—Of the young men in our colleges 50 per cent are members of some Christian Church, as compared with 9 per cent outside of colleges.

At the close of special services last winter 90 per cent of the students of the Ohio Wesleyan University claimed to be Christians. More than two hundred conversions were reported last year.

We recommend the appointment of William R. Warnock as Trustee of the university for another term of five years.

Inseparably connected with the development of the institution is the name of President James W. Bashford. While we recognize the high honor the Church has conferred in calling him to the Episcopal office, we can not refrain from recording our regret that he is no longer to devote his splendid abilities specifically to the cause of Christian education.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

The lease entered into by the Conference Board of Trustees with the Hillsboro Special School District for ten years continues in force. Litigation having arisen from the minority portion of the Board, the property is not yet in use by the school, but we trust for a speedy and final settlement of the case by the courts. The School Board proposes to carry it to the highest tribunal.

We recommend the election of the following named Trustees for the ensuing year, said Trustees to have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in their number: George W. Barrere, John A. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, George W. Miller, D. M. Barrett, W. C. Duckwall, James F. Brown, and V. F. Brown. We also recommend the appointment of a Commission to co-operate with the Trustees, said Commission to be composed of the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, the pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, and Frank G. Mitchell.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Whatever differences of opinion may exist on the subject of co-education, there is practical unanimity in the conviction that adequate provision should be made for the higher education of young women. For the accomplishment of that end splendid facilities are offered through the Woman's College of Baltimore. The equipment is excellent, the management is

wise, its ideal is high, its work thorough. The loss which its resident friends sustained through the exceedingly destructive fire which occurred in the city of Baltimore some months ago has largely diminished its local financial support. We therefore bespeak for it the prayerful sympathy and generous aid of our people, and commend it to all who are seeking an institution that is safe and successful in the education of the young women.

VISITORS.

We nominate Visitors to our educational institutions as follows:

To Ohio Wesleyan University.—Marion LeSourd, M. B. Fuller; *alternate,* J. B. Young.

To Drew Theological Seminary.—A. B. Leonard, C. E. Schenck; *alternate,* A. B. Austin.

To School of Theology, Boston University.—R. J. Wyckoff, Sheridan W. Bell; *alternate,* A. W. Leonard.

To Garrett Biblical Institute.—G. W. Dubois, J. A. Story; *alternate,* J. E. Abrams.

ORGANIZATION EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

President, Guy P. Benton; *Vice-President,* J. A. Story; *Secretary,* C. L. Conger; *Treasurer,* James M. DeCamp; *Additional Members,* W. R. Warnock, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble, Robert W. Burns.

W. H. WEHRLY, *Secretary.* F. G. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

IT is a fact universally recognized to-day that a Church's prosperity and even existence, depends upon the account it gives of itself to the young people. Methodists have come to realize this fact very clearly. The Epworth League stands as witness of our Church's attempt to meet the requirements in this regard. In fact, the League is the Church, expressed in terms of the buoyant young life within our communion.

In accordance with this recognized function of the League, it is being made more and more an integral part of our Church.

We recognize, moreover, that the organizations and leadership of these hosts of young people requires great wisdom and grace. The action of the General Conference in again separating the two offices of Secretary and Editor we hail as a worthy attempt to meet the increasing demands of the General League. The new arrangement we heartily indorse, and the officers elected for this quadrennium will receive our earnest co-operation. We realize the needs of our Church are very many, and many of these needs—such as systematic Bible-study, instruction in missions, and especially aggressive evangelism—the League can and must do much to satisfy, if these needs are ever to be met in the future.

To properly and successfully gather in and utilize our young people in the service of Christ and His Church, it is necessary to begin with the children. Accordingly we urge the importance of organizing the children into Junior Leagues throughout our Conference. It is only in this way that the work of the Sunday-schools and the instruction of the children by the pastor will be complete.

As a very effective agency for the promotion of these desired ends through our Leagues, we commend the *Epworth Herald,* the official organ of our young people's societies. We pledge our efforts toward the increasing of the *Herald's* circulation among our League membership, as well as towards the enlargement of the sale of the books in the Epworth League Reading Course.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

For thirty-eight years this Society has most faithfully carried on its work of educating Freedmen and poor white people of the South.

The past year has been a most prosperous one. The school attendance has advanced to 11,161, an increase of 832 over last year. During the past quadrennium there was given to the schools from the General Fund the sum of $105,000, *more than* was appropriated for this purpose during the previous quadrennium.

There has been also a remarkable increase in self-support. The receipts from incidentals and room rent paid by the students have advanced from $58,079 in 1900 to $87,478 last year, and the regular Conference collections of $105,224 for the General Fund have been larger than for any year since 1893.

Some form of industry is taught in practically every school. During the past year 3,520 students have received industrial training.

The General Committee having withdrawn all special agents, the entire burden of the work has rested upon the two Corresponding Secretaries. This gives them a strong claim on the pastors in urging them to raise their full apportionments, and to inform their people of the needs of this Society and the great work it is doing.

The nine million destitute colored and three million needy white people of the South appeal to the pastors, and through them to all our congregations for help.

The work of this Society is related not only to the progress of the Church, but to the very life and safety of the Republic. The colored people are here among us from no choice of their own, but they are here to stay. The frequent disturbances of lynchings by mobs, etc., show us clearly our duty to educate and Christianize these colored people, and carry on the work of their complete emancipation, so nobly begun by our Boys in Blue forty years ago. He whom the Son of God makes free is free indeed. They need Christian education. Our schools are centers of religious power, and are supplying this need.

We may mention, too, the economical management of this Society. Only 4 8/10 per cent is expended in the administration of all the funds for which the Society is responsible. The Society invites annuities at good rates of interest.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has grown to be one of the great institutions of our Church. Its lands and buildings are valued at nearly $2,000,000. "It has trained more than 200,000 in its schools." It has equipped hundreds of ministers, teachers, and physicians for their work, and sent them forth to labor for the uplifting of their own race, not only in the South, but in far-off benighted Africa, where more than twenty of its graduates serve as missionaries.

Cincinnati is the birthplace of this Society; hence this Conference should be its most loyal supporter.

Fresh and illustrated tracts will be furnished free of charge to all pastors applying for them. The *Christian Educator* will be sent free for one year to every one giving one dollar or more. This periodical ought to be read by every member of our Church.

We most cordially congratulate our Secretaries in their re-election to the office they have so faithfully filled during the past quadrennium, and bespeak for them still greater success during the coming four years. We sincerely welcome them for another term.

J. P. Gilliland, *Secretary.* C. W. Elliott, *Chairman.*

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LAKESIDE.

THE season of 1904 at Lakeside was one of exceptional prosperity. The attendance was greatly in excess of recent years. All departments of the work were prosperous. Both the English and the German Camp-meetings were attended by very gratifying spiritual results. The Assembly and the Summer Schools showed by their large patronage how highly they were appreciated. It looked like the old days had come back to Lakeside. The Trustees are planning for the liquidation of the debt on current expenses, but as the annual meeting has been completed we can not make a definite statement.

The terms of service as Trustees from this Conference of Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., and Mr. S. B. LeSourd expire with Conference, and they are hereby recommended for re-election.

Respectfully submitted. JOHN PEARSON, H. C. HOPKINS,
C. L. CONGER, R. R. COWEN.

MISSIONS.

WE are grateful for the unmeasured success with which God has crowned the missionary enterprises of the Church the past year, not alone for the good accomplished in the foreign field, but because of the reactionary influence expressing itself in the increased spirituality and interest in our Churches.

We rejoice in the opportunity open to us through the Open Door Emergency Movement, that it has fallen to our lot to do for this great work of God what those who have preceded us were not permitted to do.

The field has broadened within the last year in a marked degree, especially in our new possessions. We have noted the interest in the education of the youth in Porto Rico. This work, under the supervision of Dr. C. W. Drees, for quite a while a member of the Cincinnati Conference, has been wonderfully blessed. We recognize the successful work accomplished also in the Philippines.

In the foreign fields we have still greater reason to rejoice over what has been accomplished. Thousands in India have been brought into the fold. Bishop Thoburn's labors have been wonderfully blessed of God. The physical comfort of the people has not been overlooked. This we believe has been conducive to creating a desire to know more about the Christian religion. Thousands also in China and Japan have been won over to Christianity, and Bishop Moore brings encouraging word on his return from his four years' sojourn in those countries. W. N. Brewster, formerly of the Cincinnati Conference, and his wife (now in this country), by reason of their arduous labors in China, by the information given us during that time, and by their persuasive words as they have gone from Church to Church, have materially aided us in securing greater financial results.

We emphasize the fact stated in the annual missionary sermon, that the mission of the Anglo-Saxon race is to evangelize the world, and inasmuch as we are not doing this by going to the nations that are without the gospel, God is sending these people to us, and we call attention to the need of hearty co-operation with the Society in its effort to reach the foreign population in this country, the Italian, French, Spanish, and Scandinavian people.

There is an urgent demand on the part of pastors for new methods for awakening interest in missions. We commend the plan so successfully

carried out in many places, that at least one month of each year be devoted to the consideration of the expansion of the Master's kingdom, culminating in the observance of the annual missionary Sunday and the taking of the collection. In one of our large Churches during one month the Sunday morning and evening sermons and the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting topics are devoted to the subject of missions, and charts, maps, and the missionary literature is freely used, with a profit to the people and an increase in the missionary collection.

We believe the station plan to be a helpful method in raising funds, and also of stimulating the interest of the home congregation in the foreign field.

We understand that the Field Secretary, Rev. J. C. Floyd, is planning to hold a State Methodist Episcopal Missionary Convention at Columbus, Ohio, in the early part of December, 1904, and we desire to indorse this enterprise, and ask our Presiding Elders and the pastors to cheerfully cooperate with him to secure its success and fullest profit.

We recommend the purchase and liberal use by the pastors of our missionary literature, which may be had at a very small expense by writing to our Missionary Secretaries at New York.

We commend the policy of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of sending *World-Wide Missions* to all persons who contribute one dollar or more to the regular missionary collection, provided that not more than one copy shall go into one family, and we pledge ourselves to send to the Missionary Office the names of all persons in our respective charges entitled to the paper.

We recognize the increased impulse we have received in our charges from the district Missionary Conventions, and we hope it will be possible to continue these.

We can not insist too much on the importance of the organization of all our Sunday-schools into Missionary Societies.

We have received information of the fact that $39,600 have been apportioned to the Cincinnati Conference for next year.

We rejoice that our own Dr. Leonard, because of the admirable work he has accomplished, has been continued as Missionary Secretary for another quadrennium. J. P. Porter, *Chairman.*

H. G. Curless, *Secretary.*

PARSONAGES.

Man is the only being within our knowledge that can and must have a home. The bird, after a day of sweetest song, may retire to its nest; the wild animal roaming through the forest may, at the close of day, find a resting-place in earth's cavern or soil; but man's happiness centers in his home.

The laity of the Cincinnati Conference have invested $551,000 in one hundred and twenty-five homes for use by the pastors who minister to them in holy things. Under modern conditions a comfortable home is a necessity if the minister of the gospel is to maintain the highest standard of usefulness among the people. One of the most pleasing scenes in the old Hebrew prophet's vision and picture of Jerusalem restored, is the place he assigns the reader of the law, whether active, aged, or infirm, resting in a beautiful suburban home, enjoying the comforts of a liberally provided support.

Your Committee offer for your adoption:

1. That the pastors living in the parsonages of the Conference be held responsible for the attractiveness, neat appearance, cleanliness of the prop-

erty, and also that they use their best effort to keep these homes in good repair.

2. That the Trustees of all such property take special interest in the same, asking the people for the necessary funds to either rebuild, repair, or where there is no parsonage to provide one, as the Book of Discipline directs.

3. In all cases where the parsonage is to be refitted, the friends who make such provision shall study uniformity in their furnishings.

S. G. POLLARD, *Secretary.* R. S. MCCOLM, *Chairman.*

PENSIONING SUPERANNUATES.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference:

YOUR Board of Stewards, to whom was referred a certain paper relating to a "Superannuates' Pension Fund," beg leave to recommend—

1. That no action be taken upon that subject at the present time.

2.* After carefully considering the whole question as to the best method of securing more liberal collections for our needy Conference Claimants, we suggest a graded per cent of salary, instead of a uniform 8 per cent, as previously recommended. We also recommend the following gradation: Charges paying $600 or less for pastoral support (not including house rent or Presiding Elder's claim), at least 5 per cent; those paying over $600, to and including $1,000, 8 per cent; over $1,000, and including $1,500, 10 per cent; over $1,500, 12 per cent.

3. We also recommend that the collection be not presented in connection with any other, and that this cause be presented at the most favorable time, and in the best possible way, to secure a generous response.

R. E. SMITH, *Secretary.* J. R. HILL, *Chairman.*

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.

THE Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Recognizing the extreme difficulty of the problems confronting those attempting to produce a denominational paper, we commend the editor of the *Western Christian Advocate,* Dr. Levi Gilbert, and the publishers for the marked progress they have made toward a solution.

2. The increasing value of our great magazine, the *Methodist Review,* is becoming more appreciated by laymen as well as ministers, and we commend the editor, Dr. W. V. Kelley, for the success achieved in this field.

3. Our Sunday-school literature is second to none, and should have its place in every Sunday-school.

4. PREACHERS' ACCOUNTS.—Concerning Preachers' Accounts we recommend that the same business methods be used in dealing with these as any conservative business house employs in securing its outstanding accounts.

J. ELBERT THOMAS, *Secretary.*

* NOTE.—Items one (1) and three (3) of this report were adopted, but item two (2) was ordered printed for next year's consideration.—SECRETARY.

PUBLIC MORALS.

WE recognize the fact that the Christian pulpit is one of the chief agencies for ethical instruction, for the development of moral character, and for the erection and maintenance of a high standard of individual and civic righteousness. Hence our duty as ministers of the gospel to preach on themes which tend to educate the public conscience,—themes which help to elevate the type of good citizenship in vogue, and clarify and crystallize the moral convictions of our time. Among the subjects which should command attention and receive consideration in this regard are these: The Perils and Wickedness of Gambling, Coarse and Grotesque Stage Performances, Mob Violence; Lynch Law, the later and more horrible forms of which are most shocking; Buying and Selling Votes and Voters, Vicious Juvenile Literature, Sunday Excursions and the Demoralizations which they breed, and the Extraordinary Increase which the Press records in crimes against Human Life. There are also problems which have to do with Capital and Labor, with the reinstallation of the Bible into the Public School, and with the many forms of social vice which are prevalent to-day. To these problems we should give careful study, so that when we deal with them in the pulpit our words may have the weight which insight, wisdom, and acquaintance with these problems assure, and thus make full proof of our ministry.

M. B. FULLER, *Chairman.*

J. B. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

RESOLUTIONS.

OUR week's sojourn in Miamisburg has justified the pledges that made it the seat of the Conference for 1904. In the center of a rich agricultural and manufacturing district and a cluster of beautiful and prosperous villages, Miamisburg, assisted somewhat by her neighbors, has most hospitably entertained the Conference, its guests and visitors. Had it been necessary to do more, she would have counted the planks upon her floors rather than the beds in her chambers, and cared for all who came. We have had such a welcome, sustained by good cheer at groaning boards, that we have felt no more strangers or guests, but like children at home. Should Miamisburg ever again desire the Conference, she has only to point to her latchstring and challenge all competition; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender the citizens of Miamisburg who have opened their houses, the pastors that have proffered their churches, the choir that has been so charming, and all others who have contributed to the convenience and comfort of the Conference, our grateful thanks.

Resolved, That the Rev. Sheridan Bell has, by his courtesy, industry, and intelligence, as the pastoral host of the Conference, earned a testimonial of our esteem, which we tender him incased in the amber of a grateful memory.

Resolved, That Robert W. Burns, of West Carrollton, having contributed, by the splendid festival of Friday evening and its handsome souvenirs, so lavishly to our pleasure, has forged another golden link in the chain of fraternal reminiscences that is so tightly binding ministers and laymen together in the bonds of brotherly love.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the elevation to the Episcopacy of J. W. Bashford, D. D., and that the initial presidency of Bishop Bashford has been over the Cincinnati Conference, which trying ordeal he has passed, coming out bright with the encomiums of his brethren, and demonstrating that no mistake was made by his selection for the sacred office.

Resolved, That we tender Bishop Bashford our grateful appreciation for the skill and courtesy with which he has presided in Conference and Cabinet, and for the mind-expanding and heart-helping addresses in chancel, on platform, and in pulpit, with which he has made this session exceptionally edifying; that we congratulate him on his assignment to the Orient for the next quadrennium, will follow him with our prayers, and believe, when he returns, that he will be able to say, "Better four years of Cathay, than forty years of America."

Resolved, That we have enjoyed the benignant presence and wise counsel of Bishop John M. Walden, LL. D., and rejoice that we are to have him resident among us through the remainder of his life, which we hope may be a golden autumn, a prolonged Indian summer.

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the coming of Bishop Henry Spellmeyer to be our active resident Bishop, and assure him of a cordial welcome and an unfaltering support.

Resolved, That to our Secretary, Rev. S. O. Royal, to our Statistical Secretary, G. M. Hammell, to our Treasurer, C. W. Horn, and their aides we owe a debt which we discharge with a love more precious than gold or silver or the merchandise thereof.

A. HAMILTON, *President*.

H. A. M. HENDERSON, *Secretary*.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

THE Sabbath was made for man. The wisdom and authority instituting the Sabbath are divine. The command and obligation to observe the Sabbath is co-extensive with universal humanity. Sabbath observance is essential to individual and national prosperity, and can not be disregarded with impunity. Obedience and blessing, disobedience and a curse are ever related and inseparable. We commend the Fourth Commandment, as well as the other nine, to the careful and conscientious consideration of all sane people. Who sins against God sins also against himself and humanity. The Church is the light-bearer for mankind, and the salt of the earth only when she remembers the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Let this be our watchword amidst prevailing desecrations. To this end be it

Resolved, 1. That we will utilize diligently the abundant literature on the subject of Sabbath observance, now easily obtainable from such organizations as the American Sabbath Union, the New England Sabbath Protective League, the International Bureau of Reforms, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the Sabbath Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the publications of the religious press. By the use of such publications we may secure an awakening and a deeper conviction in regard to the authority and usefulnes of Sabbath observance in the public mind.

2. That we approve heartily the plans for the International Sunday Rest Congress, to be held in connection with the World's Fair at St. Louis, October 11, 12, 13, and 14, 1904, and we note with sincere gratification that one of our own honored laymen of the Cincinnati Conference, United States Senator Joseph Benson Foraker, is to give the opening address at this Congress, and that civic, denominational, patriotic, and reformatory bodies of various lands are co-operating to make this gathering one of extraordinary influence for good.

3. That in accordance with the request of the officers of this Congress, made through its Secretary, Rev. Dr. Edward Thomson, we appoint the following two delegates to serve as members of the body; namely, Rev. D. J. Starr, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Young, D. D., with the Rev. S. B. Smith, D. D., and Rev. J. T. Bail, D. D., alternates.

S. B. SMITH, *Secretary*.

D. J. STARR, *Chairman*.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

NEVER in its history was the Church, in our opinion, being felt more, and never has it done better work than it is doing to-day. It is making progress everywhere. It is molding public opinion and is being felt in the councils of the nations. It is aggressive in heathen lands, sending thither consecrated, scholarly, talented missionaries, both men and women.

Much of the wealth of this Nation is in the hands of the members of the Church, and God has given to our denomination its share. Through the beneficence of our members magnificent church buildings, adapted to the work of to-day, are rising on every hand. The worth of humanity is reaching the culmination of appreciation. Hospitals and Homes for the unfortunate, colleges and universities are multiplying and their endowments being enlarged. Revivals permanent in character and systematized efforts for the development of our membership are very carefully and religiously considered, and the result is to be seen in the spiritual awakening of both our laity and ministry.

We are living in a glorious age. Say not thou that the former days were better than these, for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

Our own Conference is felt not only within its boundary lines, but all over the Nation. The Methodist Church is open for the best in theory and method in work. It stands squarely upon the faith of the Fathers. Believing in the broadest and most advanced scholarship, it clings with a tenacity commendable to the sheet anchor of our faith—to the Bible as the Book of God, and to the Lord Jesus Christ in His vicarious sacrifice for the sins of men.

We rejoice that the truth as planted by the Holy Spirit in the hearts and consciences of men produces evolution of character, and that the life of the soul is the new creation through the Son of God in heart of man.

Sin and sinners are on every hand. New forms of evil are being presented, and the Church of God must and is able and is combating and destroying these forms.

The outlook is bright. The old ship is sailing on. We thank God for what our Fathers were, and for the work they wrought and for what we are, and what God is enabling us to do, and for what we are yet to do, and that each generation of Christians, and especially Methodist Christians, have a clearer vision and a more optimistic faith.

C. W. BLODGETT, *Secretary.* GEORGE H. DART, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

THE success of the Sunday-school is vital to the increase and prosperity of the Church. Too slight an emphasis placed on this work foretells calamity, both to the members and intelligent character of the Church. We note with deep regret that our Minutes of last year show a decrease of two schools, 125 officers and teachers, 1,235 scholars, and a loss of 3,983 in the average attendance.

This decrease seems to suggest the need of a "forward movement" in our Sunday-school work. The Sunday-school, in its possibilities of attendance, of better organization, of better qualified teachers, better methods of instruction in Bible truth, Church doctrines, ethics, and in promoting conversions, is yet in its infancy. We have just reason to be proud of the splendid series of Sunday-school supplies, which are beyond comparison with others in quality and at prices beyond competition. We urge their universal, unqualified use among our schools.

We wish to call attention to the late action of the General Conference, directing that in addition to the regular Church collection for this cause that a special collection for it be taken in all our Sunday-schools, for which collection a special blank will be provided for the statistical tables of the Minutes.

We also urge the observance of "Rally-day," which is the last Sabbath in September, and for which an appropriate program has been prepared by the Sunday-school Union.

We wish also to invite the attention of the Conference to the action of the General Conference, directing that our Sunday-schools be organized into Temperance Societies. The General Conference Temperance Committee has provided a constitution for their organization, to be known as the "White Shield League," and the Sunday-school Union is issuing the material necessary for effecting their organization.

We strongly urge the organization of the Epworth League in connection with the temperance societies.

We heartily appreciate the work of Dr. Thomas B. Neely of the Sunday-school Union, who was lately elected to the office of the Episcopacy, and welcome Dr. J. T. McFarland to his new office, and assure him of our hearty co-operation.

J. E. EWRY, *Chairman.*

THOMAS P. WALTER, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE AND THE PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR-TRAFFIC.

1. WE reaffirm all the deliverances of our General Conference and of our own Conference against the license system and against the use of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes.

2. We pledge ourselves to use all legitimate measures to banish the saloon from every square foot of American soil at the earliest possible day.

3. We congratulate boroughs, towns, and cities of Ohio that have banished the saloon from their borders under the prohibitory provisions of existing laws, and we will use our utmost endeavor to rescue from its clutches the remaining territory within the bounds of our Conference still cursed by its baneful and blighting influence.

4. We will give hearty and continuous support to all organizations that make relentless and uncompromising warfare against the legalized saloon.

5. We will do all in our power as pastors and citizens to promote total abstinence in our congregations, Epworth Leagues, and Sunday-schools, and in the communities in which we labor.

6. We protest against the attempt of Bishop Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to galvanize the saloon into respectability by participating in the dedication of the Subway Tavern in New York, a place used for the sale of intoxicating liquors to men and women; and we regret more than words can express that he should have joined with rumsellers, drunkards, and scoffers in prostituting a doxology of praise to the triune God, heard more frequently in places consecrated to Christian worship than any other hymn ever written, by singing it in a place devoted to the destruction of the bodies, minds, and souls of men, women, and children. The saloon is of its father, the devil, and not even the blessing of a Bishop can transform it into an angel of light and blessing. The saloon remains the same, while the Bishop, with soiled robes, descends to its level.

We especially commend the work of the Ohio Anti Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

C. W. BLODGETT, *Secretary.*

A. B. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

TRACTS.

THE Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church incarnates a profound conviction that the printing-press may be an evangelist. It aids in the circulating of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets, throughout the entire world. It is circulating literature in some twelve languages in the United States and twenty languages in foreign lands. Splendid testimony as to the value of tracts comes from foreign fields: Mexico, South America, Japan, India, China, Africa. Each field is intensely active in giving away the tracts. Our new possessions also assure us of their active, earnest, and energetic work in making practical use of the tracts—Porto Rico and the Philippines.

A like work is being done among foreign-speaking Americans in our land—Germans, Portuguese, Italians, Chinese, and Japanese.

In the United States every year the Tract Society gives away 11.000,000 pages of tracts alone.

This Society needs the sum of $50,000 per annum, in order to carry on its great work through the Church and entire world.

We, your Committee, would recommend and urge that the value of tracts be brought to the attention of our people, and a liberal collection taken in all our Churches for the support, both morally and financially, of the Tract Society to spread a Christian literature throughout the world.

We recommend that the pastors avail themselves of the offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every pastor who will make application can receive from the Society an amount of tracts equal in price to one-half of the last collection of his charge to the Tract Society.

We recommend that our pastors make a more liberal use of tracts in connection with their work, especially by inclosing a good and suitable tract in their letters in their work of every-day evangelism.

L. A. WASHBURN, *Secretary.* W. E. SPURRIER, *Chairman.*

CINCINNATI MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MISSIONS.	MEMBERSHIP, Full.	MEMBERSHIP, On Probation.	Sunday-school Average.	Conversions.	IN CHARGE OF
McMicken Avenue,	90	54	92	35	J. S. Young.
State Avenue,	82	59	80	57	Thos. S. King.
Freeman Avenue,	63	41	136	69	I. D. Jones. A. R. Pugh. J. T. Price. The Supt.
Shantytown,	2	12	35	.....	Vanluah Jacques, Deaconess.
Total,	237	166	343	161	

Respectfully. H. B. PATTERSON, *Supt.*

Cincinnati, August 31.

VI.

Miscellany.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

DIRECTORS.

Term expires 1905.—W. H. Wehrly, R. K. Deem, Geo. Vorhis.
Term expires 1906.—F. G. Mitchell, S. O. Royal, A. B. Austin.
Term expires 1907.—D. J. Starr, C. H. Haines, C. L. Conger.

OFFICERS.

President.—F. G. Mitchell.
Vice-President.—C. L. Conger.
Secretary.—W. H. Wehrly.
Treasurer.—C. H. Haines.
Custodian.—S. O. Royal.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Members of the Conference who pay $5 or more to the Society.

Asbury Lowrey, D. D.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those who pay $3 or more to the Society, or make valuable and approved contributions to the Society.

Mrs. Asbury Lowrey.
Joseph Eichelberger.
Lewis C. Smith.
Miss Vina Dickey.
Rev. C. W. Rishell.
Elijah M. Fitch.
Rev. T. F. Royal.
John W. Dale.
Rev. Geo. W. Vorhis.
Lewis N. Gatch.
Mrs. M. H. Drees.
Mrs. John Shinn.
W. T. Hill.
Rev. C. W. Taneyhill.
Rev. J. P. Porter, D. D.
Rev. T. A. Goodwin, D. D.
Mrs. Katharine Clark Mullikin.
Mrs. Bishop Morris.
R. T. Miller.
Rev. Wm. Runyan.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston.
Peter B. Light.
John Boehm.
Agnes Duckwall.
Mrs. A. W. Musgrove.
Rev. Merrick E. Ketcham.
Mrs. John F. Wright.
J. A. Easton.

MEMBERS.

All members of the Conference are members of the Historical Society, and are entitled to a voice and vote in all meetings.

Received this year:

One copy of the Report of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1832, from Rev. J. A. Easton.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RESOURCES.

Real Estate	$24,692 24	
Bills Receivable	24,488 40	
Cash on hand	1,170 92	
		$50,351 56

LIABILITIES.

Capital account	$47,190 00	
Income account	1,571 56	
Annuity account	1,000 00	
Bequest	500 00	
Bills Payable	90 00	
		50.351 56

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand September 1, 1903	$914 24	
Rents	616 45	
Interest	1,105 30	
Donations	35 00	
Membership Fees	174 90	
Loans paid	5,330 50	
Bequest	500 00	
		8,676 39

EXPENDITURES.

Donations	$1,114 00	
Expenses	322 88	
Loans on notes	5,850 00	
Interest—Annuity gift	75 00	
Pension Fund—returned to members	140 26	
Interest—temporary loan	3 33	
Cash on hand	1,170 92	
		8,676 39

ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Taxes and repairs		$191 12	
Bond of Treasurer		35 00	
Insurance		32 80	
Recording mortgage		5 50	
Certificate of Secretary of State		1 00	
Rent of box in Safe Deposit Co		3 00	
Book-keeper		10 00	
Committee Work:			
Meetings of Board	$30 44		
Postage	1 57		
Expenses of Treasurer	12 45		
		44 46	
			322 88

Respectfully submitted. H. C. WEAKLEY, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, *September* 3, 1904.

WE have very carefully and faithfully examined all the notes, deeds, and mortgages, together with letters containing inclosures, vouchers, and

all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Society, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books very carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. PUMPHREY,
J. P. PORTER,
GEORGE S. EASTON,
A. T. COWGILL.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Miamisburg, Ohio, August 31, 1904:

YOUR Trustees of the John Mears Bequest respectfully report as follows:

Total Investment		$8,000 00
Dr.		
To balance cash on hand, September 1, 1903	$17 49	
To interest on notes and bonds	406 56	
Total		$424 05
Cr.		
By cash to Ohio Wesleyan University	$50 00	
By cash to Illinois Wesleyan University	50 00	
By cash to A. D. Maddox for Cincinnati Conference Claimants	100 00	
By cash to Mrs. W. H. H. Ewell for Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission	100 00	
By cash to Central Trust & Safe Deposit Co. for box	5 00	
By cash on hand, August 31, 1904	119 05	
		$424 05

W. F. BOYD, *Treasurer*,
JOHN PEARSON,
W. A. ROBINSON,
Trustees.

VII.

Historical.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . . and Richard Whatcoat,	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	Francis Asbury, . . and W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . . and W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	John Dale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky., ...	W. McKendree, . . and Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and Enoch George, .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O., ...	Enoch George, . . and W. McKendree, .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and R. R. Roberts, . . and J. Soule, ...	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . and W. McKendree. .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	J. Emory, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., ...	O. P. Andrew, . . and J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., ...	B. Waugh, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., ...	E. Hedding, . . . and J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.

OHIO CONFERENCE.—Continued.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841 .	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842 .	September 28,	Hamilton, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1843 .	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1844 .	September 4, .	Marietta, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1845 .	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O , ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1847 .	September 1, .	Columbus, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1848 .	September 27,	Newark, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849 .	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... L. L. Hamline, .	J. M. Trimble.
1850 .	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	E. S. Janes, . . . T. A. Morris, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1851 .	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . .	T. A. Morris.	J. M. Trimble.

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1852 .	September 22,	Xenia, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1853 .	September 28,	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1854 .	September 23,	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1855 .	September 26,	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1856 .	October 1, . .	Ripley, O , ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1857 .	September 9, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1858 .	September 8, .	Lebanon, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1859 .	September 7, .	Dayton, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1860 .	September 5, .	Oxford, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1861 .	September 4, .	Springfield, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1862 .	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1863 .	September 2, .	Xenia, O., ...	O. C. Baker, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1864 .	September 8, .	Greenfield, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1865 .	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1866 .	August 29, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. Thomson, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1867 .	August 28, . .	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1868 .	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1869 .	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1870 .	August 24, . .	Piqua, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1871 .	August 30, . .	Dayton, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1872 .	August 28, . .	Eaton, O., ...	L. W. Wiley, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1873 .	August 27, . .	Springfield, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1874 .	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1875 .	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. G. Andrews, . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1876 .	August 30, . .	Oxford, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1877 .	September 5, .	Xenia, O., ...	G. Haven, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1878 .	September 4, .	Piqua, O., ...	W. L. Harris, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1879 .	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	David Judson Starr.
1880 .	September 1, .	Middletown, O., ...	Jesse T. Peck, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1881 .	September 7, .	Springfield, O., ...	Isaac W. Wiley, . .	David Judson Starr.
1882 .	September 6, .	Dayton, O., ...	T. Bowman, ...	David Judson Starr.
1883 .	September 5, .	Hamilton, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	David Judson Starr.
1884 .	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885 .	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	J. M. Walden, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887 .	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1888 .	September 5, .	Jamestown, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1889 .	September 4, .	Xenia, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1890 .	August 27, . .	Greenville, O., ...	I. W. Joyce, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1891 .	September 2, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1892 .	August 31, . .	Middletown, O., ...	W. X. Ninde, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1893 .	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	J. F. Hurst.	Stanley O. Royal.
1894 .	September 5, .	Wilmington, O., ...	D. A. Goodsell. . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1895 .	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	C. D. Foss, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1896 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1897 .	September 1, .	Springfield, O., ...	W. F. Mallalieu, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1898 .	August 31, . .	Xenia, O., ...	John H. Vincent, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1899 .	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., . .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1900 .	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1901 .	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O., . . .	Jas. N. FitzGerald,	Stanley O. Royal.
1902 .	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1903 .	September 2, .	Wesley, Cint'i, O	C. H. Fowler, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1904 .	August 31, . .	Miamisburg, O., ...	J. W. Bashford, . .	Stanley O. Royal.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	EST'D MINISTRY. Conference.	Y'r.	Elected.	Died.	REMARKS.
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784		Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784		Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1735	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800		Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808		Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816		Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore	1802	1816		Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York	1799	1824		Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824		Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832		Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Phila.	1810	1832		Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore	1809	1836		Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816	1836		Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1833	1844		Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Phila.	1830	1844		Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.	1825	1852		Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852		Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852		Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	1852		Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	1858		Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York	1843	1864		Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832	1864		Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	1864		Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	1866		Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	1872		Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.	1851	1872		Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872		Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	1872		Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York	1848	1880		Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	1888		Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884		Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont	1857	1900		Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884		Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872		Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880		Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, 03.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky,	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.,	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 31, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Age.
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	60	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	 1864	63	31
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1853	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47
W. Simmons,	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54
N. C. Parrish,	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10
W. Routledge,	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32
M. G. Purkiser,	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10
J. C. Bontecou,	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48
N. Callender,	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51
P. A. Ogden,	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51
Samuel Brown,	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44
Wm. H. Lawder,	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43
Elijah H. Field,	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54
Alex. Meharry,	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37
Jos. A. Reeder,	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49
John C. Deem,	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48
John F. Wright,	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64
Wm. H. Miesse,	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10
John Barton,	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43
Herman Lüders,	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4
David Warnock,	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48
James Kendall,	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31
George C. Crum,	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45
Charles Kalbfus,	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19
Willis M. Boyer,	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27
David Kemper,	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
John N. Irvin,	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
Joseph J. Hill,	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
John C. Maddy,	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
J. W. Stone,	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
David Whitmer,	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
Wm. Young,	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
I. S. Peregrine,	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
S. F. Conrey,	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
M. P. Gaddis,	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
William Mahon,	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
Jer'h H. Bayliss,	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Thomas Lee,	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
J. W. Keely,	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
J. F. Conrey,	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
L. F Van Cleve,	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
G. W. Kelley,	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
W. E. Hines,	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
W. N. Williams,	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
J. P. Bishop,	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
D. H. Sargent,	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
T. S. Cowden,	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
Henry Stokes,	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Benj. Glascock,	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
W. B. Jackson,	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
W. R. Webster,	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Jas. Murray,	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Mighill Dustin,	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
W. L. Hypes,	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
E. C. Smith,	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Henry Miller,	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
W. J. Quarry,	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
J. L. Grover,	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
L. D. McCabe,	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
Geo. T. Perry,	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Silas Bennett,	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Timothy Wones,	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Asbury Lowrey,	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
Jas. Stephenson,	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
F. W. Hypes,	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Patrick Carland,	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
M. Kauffman,	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
John W. Cassatt,	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Chas. H. Payne,	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Wm. B. Moler,	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
A. M. Griffith,	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	.	59
James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
William I. Fee,	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
James P. Shultz,	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
David C. Vance,	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
J. H. Middleton,	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
John F. Marlay,	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
T. H. Pearne,	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Thomas Collett,	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Adam Miller,	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
M. A. Richards,	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
C. W. Gullette,	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
George B. Shanor,	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Adam Bowers,	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
Wm. Runyan,	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
John F. Loyd,	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
J. L. Gregg,	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Wm. T. McMullen,	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
L. E. Prentiss,	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	29	55
R. K. Deem,	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	39	69
J. W. Mason,	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	46	68

Memorial Sermon.

THE ITINERARY ENDED.

By Rev. R. E. Smith.

"I will appoint," etc.—2 Sam. vii, 10.

God's ancient covenant people were notably migratory in their habits. Abraham, the "father of the faithful," was required to leave his ancestral city and country for a place thereafter to be shown him. Reaching Canaan, a definite expectation was awakened by the word of Jehovah (Gen. xii, 7): "Unto thy *seed* will I give this land." But, in the language of Stephen (Acts vii, 5): "He gave *him* none inheritance in it." On the contrary, "he sojourned in the land of promise as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the promise." (Heb. xi, 9.) Anon we find Israel in Egypt, and hear their agonizing cry to God for deliverance when a King had risen "who knew not Joseph," and was strangely forgetful of the services he had rendered. The prayer was not in vain, for presently Moses appeared, and expectant faces were turned toward a land "flowing with milk and honey." Affrighted, however, by the majority report of the spies, they rebelled against Moses and against God, and were turned back from Kadesh Barnea, to wander long in "the wilderness." But these bitter experiences had an end by the final passage of the Jordan, and the fruition of long-cherished hopes.

The old Tabernacle, first erected at the base of Sinai, and carried about from place to place, found rest at Shiloh, and there the ancient rites of the Hebrews were measurably established. Despoiled of its chief attraction—the Ark of the Covenant, or visible symbol of the Divine presence—these rites degenerated into an empty form. Then a new Tabernacle was prepared at Jerusalem, and the Ark (brought up from the house of Obed-edom) was accorded a special sanctuary. In the meantime the theocracy had given way to a kingdom, and the king, honored and beloved, dwelt in a palace of cedar. After much of turbulence and conflict, rest had come to David in the affairs of the kingdom, to the throne of which he had been providentially elevated, and his pious heart now reproached him for seeming neglect of the King of kings. His dwelling-place is still a tent. He will build for him a house. This resolution met with approval, though the honor of achievement was reserved for another. David's pious purpose, however, formed the basis of a most assuring message, containing, among other things, the comforting promise of the text, "I will appoint," etc.

Coming now to the practical study of these words, in the impressive moments of this memorial service, we recognize—

1. The fact that the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church is *itinerant*, both in profession and practice.

This is, indeed, a distinctive feature of our ecclesiastical system. Most of our sister Churches *call* their pastors, and when one is thus *settled* over the affairs of a congregation, his relations are not easily disturbed. But with us the pastoral relation is one of *appointment*, annually reviewed, and subject to change on the occasion of such review. So inwrought into

our system is this itinerancy that even the General Conference, with all its breadth of power, can not disturb its essential features. (See Third Restrictive Rule.)

This power of appointment is vested in an office, whose occupants—called Bishops, or General Superintendents—are authorized to lay large emphasis upon the rule which specifies: "Above all, if you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for His glory." It will appear from this that the Methodist preacher surrenders, in a large degree, his own judgment and preference, and takes his orders from the appointing power of the Church. A fact which goes a long way toward the removal of class distinctions from our ministry, and causes the term *brother* to be "writ large" both in our intercourse and vocabulary.

This itinerant life is necessarily one of change—of frequent removal from place to place—with attendant circumstances of discomfort and inconvenience. About the only thing in a Methodist preacher's life that bears any close resemblance to idea of *home* is his Conference, and its annual sessions form a series of reunions with other members of that immediate itinerant family. In more than the ordinary sense the members of this brotherhood may adopt the language of the old patriarchs (Heb. xi, 13), and say: "We are strangers and pilgrims on the earth," and are seeking "a country of *our own*."

Now, if the Methodist preacher were a celibate—alone in this itinerant life—the change of location would be much simplified. An illustration in point is the removal of Abraham Lincoln into Springfield, Illinois, to begin the practice of law. Informed by Joshua Speed that he might share his room over the store, he took his saddlebags on his arm, went up stairs, set them down on the floor, and, returning, said: "Well, Speed, I'm moved." But as a rule (to which there may be exceptions), our task is one of greater magnitude. The Church of our choice permits us to believe with Solomon (Prov. xviii, 22) that "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord;" and so a parsonage, rather than a room or a boarding-house, becomes a necessity. Then, if all the Churches were considerate enough not only to provide a well-ordered house for the pastor and his family, but to supply it with standard articles of furniture, such as stoves, carpets, tables, bedsteads, dressers, etc., the burdens of the itinerancy might be greatly diminished. But this degree of thoughtfulness is the exception rather than the rule, and consequently the itinerant must provide himself with these, as well as books and other personal effects, and transport them, with large labor and loss, to the various parts of the field to which he may be assigned from time to time.

Such a task is not one to be coveted; and, besides this, the discomforts incident to living in a packed-up condition for several days or weeks at a time, and at frequent intervals, is no inferior matter. Yet all this may be endured with comparative patience, and recovery from its weariness be speedy and complete in the early and hopeful years of one's career—when the limbs are strong and the muscles flexible—when the helpful hands of grown-up children are joined with those of the parents in the performance of these needful tasks, and especially when the move is upward, toward heights a sanctified ambition may hope to scale. But the task becomes more arduous when the children are scattered and gone—when the back is stiff and the limbs are full of aches and pains. Then, too, if ambition has not reached its goal it has reached its summit, and the tendency is toward the less inviting or more rugged parts of the field.

But as yet I have not mentioned the severest trials of the itinerancy—the rooting up of tender ties, and the *transplanting* into other scenes and surroundings. The young tree or plant may be removed with impunity. Its vigorous roots lay hold quickly upon the surrounding soil, and the

growth is but slightly, if at all, interrupted. It is different in age. Difficulties increase, and the probabilities of success diminish. Especially is this the case if changes are frequent. The rooting in the new soil will be slower, and finally impossible. The analogy seems to me to be very close. The itinerancy leaves but few strong and abiding local attachments. At first the heart-strings, lacerated and bleeding by being rudely torn from objects about which they had entwined themselves, are responsive to the healing touch of the welcoming, and new fellowships are formed with avidity; but gradually (it may be *imperceptibly*) these sensibilities abate. The recovery is both slower and less complete. Duties may be performed with the utmost faithfulness; but it will be a miracle of grace if they do not become increasingly perfunctory and professional, while the responses of the heart grow more sluggish and difficult.

As yet I have spoken only of the *man* and *minister*, honored with a high and holy calling, but whose duties require something of human sacrifice and discomfort. Four of these from the list of our Conference membership, and a fifth who was reared within our bounds, and whose brief ministry was chiefly performed as a member of the Cincinnati Conference, have been named in this service—J. L. Gregg, W. T. McMullen, L. E. Prentiss, R. K. Deem, and H. C. Hutchinson. (Here Dr. Smith made touching reference to his personal relations with those who had died, and subsequently to Rev. J. W. Mason, whose death occurred during the memorial service.) But another class is also recognized, the helpmeet of the pastor and his efficient coadjutor and companion—the preacher's wife.

The burdens of the itinerancy fall with especial weight upon the one who presides over the parsonage. Her eye and hand must find a place of safety for each article of household comfort or adornment, as one habitation is dismantled, and select its trial position in the new surroundings. She follows with her womanly solicitude each piece of furniture in its perilous journey, meets it with anxiety at its destination, notes with sinking heart the injuries sustained, and with glue-pot and varnish-brush seeks to hide their deformity. She must be quickly ready for callers, which often means a secret tour of inspection and criticism, and this under the most unfavorable circumstances. She has just spoken the sad good-bye to friends tried and true, and broken again the silken threads that bound her to an itinerant habitation. If her eyes are not red with weeping, it is chiefly because of a determined will; and it is not strange if the often lacerated heart-strings are a little slow in recovering from the rude shock.

Surely, my brethren, we pronounce tenderly to-day the names of Sister Lee, Sister Fidler, Sister Sentman, and Sister Robinson, claimed by the silent reaper during the year just closed, and acocunt them (as we account others of their class) to have served their generation well, and to have entered into an appreciated rest.

2. A second fact which our text renders conspicuous, is that this changeful, cross-bearing, eventful career is to have an end, and at its end there is the promised fruition of our most exalted hopes, for the Lord, into whose service we have been called, has appointed a place for His modern Israel, and "will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more."

(1) This happy assurance does not imply that we shall all reach the restful shades of the Episcopal office—a goal which, once secured, is abiding, for they "go in to go out no more." We shall not controvert Paul's statement (1 Tim. iii, 1), "If a man desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work;" and it must be very comfortable to attain to an office of life tenure, with assured emoluments, whether able to perform its duties or not; but this is only for the "elect," and does not apply to those who fail of "this grace," and stand in the undistinguished ranks of the itinerancy.

(2) Nor is this goal secured by the removal of the time-limit. It is

true, we do not move by the clock or the almanac as formerly, but we move nevertheless. Under the limit, whether of two, three, or five years, both pastor and people were alike concerned to *fill the allotted time*, to the exclusion, or at least the minimizing, of personalities or undue restlessness.

Without a limit a few may be able to build about themselves impregnable walls, and make a record that is new to Methodism; but it must also be admitted that the average pastor feels less secure than before, while a premium is placed upon discontent, and efforts are rather encouraged than otherwise (within the individual Church) to make it unpleasant for the pastor, or to prevent any deep rooting following a prejudiced appointment. And so it comes to pass that, for the present at least, we face even greater difficulties than under a law of limitation, and are constrained to say, "Here have we no continuing city." (Heb. xiii, 14.)

(3) Neither is the fulfillment of this promise found in superannuation. The superannuate drops out of his old-time relation to the moving van, but there the analogy ends. Having devoted the strength of his years to the work of the Church, he rarely has any "place of his own" to which he may now retire, and where he may hope to pass the evening of life in the restfulness and comfort to which his earlier toils and sacrifices would seem to entitle him. Often the darkest hour in the life of an itinerant is when the Conference closes without his name being included in the list of appointments, and he awakes to the consciousness that none, save perchance the now aged sharer of his changeful career—his wife—listens for his returning footsteps, or anticipates his coming. The final move, before he joins the "silent majority," so far as physical and mental comforts are concerned, might almost as well have been "over the hills to the poorhouse." He is made to feel in a thousand nameless ways that he is eating the bread of charity, and not unfrequently, in his reflective moments, he experiences a sense of regret that he was not permitted to "rest his head upon the lap of earth," and cease to be a necessary consumer of material things before the helplessness of age had so far extinguished the fires of his youth. This last experience is but the climax of days and weeks of anxiety and perplexity. We have seen the stately vessel leave its moorings, and pass majestically along its appointed course. But anon the waters grew shallow, and its movements were with caution and uncertainty. It seemed now to ask not "Where *shall* I go?" but "Where *can* I?" Presently the rocky reef or treacherous sandbar effectually blocks its way, and renders further progress impossible. A few efforts, growing more and more feeble, are made to escape the dilemma, but they are without avail, and what was once the pride of river, lake, or ocean is dismantled, or left to an unenviable fate. So it is with the itinerant. He starts upon his voyage with much of hopefulness. The ocean of opportunity seems broad and deep. He plans for himself a great career of usefulness and honor; but soon the roar of breakers is heard, or his keel grates upon the sands of approaching disaster. He flatters himself that he is shrewd enough and strong enough to avoid such perils, and trims his sails accordingly; but his hopes are delusive—his efforts vain, for sooner than he thinks his barque is broken upon the reef or hopelessly grounded upon the sand, and he awakes to find himself a superannuate, with little more on the earthly side to encourage confidence or inspire hope. Unfamiliar with the intricacies of business, and with hands unskilled in the use of industrial implements, he is unable to earn his own living, and so accepts, with the best possible grace, the pittance that may keep body and soul together, and schools himself to the task of contentment with meager comforts, and waits as patiently as he can his release from his pilgrim's lot, and sits calmly by while the busy procession hurries on.

(4) But, in spite of disappointment and failure in these particulars, it remains a fact, attested by the divine veracity, that God "will appoint

a place" for these, "that they also may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more."

Since we do not find this promise fulfilled on the mortal, we must look for it on the immortal shore. It may sometimes seem like an unequal cross has been laid upon some who, for conscience' sake, are required to go through life's fields of golden opportunity without the privilege of gathering the grain that seems ready to fall into their arms, and a melancholy strain attaches to that word of our founder, John Wesley:

"No foot of land do I possess,
Nor cottage in this wilderness,
A poor, wayfaring man."

But while busy "gathering fruit unto life eternal," we may occasionally glance upward toward the city of "many mansions" and golden streets and harps and crowns and robes, and find joyous expression in another verse from the same composition:

"There is my house and portion fair,
My treasure and my heart are there,
And my abiding home;
For me my elder brethren stay,
And angels beckon me away,
And Jesus bids me come."—Hymnal, No. 1078.

Brother Gregg, in the years of his active ministry, was especially interested in the songs of the sanctuary, a teacher of sacred music—as doubtless others were to whose memory we pay tribute in this service, for our faith of assurance seems to inspire the heart with the sentiments of consecrated song—and I have tried to fancy the ecstasy of his soul as he took up the golden harp, and joined in the song of the hundred and forty-four thousand, who sing, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." (Rev. i, 5.)

I have read a great many descriptions of heaven. It is likened unto a *building*, "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens;" a *temple* bright with the Divine glory; a *palace* where dwells the King in His beauty; a *city* whose inhabitants are never sick; an *inheritance* "incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." But no single description has so thrilled my soul as that of St. John, in Revelation xxi and xxii. Let me read a few verses (Rev. xxi, 3 7, 10, 11, 23-27; xxii, 1, 2, 14):

"There we shall see His face,
And never, never sin.
There from the rivers of His grace
Drink endless pleasures in.

Yea, and before we rise
To that immortal state,
The thought of such amazing bliss
Should constant joys create.

Then let our songs abound,
And let every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high."

—I. Watts—No. 41, Hymnal.

Memoirs.

REV. L. E. PRENTISS.

THE REV. LYMAN E. PRENTISS, D. D., financial agent of Grant University, died at the home of the Rev. J. T. Jones, Johnson City, Tenn., April 20th, where he had gone to assist the pastor in revival meetings. He arrived Thursday evening and preached a most excellent sermon on "The Witness of the Spirit," choosing as a text Romans viii, 16, "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." It was the most forceful and convincing sermon that the writer ever heard him preach. At the close of the discourse six persons arose for prayers, which was the beginning of a most successful revival, which is now being conducted by the pastor. This was the last sermon preached by him, and was certainly a most appropriate closing of a long and useful ministerial career. He was taken violently ill Friday morning, April 15th, with congestion of the liver, and suffered excruciating pains for several hours. When his pains were alleviated he was very much exhausted, and continued to grow weaker and weaker until the end came.

Dr. Prentiss was born in Leipsic, Ohio, October 30, 1849. He was married to Miss Nannie Bernard, September 6, 1870, in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Rev. Dr. French. To them were born five children, four of whom survive, with the wife and mother to mourn their loss.

Dr. Prentiss was converted at Leipsic, Ohio, at the age of fourteen years, under the ministry of the Rev. L. A. Belt, D. D. He was licensed to preach at Oxford, Ohio, by the Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D. D., September, 1872, and began work immediately at the High Street Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was admitted to the Central Ohio Conference, September, 1873, and was appointed to Pioneer Circuit, where he remained two years. He subsequently served the following charges in the order named: Liberty Center, three years; Fayette, two years; Celina, three years; Bowling Green, one year; Fremont, three years; Findlay, one and one-half years; and then was transferred to the Holston Conference, and stationed at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Knoxville, Tenn., where he remained two years and nine months. He was then appointed to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, and served a pastorate of two years. At the close of his pastoral term at Chattanooga, he was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, to which he belonged at the time of his death, and was stationed at Raper Church, Dayton, Ohio, where he served as pastor for five years; then Eaton, three years, and finished his pastoral work at Oxford, where he was licensed to preach. He remained at the last-named place only six months, when he was called to the financial agency of the Grant University, which position he held at the time of his death. When soliciting funds for the institution he frequently assisted pastors in revival services, in which work he was eminently successful.

Dr. Prentiss was a man of superior worth; just, honest, upright, and sincere. He was an excellent preacher, intensely spiritual, and purely evangelical. His entire ministerial life was very fruitful in the salvation of souls.

He left no dying testimony save that of a life hid with Christ in God.

During his illness, however, he offered many ejaculatory prayers, and frequently repeated that beautiful passage of Scripture, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Truly a saintly and devout Christian has gone from us.

The funeral was conducted by the following-named brethren; Dr.

THE LATE REV. LYMAN E. PRENTISS.

C. M. Hall, Knoxville; Drs. R. J. Cooke, J. J. Manker, and J. H. Race, Chattanooga; and Rev. J. T. Jones, Johnson City, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Knoxville. The remains were deposited in a private vault, and will be buried in the beautiful cemetery there after the arrival of the oldest son from Cuba.

J. T. JONES.

Johnson City, Tenn.

REV. JOHN L. GREGG.

THE REV. JOHN L. GREGG was born at Youngsville, Pa., October 16, 1826, and died in Manhattan, Kansas, November 17, 1903, aged seventy-seven years, one month, and one day.

In the autumn of 1852 he was married to Miss Sarah Shaw, of Venice,

Ohio, who, with the infant of their union, were translated in the autumn of 1856.

Brother Gregg received his collegiate education at Allegheny College, Pennsylvania, and during ten years previous to his entering the Cincinnati Conference taught music and school, at one time filling the chair of mathematics at Moores Hill College, Indiana. He was married in 1858 to Miss Elizabeth Barber, of Felicity, Ohio. After a life of nearly forty years in the faithful toil and Christian helpfulness of an itinerant preacher's wife, she was transferred to the Church triumphant. They had five children, three of whom are dead, and two living, namely, Mrs. Dr. Howard, of Denver, Col., and Mrs. Dr. F. C. Gray, of Dayton, Ohio. He was married the third time to Mrs. Rogers, of Manhattan, Kansas, a most amiable woman, who lived after their marriage but one month. Father Gregg was a member of the Cincinnati Conference for nearly fifty years. He preached within the bounds of that Conference for about twenty-nine years. He afterwards moved to the State of Kansas, doing active service for a time in the bounds of the Kansas Conference. Brother Gregg was an earnest and practical preacher. Though not strong in body, he was active in service. During the many years of his superannuated relation, he was faithful and loyal to the Church, always ready to give his service to the extent of his ability. Unless providentially hindered, he was a regular attendant at the class and prayer meeting. His memory was very much weakened during the last few years of his life, and toward the end was almost a blank on all subjects but religion. On that his mind and soul seemed to light up on all occasions, as though the "pillar of fire" was beckoning him to the promised land.

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Rev. Gregg was of a distinctly musical temperament. Of beautiful songs he had an extensive repertoire. His joys, griefs, and sorrows all melted into song; even his prayers, many of them, were wafted to heaven "on wings of song." He speaks not at this Easter-tide the language of the universe—music—but instead "a new harp is strung, and a new song is given to the breezes that float o'er the gardens of heaven."

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at his late residence, after which, followed by his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Gray, and grandson, Harvey P. Hess, together with numerous personal friends, his body, bedecked with flowers, was quietly laid away to await the call of the resurrection morning. Truly it may be said of him, as it was said to Job: "Thou shalt come to thy grave in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in, in his season."

J. K. MILLER.

Manhattan, Kansas.

REV. W. T. McMULLEN.

REV. WILLIAM TAYLOR MCMULLEN, son of Robert McMullen, was born in Lebanon, Ohio, February 16, 1821, and passed on to his heavenly home from Goshen, Ohio, April 20, 1904, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was united in marriage to Miss Nancy T. Bishop on June 3, 1841, who shared with him the trials and joys of the itinerancy for many years, and preceded him to the eternal home on August 6, 1899. He was

then united in marriage with Mrs. Anna Berger, on September 25, 1900, who was permitted to tenderly minister to his needs during the last months of his illness, and is now left to mourn the loss of a beloved husband.

Brother McMullen was happily converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Goshen, Ohio, when he was eighteen years old, under the pastorate of Revs. Thurber and Ellsworth. His religious experience was of the clear, positive, and joyous type, and he was true, pure, and happy in his every-day life, and lived his experience. He preached his first sermon at McKendree Church, on the Butlerville Charge of the Cincinnati Conference. When told he must preach on this occasion he said he had promised if the Lord would bless him he would do anything he was asked to do for the Lord. God greatly blessed him in his first effort, and fifteen souls presented themselves at the altar of prayer, and fourteen were converted. His genuine piety and his genial, social qualities were such as won him the confidence and love of the people he served, both of the younger and older members of his congregation.

He received license as an exhorter September 15, 1855, by Dr. John F. Wright, and was licensed to preach at Goshen, Ohio, August 4, 1860, Rev. William Young, Presiding Elder, and was ordained Deacon in Xenia, Ohio, September 6, 1863, by Bishop O. C. Baker, and was ordained Elder at Urbana, Ohio, September 1, 1867, by Bishop E. R. Ames. He was admitted into the Cincinnati Annual Conference on probation in 1863, and into full membership in 1865. He served the following charges in the Cincinnati Conference: 1863, Batavia; '64, '65, Aberdeen; '66-'68, Laurel; '73-'75, Marathon; '76, '77, Centenary; '78-'83, supernumerary; '84-1904, superannuated.

Brother McMullen was a pastoral evangelist in spirit and work, and was instrumental in gathering many souls into the kingdom, who will "shine as stars in the crown of his rejoicing." In the last year of his life he was greatly afflicted, but "patient in spirit, rejoicing in hope." On Monday before his death, not being able to sing he whistled "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," and then in whisper exclaimed. "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" And later on he said to his wife, "Anna, let me go home, let me go home." On Wednesday evening he peacefully fell "asleep in Jesus." The funeral took place on April 24th, from the Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church, the pastor, G. M. Fulton, having charge, assisted by Revs. Spahr, Gray, Pumphrey, and Rev. Davis, of the Presbyterian Church.

J. S. P.

REV. REUBEN K. DEEM.

Reuben Kercheval Deem, son of Rev. J. C. and Anna Crume Deem, was born at Sugar Valley, Preble County, Ohio, April 15, 1840.

He was descended from noble Methodist ancestry. His grandfather, Moses Crume, was one of the first pioneer preachers of the great Miami Valley, whose circuit extended from the Ohio River to the Lakes, which he traveled on horseback.

His father was for years one of the devoted, godly ministers of the Cincinnati Conference. Born and brought up in a Christian home and surrounded by the most spiritual influences of the Church, Reuben Deem very early in life learned to know Jesus as his Savior. He was converted at a camp-meeting, near Sugar Valley, at the age of eleven or twelve years. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church under the ministry of Rev. Levi White. He obtained his education in the public schools of the charges where his father preached, at the Linden Hill Academy, at New Carlisle, Ohio, of which Dr. Thomas Harrison, a wise and successful teacher, was

President. On November 1, 1861, he enlisted in the service of his country, becoming a member of Captain Field's company of the Fifty-seventh Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. After serving in the army several months, his health broke down, on account of which he was honorably discharged on July 13, 1862.

He then taught school for a time, teaching one term at New Burlington, Ohio, and later at Winchester, Ind. He was licensed to preach at Winchester, Ind., in 1860. In 1862, through the recommendation of Rev. J. F. Chalfant to Dr. Wayland, Presiding Elder in the Erie Conference, he was employed to fill out a vacancy for part of the year in that Conference, and in 1863 he was received on trial into the Erie Conference, and was appointed to Albion, and in 1864 to Ridgeway, and in 1865 was received into full membership in that Conference and ordained Deacon. On September 1, 1865, he was transferred by Bishop Clark to the Cincinnati Conference, in the bounds of which he has done the faithful, efficient work of a Methodist preacher for these thirty-nine years, greatly beloved by his brethren in the ministry, as also by the people of the charges he served.

THE LATE REV. REUBEN K. DEEM.

On June 20, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss India Goodrich, by whom was born to him one daughter—Mary Goodrich Deem—who now survives, to be comforted in the triumph of her godly father. But a great sorrow came into his life when, on January 25, 1869, his wife passed away to the spirit world. But the Christian mourns not as those who have no hope, for they believe that Christ died and rose again, and that them that "sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." He was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Tufts, of Maineville, Ohio, on March 5, 1872, who has proved to be a helpmeet indeed, sharing the toils and trials, the prayers and efforts for the upbuilding of the Church wherever her husband was appointed.

Brother Deem was ordained Elder at Urbana, Ohio, on September 1, 1867, by Bishop E. R. Ames. He served the following charges in Cincinnati Conference: 1865, Raysville; 1866, Old Town; 1867, Williamsburg; 1868 and 1869, Batavia; 1870 and 1871, Maineville and Loveland; 1872, Harrison; 1873 and 1874, Winton Place; 1875 and 1876, Bethany; 1877, Milford; 1878 to 1880, Seven Mile; 1881 to 1883, Centerville; 1884 to 1886, Port Union; 1887 to 1889, Waynesville; 1890 to 1892, New Vienna and Lexington; 1893 to 1894, Tremont City; 1895 to 1897, Yellow Springs; 1898 to 1900, New Burlington; 1900 to 1904, Sabina.

Brother Deem was appointed as one of the representatives of the Cincinnati Conference to the Ohio Conference upon the occasion of exchange of greetings in celebration of the semi-centennial of the organization of the Cincinnati Conference. Brother Deem's work in the Church was that of a solid builder of the interests of the charges he served. He was not a revivalist in the common use of that word, and yet he had revivals and of a character whose results were of permanent value to the Church. He strengthened every charge he served, and left it in better condition than when he found it. He was a good, efficient preacher, a wise and safe ad-

ministrator, and a man of exceptional integrity of character. A member of one of his former charges said to the writer, "He was a thoroughly good man." He was about closing his third year in the Sabina Charge, and his report to the fourth Quarterly Conference, held July 15th, shows that the pastoral term was a successful one, and the relation between pastor and people was most cordial. On Sabbath morning he preached what proved to be his last sermon to his people. His subject was, "Children of Light," from Eph. v, 8, "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." He dwelt on the joy of light and life in the Lord, and the joy of the Lord seemed to fill his own soul to an unusual degree.

He was a leader in the recent temperance movement that resulted in voting Sabina a dry town, and his last address on Sabbath night, in the City Hall, was an appeal for a rigid enforcement of the law. On Thursday and Friday following he with his family visited among his former parishioners at New Burlington. He was happy, and remarked that he never felt better in his life.

He and his wife drove home on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, August 13, 1904, at six o'clock, he rose and began dressing, when his wife noticed that he had fallen over on his face. She called her son, and they raised him up, but he was not, for he had ascended "to be with Christ, which is far better." His dear wife, with two daughters—Mary and Anna—and two sons—Alfred and Frank—survive to mourn, but comforted with "a good hope through grace" of a reunion in the "sweet by and by." Funeral services were held in the Sabina church on Monday at 1.30 P. M., in charge of Presiding Elder V. F. Brown, and attended by quite a number of his ministerial brethren and a large concourse of people. The body was then taken to Eaton, Ohio, where services were again held in the church, on Tuesday at ten A. M., in charge of J. S. Pumphrey, assisted by Revs. Ketcham, Wiant, Sellers, Timmons, Reynolds, and H. A. Smith. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Eaton, where rest those of Brooks, Finley, Meharry, Swain, Weakley, and J. C. Deem waiting for the resurrection of the just.

J. S. P.

REV. JOHN WATSON MASON.

John Watson Mason was the son of John Mason and his wife, Jane Houston, a relative of General Sam Houston, of Texas. The child was born on May 5, 1836, near Richmond, Va. The father died two years later, and the widow moved into Richmond with her two children, Estherline and John. Thence they removed to Livingston, Miss., remaining there until the mother's death in 1845, when John was nine years old. His only sister had already died, and his mother's property had been lost through the dishonesty of another. Thus the lad was left alone, bereft of all save the heritage of a good birth, and the lingering influence of a strong and pure Christian mother.

The following years were spent in New Orleans, La., where the orphaned boy seems to have been strangely shielded from the evil influences that too often blight the sweetness of impressionable childhood. His self-reliant spirit developed under the stress of unfriendly circumstances. Though he was without the shelter of a home and the refining touch of a mother's love, he saw the shallowness of the frivolous life around him, and turned from it with disgust. Even as a boy he felt the dignity of his unfolding manhood, and revered it too highly to be induced to sully its purity by reckless living.

At fourteen he came to Cincinnati, and was presently apprenticed to James Dixon, a prominent business man of the city, and an Elder in the

Presbyterian Church. While in Mr. Dixon's employ he showed unusual ability. When but sixteen he was foreman of a squad of men, and at the end of a three years' apprenticeship was offered a partnership in a business wherein Mr. Dixon accumulated a fortune.

But new influences had begun work in the young man's life. He had found a second mother in the person of Mrs. Mary Hinkle Gaither, a noble Presbyterian matron, who welcomed him to her home and her heart. He was thenceforward to her a son, and she was to him a mother. The uplift of her forceful yet tender personality was a benediction upon his life. Another power was also at work. Through acquaintance with Christian young men he was led to attend services in Christie Chapel, Cincinnati, where the voice of the Spirit roused in him a longing for pardon and comfort as it is in Jesus Christ. It was not the torrent of overwhelming emotion, but the deep current of conviction flowing out into a fixed purpose that brought him to the altar and led him to give his hand to the Church. On Sunday night, August 31st, in the early fifties, he joined as a probationer, and Rev. Arza Brown, placing his hand on the lad's head, said, "God bless the white-haired boy."

With the new experience that came to him, the call to the ministry was clear and insistent. With a native bent toward business, and having before him exceptional opportunities, it cost a struggle to say, "Here am I. Send me." Yet this struggle seemed to make only more clear the fact that his future must be given to preaching the gospel. When the battle was over, his surrender was absolute, and John W. Mason was henceforth a true and obedient messenger of the King.

Feeling his need of education, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he had as a room-mate Charles C. McCabe, now Bishop. With heroic devotion the young student sought to husband his meager resources, reducing his expenses to a minimum. But ill-health threatened a complete breakdown, and on the advice of Frederick Merrick, of precious memory, he gave up his college course.

In 1856 he joined the Cincinnati Conference on trial, and remained within its ranks until his death. In all the years of his active service he gave himself to his work with tireless devotion. He was a minister of the old school in at least one particular—he did not seek to make his own appointments, but went whither he was sent, and did his best without complaint and without bitterness. Thus he kept sweet and cheerful until the end. Service was to him a privilege, and the Master's work was full of reward for the workman. No Church that he served was ever left without substantial addition to its worth and influence in the community. The dignity of his Christian character and his genuine manliness commanded universal respect. As a representative of the Church and of the gospel of Christ, John W. Mason stood out unshrinkingly in the bright light of public scrutiny. He was a man of whom naught but good could be said.

August 31, 1864, he was married to Anna, daughter of Nathan and Clara Bretney Nesbitt, of Xenia, Ohio. "Till death us do part," found in their union a singularly beautiful fulfillment. In the joy and gladness of youth, and in the steady on-going of maturer years they lived and toiled together in the ministry. On February 11, 1900, Brother Mason was stricken with paralysis, and from that day forward he was almost continuously a helpless invalid. At times he suffered extreme pain that taxed to the utmost his powers of endurance. He bore all with extraordinary calmness and patience. No word of complaint or bitterness passed his lips. With a fortitude born of a strong and sustaining faith, he met his trial as a true Christian should. He clung to life, and fought a brave fight for health. His unbending will held to the one thought of recovery, until he could hold out no more. He was afraid to die, but he believed life to be good, and would fain have as much as the Giver of life would

allow. His spirit was one of fine courage, and the pain he endured did not fright him from loving all that life and friends and home bring to men.

The end came on Wednesday, August 31, 1904. It was the fortieth anniversary of his marriage, and the bridegroom went in quietness to join the great supper of the Lamb. Around him were his faithful wife and their children, Mary Gaither Mason, who lives at home; Mrs. Frank W. Roudebush, of Memphis, Tenn.; and Wilbur N. Mason, pastor of Wesley Church, Salem, Mass.

The service on Friday, September 2d, was under the direction of Rev. George H. Dart, a lifelong friend, assisted by members of the Cincinnati Conference. The burial was in the family lot at Xenia, Ohio.

The keynote of John W. Mason's character is sounded in the word *integrity*. He hated sham and scorned every semblance of cant. He was loyal in friendship, reserved in expression, but capable of the sweet emotions of a strong nature. With high ideals of thought and duty, he held himself relentlessly to the best, and sought to bring others up to the same lofty plane. He "allured to brighter worlds, and led the way."

In his home no sacrifice was too great, if it would give help or increased benefit to those whom he loved. He preached with incisive directness the plain truth of the gospel, but always with the high aim of adapting its message to the needs of men in common life. He was decided in his opinions, but not dogmatic. As an administrator he was firm, but not arbitrary. He won the trust of men by frankness and directness in dealing with them. He would not stoop to self-seeking, and was thus free from all sinister motives. He walked no devious way, but followed the straight course of right and truth. He kept in touch with the present, and his preaching was always practical, relating Christian truth to the common experiences of every day. He grew until the last in his insight into the significance of the character and service of Jesus Christ. His firm hold on essentials enabled him to look serenely upon everything that aids in the interpretation of the life of God in the life of men.

"Unpracticed he to fawn, or seek for power
By doctrines fashioned to the varying hour;
For other aims his heart had learned to prize,
More skilled to raise the wretched than to rise.
. . . . . .
As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

MRS. THOMAS LEE.

Mrs. Thomas Lee, the widow of the late Rev. Thomas Lee, of the Cincinnati Conference, after years of invalidism, is at rest. Her long life and her patient faith deserve more than ordinary emphasis. Her maiden name was Caroline Maria Langdon, and she was born at Redbank, Hamilton County, Ohio, December 28, 1826, and died at her home in Cincinnati, where she had resided since 1865, February 23, 1904, having but recently completed her seventy-seventh year. She inherited thus the one of the blessings promised in the Word, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation." Her father, Charles Langdon, was an exhorter for sixty years, and was one of the pioneers of Hamilton County. His father, Rev. John W. Langdon, was one of the founders of Methodism in Vermont. Abel Stevens, in his "History of the Methodist Episcopal

Church," tells of mobs who assailed this valiant man in his itinerant work in New England: "The ruffians cowered before the courage of Langdon, who was a gigantic and brave man." That was a hundred years ago. It was no wonder that the spirit and courage of that pioneer time were inherited by those who came afterwards. The home in which the daughter was trained was the Methodist itinerants' stopping-place—a home of hospitality, intelligence, and devotion. The impressions there made took root in her life in early years. She gave her heart to God in childhood, and was one of the first students to attend the Wesleyan Female College when it was organized in 1842. In May, 1853, she was married to Rev. Thomas Lee. As a Methodist pastor's wife she showed herself a woman of tact and devotion. Seven children were born to them; three are now living, and all were allowed to minister to her during the years of her retirement and suffering. For twelve years hers was an itinerant life; she supplemented her husband's labors and aided him by her work in the home to do his tasks outside of that refuge. From 1865 to his death in 1891 he carried on the work of the Union Bethel, in Cincinnati; since the latter date she has lived in quiet invalidism, deprived of the privileges of the sanctuary, but maintaining an intelligent interest in the progress of the kingdom of God, diligently reading the *Western Christian Advocate* and other papers, and manifesting to all by her example and testimony that she had a firm hold on the unseen world. Her dying testimony was fervent and clear, and she died in great peace. JESSE B. YOUNG.

MRS. T. E. FIDLER.

MRS. MARY RAYNOR FIDLER was born in Piqua, Ohio, April 4, 1833. She went to her reward May 2, 1904, from her late home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, at the ripe age of seventy-one years. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Raynor. Her parents were English people, having come to this country in early life. Her father and mother were both ministers in England in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and both preached with great acceptability. When her mother preached her first sermon she walked six miles, and preached with such power that six persons were converted. This mother was a true type of that character immortalized by the genius of George Eliot in the heroine of Adam Bede. Three of Mrs. Fidler's brothers were ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, one of whom, Rev. J. O. Raynor, was the first minister who ever preached the gospel in Alaska, and a very popular preacher in pioneer days on the Pacific Coast. One sister married one of the first missionaries—David A. Dryden, of the Ohio Conference, who was sent to California in 1849. Mrs. Fidler was one of eight children. There were four brothers—John, William, Joseph, and Jabez, and three sisters—Sallie Dryden, Elizabeth Blackleech, and Julia Taylor. She was a woman of studious habits, and after finishing her common school education, went to the Springfield Female College, where she graduated in 1857. She was then elected preceptress of the school, and held that position for two years. On Commencement-day of the second year of her service in the college, in the month of June, 1860, she was married to the Rev. T. E. Fidler, of the Cincinnati Conference, in the presence of the Senior class, in the High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, Ohio. To this union were born three children. A son—Thornton—died at the age of nine months. The eldest child—Will Frank—a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University, died at the age of twenty-five, leaving to them to comfort them in their declining years, Otho, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. Fidler was a devout Christian since her

twelfth year, when she was converted. Her life in the Church has been one of constant service. Her experience in Christ was rich; her devotion to the Church complete. As a minister's wife she has been honored and loved, and her service in this capacity has been of a high order of usefulness and blessing. For forty-four years she has walked along life's way with her companion. She was to him, who remains awhile on this side, a joy and a comfort, an inspiration and solace. The associations of earth have been severed, but the ties of love still hold. Though separated from human relations, yet still they are united in the triumphs of the faith of the Son of God.

MRS. J. E. H. SENTMAN.

SARAH H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Parcello, was born at Green Village, N. J., July 19, 1847, and in the same village, when but nine years of age, God called to her, she heard the call, accepted Christ as her Savior, was born again, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for forty-seven years was a faithful and devoted member of this branch of the Church militant; then God transferred her membership to the rolls of the Church triumphant.

On the ninth day of May, 1878, she became the bride of the Rev. Jacob E. H. Sentman. To them were born five children, all of whom, with the bereft husband and father survive to mourn the going from them of the devoted wife and mother.

For nearly a quarter of a century she walked with her devoted husband, being a true and faithful helper, sharing with him the joys and comforts, as well as the sorrows, trials, and anxieties incident to the itinerancy. She did faithful and efficient work for God. She was especially interested in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, doing splendid work in the various charges which her husband served. She loved her home. To her it was a sacred place. She loved the people of God, and was anxious for the salvation of the unsaved. The Church of Christ was exceedingly dear to her. Most sincerely could she sing:

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our dear Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end."

Two years ago they were compelled to retire from the ranks of the itinerancy, and located near Williamsburg, Ohio, where they hoped to spend some years pleasantly. They were soon thoroughly identified with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church there, and Sister Sentman became the devoted, successful, and much-loved teacher of the infant class in the Sunday-school. In December of 1903 her health began rapidly to fail, and she was soon confined to her home. From the first she seemed to realize that she could not recover. Her faith in Christ was firm. She knew that He is true to every promise. To her they were "exceeding great and precious promises." As the earth receded, heaven came nearer. When He called she was ready, and on the morning of May 14, 1904, she "was

not, for God had taken" her. Her life was a life of service for God, and might well be summarized in the following language:

"The consecrated cross I 'll bear
Till death shall set me free;
And then go home, my crown to wear
For there 's a crown for me."

The funeral services were held in the Williamsburg Methodist Episcopal Church, the pastor, Rev. J. D. Darling, officiating, assisted by the Revs. Dr. V. F. Brown, L. A. Washburn, W. H. Spybey, and J. W. Martin.

J. D. DARLING.

MRS. J. M. ROBINSON.

MARY MAHALA ROBINSON, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Ketteman, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, December 1, 1828. At about three years of age she came to Ohio with her parents, who settled in Green County, near Xenia. She was converted when fourteen years old, and confirmed as a member of the German Reformed Church. Later she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and on September 20, 1852, she was married to Rev. Jesse M. Robinson, an honored member of the Cincinnati Conference.

During the more than twenty-five years of the active ministerial life of her husband she faithfully and cheerfully performed the duties of a minister's wife. It was a serious matter, indeed, that could keep her away from any Church service. No weather was so disagreeable, no fatigue so great, no cares so numerous, as to keep her from the Sunday-school, the class and prayer meetings, or the preaching service. She filled her place, and filled it well. To Brother and Sister Robinson were given seven children, three daughters and four sons. Two sons died in childhood. The five remaining children have the precious memory of a consecrated father and a loving mother, to whose faithful training of their minds—during the long weeks of the winters when the husband and father was away from home engaged in winning souls for the Christ they both loved—do they owe very much.

During Mrs. Robinson's sickness not a murmur or complaint escaped her lips. In answer to inquiries as to her health or feelings, she was always "better." But at last the busy life came to an end, and after lingering for two weeks Mrs. Robinson peacefully passed to the better world from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hunter, in Mingo, Ohio, August 10, 1904. God had given her a life of seventy-five years, eight months, and ten days. Mrs. Robinson's body was laid to rest by the side of her husband and children in the cemetery at Xenia, Ohio, the burial services being conducted by the Rev. A. C. Turrell.

D. J. STARR.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED, FOR 1904.

PROVIDENCE has most graciously favored us during this year, so that it is with rejoicing we make report to the constituted authorities of Ohio Methodism, the Church that authorized the establishment of such a Home and after careful consideration approved of the plans submitted for its founding through its highest councils, the five Annual Conferences; also to all friends whom the merits of the cause have enlisted as its supporters.

Shoutings of praise would be perfectly in order in our Methodist camp over all that has been wrought through the blessing of God, to whom be everlasting thanksgiving and glory. Yet we have cause for anxiety—the task is not yet accomplished.

We had hoped to be occupying a part of our new buildings prior to this—that is to say, to have one-third of it completed by this time. However, through the generous co-operation of friends, whose names remain unknown for the present, the north pavilion is to rise simultaneously with the main central structure, so that over two-thirds of this superb series of buildings are in process of erection. It is estimated that it will cost fully $210,000 to finish these and properly furnish throughout, together with other necessary work to be done outside of the building. The retaining wall, 560 feet in length, constructed to widen the upper plateau of our grounds, where more level space was needed in front of the buildings, needs a stone wall three and one-half feet high thereon, all to be finished with Scotch coping; a suitable entrance to the grounds, flanked by the same kind of a stone wall, 200 feet in each direction; then the necessary grading, roadways, cement walks. If we now add the power-house, it will cost $220,000. Of this we have $113,500 in hand, and $62,000 definitely and reliably pledged, and confidently trust that just what has brought all this co-operation will enlist all needed help to complete, equip, and operate this much needed house of mercy.

One incident illustrates the interest that is being taken in our work. A venerable mother in Israel, over fourscore years of age, living in Northern Ohio, sent to us nearly six hundred dollars which she had earned by selling butter and eggs, a free-will offering unto the Lord for this purpose. Others able to help largely have voluntarily promised us to do so. It is the Lord's work, and we are making an honest, earnest effort to carry it forward in a way that He can continuously and abundantly bless, and we believe He will. Indeed, it is evident to those placed in charge of this Home that it is the purpose of Providence to crown with sucess our efforts to build, establish, and operate this retreat for homeless aged and infirm people.

The dormitories above the chapel and art hall, located on the first floor, consisting of apartments for sixty-six persons—fifty single rooms and eight double rooms, will be set apart for superannuated clergymen,

their wives or widows. These rooms, we trust, will all be endowed in time. Three thousand dollars will endow one in perpetuity, and the donor can name its occupant.

There has been some delay in the construction, and may be more. We waited, believing that the way would be opened for us to erect at least two-thirds thereof—if not the entire building—this year, which all thought would mean a saving of eight to ten per cent; but, alas! labor conditions are so uncertain that the contractors' bids were alarmingly high. Yet work is proceeding on the foundation of the north building. The walls for this and the main building will be raised simultaneously, and as speedily as is possible and consistent with good workmanship. However, these unfortunate conditions, for which we have no responsibility, may cause serious delay; indeed, are likely to do so.

The Building Committee appreciate that they are building for the centuries, so are arranging for a suitable and up-to-date fire-proof structure, one that will be safe, well adapted for the purpose designed, and worthy of the cause of our great Commonwealth and of the Christian Church. There will be no wood floors or stairways to burn. The roof will be of red tile and iron. In short, every possible effort will be put forth to make it a safe, convenient, sanitary, durable house, as commodious and comfortable as our funds make possible.

The Home will be equipped with elevators, a steam laundry, and other modern conveniences; indeed, everything that will lighten the work of the good deaconesses who will have the charge of the internal affairs of the Home. We will eliminate everything that creates fire risk, and carry our own insurance. It will be heated with steam and lighted with electricity, so no matches or fire will be needed except in the culinary department, wherein reigns a college-bred woman, from a fine family noted for their moral earnestness, caution, good sense, and practical wisdom. There is no place in this or any home where such gifts are needed or mean more. We thank God for such consecrated helpers. This suggests the fact that these love-inspired women, our good superintendent, Miss Myra A. Shepard, and all her efficient assistants, while able for some of life's highest duties, are ready for its humblest ones, simply because these need to be done, and well done. Difficult as the task is, they are contented and happy in their work. All of them have turned away from far larger financial compensations for these "labors of love." Their devotion ought to arouse the Church and all lovers of mankind to thoughtfulness concerning the claims of this Home and such co-operation as would make possible its largest usefulness, with its capaicty of 331 beds, which can be doubled by rear extensions, with no change to mar the façade of the building. This will be done as certainly as the Home ever measures up to its opportunity. We expected from the start the favor of God and great things of good men and women, both in and out of the Church, and have not been disappointed; hence our faith, both in God and in men, is stronger than ever, that because it ought to be done it will be done, if not on our present plan, then on a wiser one. For the need exists, and the Christ-Spirit, working in and through men, must minister, and sooner or later Christlike men and

women will see that this kind of work ought to be done. Then this Home will become what Dr. A. H. Norcross predicted, "a monumental charity;" also what Mr. McKinley asserted, "The most beautiful charity of our Church."

The superb site on a high elevation giving extended views seems better adapted to our purposes than ever, as the great foundations—82 x 138 feet—already laid, and the other—105 x 64 feet—being laid, stretch out upon its upper level. This has been widened by a fill behind a massive retaining wall, 560 feet long and twelve to six feet wide at the base, and from five to thirty-eight feet high.

From the upper parts of this building views will be had to every point of the compass as far as one's eye can carry. The building will be seen from every high elevation in Hamilton County.

We are most fortunate in having the very valuable services of Brother Samuel Hannaford, who "is one of us" in this matter. His interest, large experience, great ability as an architect and master builder will save us thousands of dollars in addition to the thousands in gratuitous service the firm of Samuel Hannaford & Sons, of Cincinnati, our architects, generously put into this noble structure. The sons are chips off the old block, and cheerfully join him in making this offering through Methodism to God and humanity.

The Home family are contented in their temporary quarters at Granville, Ohio; indeed, the Church and Pastor Gillilan have been so attentive, considerate, and helpful to the household, that they would be satisfied to remain there permanently.

Two have gone during this year to their eternal estate. Miss Sarah Taylor, at the age of eighty eight, a schoolteacher in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, for many years, of bright intellect and a strong will that brooked little opposition, which she gradually learned to bring into captivity to the will of Christ, for at the end her spirit became as that of a little child.

Miss Annie Clarissa Jefferies, nearly eighty years old, reared in one of the well-to-do families of Massillon, Ohio, into whose life came great reverses, which she bore meekly and without complaint. In her need she gratefully became the guest of her Church, and was highly appreciative during all her stay of this Christian retreat, and often wrote and spoke of the loving care given her in her long severe sickness—she was as helpless as an infant for many months.

At Christmas dinner, among other touching incidents this occurred: A lady of fourscore and four, whose home from childhood had been the retreat of itinerant preachers. The great men of our Zion were her guests in the years gone by, yet now she needs this Home just as much as if she had not brought enough for her care and keep. After the meal was over she arose and expressed her grateful appreciation of this Christian retreat, the loving ministries of the sisters whose devotion make it so, and closed with the statement that it was the happiest Christmas she had enjoyed since her husband died, twenty-four years ago.

A false rumor is abroad as to the amount of work done by inmates. While it is the rule, and ought forever to be, that every member of the

household have and cultivate the spirit of helpfulness, and do what he or she can to help, as a matter of fact, however, only twelve of them are able to do anything. Their ages average over eighty years. Three wipe the breakfast dishes, three at noon, and three at night; seven do their own ironing; only five wash their own things, and only two do so regularly; only seven sweep their own rooms. One helps prepare the vegetables for cooking. This is all the work that is wrought by the inmates. The table and bed linen is done at a laundry away from Home.

We quote the following from the Superintendent's recent report:

"All the religious services of the Church are brought to the Home family, and are marked by a high degree of spirituality. Very touching were the expressions of gratitude, at one of our communion services, from an old lady who came to us last spring. For seven years she had been unable, because of physical disability, to attend a Church service. With tears streaming down her face, she exclaimed over and over, 'Bless the Lord!'

"We are fortunate in having an earnest, consecrated corps of workers. Miss Anna L. Hawes, our nurse-deaconess, with years of experience in private and hospital nursing, is an exceptional woman. No task is too difficult or unpleasant for her. Cheerfully and without murmur she is ready to respond to every call by day or by night. For three and a half years this service has been given to the Home. Miss Jennie Shepard, with thirteen years' experience in institutional life, gives to the culinary department her best skill.

"Miss Ella M. Wright, the daughter and sister of prominent Methodist clergymen, who has been with us two years, is in charge of the office. Efficiency and accuracy in the details of her work constitute her a valuable helper."

As to the admission fee, our fixed policy is that each inmate shall be required to pay for benefits received in full or in part according to his or her ability. All our financial contracts with applicants will be on this basis. We must keep in mind the fact that neither the Church nor the benevolent public have any obligations to do for any applicant what that person can do for himself or herself. Every case will be considered on its own merits in all respects, hence the admission fee varies according to the finanical ability of the applicant, or of those who have a natural obligation to aid in his or her support, from $2.500 down to the minimum of $300, except in cases where an applicant be named to occupy an endowed room, which is free.

The Epworth Leagues have kept us well supplied with canned fruits and vegetables, for which co-operation we are very grateful. Let all understand, however, that we will need more next year.

Think of it! An average of ten cents apiece per year from Ohio Methodists will enable us to support two hundred worthy, aged, homeless men and women. Is this too great a burden to put on the Church? We answer, No! Let none get the idea that we do not need co-operation. The contrary is true, we greatly need your help. Observe O!d Folks' Day, and take a collection. Respectfully submitted.

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STANDING COMMITTEES, 1906.

Nominated by L. M. Davis, C. L. Chapman, J. F. H. Sentman, J. A. Story, P. Trout, J. L. Shively, F. G. Mitchell, J. F. McColm, A. T. Cowgill.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.—*Class* 1, H. C. Middleton, G. H. Smith, B. D. Hypes; *Class* 2, G. H. Dart, J. W. Patton, J. F. Laird; *Class* 3, W. A. Wiant, J. E. Beery, J. E. Abrams.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—*Class* 1, E. Burdsall, W. M. Patton, G. W. Vorhis; *Class* 2, G. S. Easton, A. L. Brokaw, J. W. Gaddis; *Class* 3, J. F. McColm, J. A. White, W. L. Y. Davis.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—*Class* 1, W. H. Wehrly, J. E. Abrams, L. M. Davis; *Class* 2, H. C. Weakley, R. H. Rust, M. LeSourd; *Class* 3, F. G. Mitchell, A. T. Cowgill, D. G. Latshaw.

EDUCATION.—*Class* 1, G. P. Benton, W. A. Deaton, C. M. Van Pelt; *Class* 2, J. A. Geissinger, C. E. Schenk, A. W. Leonard; *Class* 3, V. F. Brown, G. P. Austin, J. W. Peters.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES.—*Class* 1, O. L. Utter, S. G. Pollard, C. H. Haines; *Class* 2, J. Pearson, W. E. Cooper, W. J. Dunham; *Class* 3, W. A. Deaton, J. D. Darling, C. L. Chapman.

MEMOIRS.—To be nominated by Presiding Elders.

MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.—*Class* 1, M. LeSourd, C. W. Elliott, T. W. Salt; *Class* 2, F. G. Mitchell, S. B. Smith, C. M. Van Pelt; *Class* 3, W. A. Robinson, W. H. Wehrly, M. B. Fuller.

NOMINATIONS.—*Class* 1, J. A. Story, P Trout, C. Wones; *Class* 2, F. G. Mitchell, A. T. Cowgill, J. F. McColm; *Class* 3, J. S. Pumphrey, S. W. Bell, C. L. Conger.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—H. D. Ketcham, W. A. Wiant.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—*Class* 1, H. C. Weakley, J. E. Thomas, F. C. English; *Class* 2, W. H. Spybey, J. D. Darling, J. A. Easton; *Class* 3, C. P. Pumphrey, F. M. Kirgan, J. F. Chenoweth.

REFORMS.—*Class* 1, A. B. Leonard, C. L. Conger, R. J. Wyckoff; *Class* 2, J. E. H. Sentman, A. B. Austin, C. W. Sullivan; *Class* , J. A. Story, H. C. Jameson, J. B. Young.

RESOLUTIONS.—*Class* 1, J. E. H. Sentman, H. A. M. Henderson, E. H. Cherrington; *Class* 2, A. D. Maddox, J. H. Lease, J. S. Ruggles; *Class* 3, W. P. Thirkield, C. L. Myers, E. M. Ellsworth.

WOMAN'S WORK.—*Class* 1, R. J. Wyckoff, J. A. Easton, H. G. Curless; *Class* 2, J. P. Gilliland, J. R. Hill, R. S. McColm; *Class* 3, J. B. Young, J. L. Dalby, S. A. Stephan.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.—*Class* 1, S. W. Bell, S. W. Campbell, John Phillips; *Class* 2, C. C. Peale, W. E. Putt, H. E. Armacost; *Class* 3, J. L. Duckwall, E. W. Serl, J. R. Colley.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. THE **elective officers** of the Conference shall be chosen annually by such method as the Conference may adopt, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

2. After the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor.**

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order,** and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division,** upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors,** unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question,** and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman,** unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

15. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence.**

16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes,** upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question,** or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes,** to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The Presiding Elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial,** and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

25. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1905.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

	MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.	
1844	Richard S. Rust,	P.	1872	Lafayette Young,	.....
1845	William H. Sutherland,	P.	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.
1848	Samuel B. Smith,	P.	"	William M. West,	.....
1850	James T. Bail,	P.	"	James E. Gilbert,	.....
1851	Milton P. Zink,	.....	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.
1856	John Vance,	P.	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.
1857	George M. Edgar,	P.	1876	William J. Baker,	P.
"	William N. Maxey,*	.....	"	John H. Davis,	.....
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	John A. Easton,	P.
1858	Evan P. James,	P.	"	John W. Gaddis,	P.
"	George H. Dart,	P.	"	James F. McColm,	P.
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	George M. Hammell,	P.
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	"	John C. Eckles,	P.
"	John G. Black,	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	.....
"	William K. Brown,	P.	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
1860	John M. Walden,†	P.	"	James S. Ruggles,	.....
"	John H. Lease,	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	"	James W. Bashford,†	.....
"	George W. Fee,*	....	"	Davis W. Clark	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	P.	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
"	Isaac W. Joyce,†*	.....	"	Charles W. Rishell,	.....
1862	Thomas J. Harris,	.....	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.
"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	"	John A. White,	P.
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	"	John A. Story,	P.
1865	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	"	Eugene P. Edmonds,	P.
"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	1880	David A. McColm,*	.....
"	William W. Ramsay,	.....	"	Charles L. Conger,	P.
1866	John F. Hull,	.....	"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	.....
"	James P. Porter,*	.....	1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.
1867	William P. Jackson,	.....	"	Benjamin. D. Hypes,	P.
"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.	"	Edward T. Lane,	P.
"	John Pearson,	P.	"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.
1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	P.
"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.	1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.
"	John W. Peters,	P.	"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	.....
"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.	"	Charles H. Haines.	P.
1869	Edward T. Wells,	....	1883	Charles W. Barnes,‡	.....
"	Carey T. Crum,	P.	"	Marion LeSourd,	P.
"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.	"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.	"	George S. Easton,	P.
"	Richard H. Rust,	P.	1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
"	Jesse B. Young,	P.	"	James L. Glascock,	.....
1871	Seren N. Marsh,	....	"	John J. McCabe,‡	.....
1871	William A. Robinson,	P.	"	Creighton Wones,	P.
"	Charles W. Blodgett,¶	P.	"	John G. Vaughan,	P.
1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.	1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.
"	John Wilson,	P.	"	John L. Dalbey,	P.
1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.	"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.
"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.	"	Willis A. Cooper,	P.
"	Charles J. Wells,	.....	1886	George M. Fulton,	P.

* Deceased.
† Honorary members.
‡ Transferred to the Central Ohio Conference.
¶ Transferred to the Pittsburg Conference.

	MEMBERS.	
1886	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.
"	Thomas W. Salt,	P.
"	Henry C. Jameson,	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.
"	Edward J. Moore,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.
"	William B. Brown,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.
"	Charles Hartley,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.
"	John H. McNary,‡	.....
"	Elmer E. Powell,	.....
1891	James E. Abrams,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.
"	James E. McGee,	P.
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.
"	John P. Ninde,	P.
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.
"	James R. Hill,	P.
"	William E. Spurrier,	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.
"	Philip Trout,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.
"	William H. Spybey,	P.
"	William E. Putt,	P.
"	James P. Gilliland,	P.
"	Herbert Welch,	P.
"	Walter D. Cole,	.....
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.
"	William M. Coffman,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.
"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	Albert C. Turrell,*	.....
"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
"	John E. Beery,	P.
"	Alvin K. Stabler,	P.
"	John Phillips,	P.
1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	James D. Darling,	P.

	MEMBERS.	
1894	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.
"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
"	William M. Patton,	P.
"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	William C. Mitchell	P.
"	John E. Thomas,	P.
"	George R. Frenger,	P.
"	James S. Young,	P.
1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,	.....
"	George H. Smith,	P.
"	Harrison H. Compton,	P.
1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	William D. English,	P.
"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
1898	James A. Geissinger,	P.
"	Charles W. Sullivan,	P.
1899	Howard L. Torbet,	.....
"	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
"	William F. Martin,	P.
1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	P.
"	Samuel A. Keen	P.
"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
1902	George Gable,	P.
1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
"	John F. Chenoweth,	P.
"	Asa J. Kestle,	P.
"	William W. Reeves,‖	.....
"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
"	Hugh C. Scudday,	P.
"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.
1904	James M. Bailey,	P.
"	Wm. E. Verity,	P.
"	Jacob J. Hawk,	P.
1905	Fred. J. Reinbarth,	P.
"	William T. Gilliland,	P.
"	Lewis O. Hartman,	P.
"	J. R. Troxell,	.....

*Deceased. ‖Located.

‡Transferred to the North Indiana Conference.

Earl Cranston

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, *September* 6, 1905.

BISHOP EARL CRANSTON, D. D., called the Cincinnati Annual Conference to order at nine o'clock this morning in the High Street Church of this city for its fifty-fourth session. He read, for a Scripture lesson, St. Matthew, twenty-sixth chapter, thirty-sixth verse, and following. The 839th hymn was sung and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large congregation.

A. D. Maddox preached the Memorial Sermon from the text, "Friend, go up higher," Luke xiv, 10.

The Secretary of the Conference called the names of the deceased members as follows: Wm. N. Maxey, Geo. W. Fee, Bishop Isaac Wilson Joyce (Honorary), D. A. McColm, J. P. Porter, and A. C. Turrell. The memoir of Wm. N. Maxey was read by C. W. Briggs; those of Geo. W. Fee and J. P. Porter by J. F. McColm; that of D. A. McColm by Geo. W. Dubois, and of A. C. Turrell by W. A. Deaton. A. B. Leonard was appointed to prepare for the Minutes a suitable note upon the death of Bishop Isaac Wilson Joyce.

On motion of H. C. Weakley, the following paper was adopted and ordered printed in the Journal:

WHEREAS, Our Church at Jamestown requested the return of Rev. James P. Porter, D. D., as their pastor for two consecutive years, knowing that his vital forces were failing and that consequently he could only render partial service; and

WHEREAS, They rallied to his support in every way, until he was called to his reward, rendering him all possible aid in the work of the Church during this period: also gracious ministries during his sickness, that awakened tenderest and profoundest gratitude in his heart, and hearty expression of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, hereby express our grateful appreciation of their brotherly treatment of our beloved brother, Doctor Porter,

and assure them that they have a new place in our hearts because of this kindness, and assure them that special prayers shall be offered for their spiritual welfare, that this Church may speedily come to its largest usefulness and power.

H. C. WEAKLEY, R. E. SMITH,
DAVIS W. CLARK, C. H. HAINES.

D. W. Clark offered the following paper respecting the late A. C. Turrell, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes:

As associates of the late Albert C. Turrell, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, the members of the Cabinet of the Cincinnati Conference, at the first meeting subsequent to his lamented death, desire to make the following minute:

His appointment gave us the greatest possible satisfaction. We anticipated with pleasure the intimate relations which we would sustain to him, and which are incident to our office. We find the duties of his first six months discharged with ability and fidelity, and the work of the balance of the year scheduled with systematic care. Sympathetic appreciation of his brethren and sincere desire to improve their conditions, plans to advance the general denominational causes, as well as the interests of the Churches of his district, characterized his brief but vigorous administration. The cheerful sustaining of these burdens, while a fatal malady, known only to himself, was making its inroads, appeals to us as courageous in the highest degree. We commend for study and imitation the character of this industrious, heroic, and consecrated minister. We acknowledge our own sense of personal bereavement in his all-to-early death.

(Signed,) DAVIS W. CLARK, ALBERT N. SPAHR,
HERBER D. KETCHAM, GEORGE W. DUBOIS.

The Memoir of Mrs. W. A. Wiant, was presented by H. D. Ketcham; that of Mrs. W. H. Meredith by J. A. Story; and that of Mrs. L. M. Davis by S. O. Royal. The Memoir of Mrs. D. H. Sargeant, was ordered prepared, and printed in the Minutes without reading.

The Secretary resumed the roll call and one hundred and forty-six responded to their names.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, Stanley O. Royal was continued as Secretary by acclamation, with the privilege of naming his assistants, and the following assistants were selected: V. F. Brown, C. C. Peale, J. R. Colley, and C. L. Conger.

G. M. Hammell was re-elected Statistical Secretary. C. W. Horn was re-elected Conference Treasurer, and on his nomination the following were elected assistants: W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, and L. A. Washburn.

Upon motion, the printed program as prepared by the Committee on Public Worship was adopted as the order of the Conference, subject to such changes as may be necessary from time to time.

By motion of D. J. Starr, the bar of the Conference was fixed at the second window from the front of the audience-room.

It was agreed, by motion, that when we adjourn, it be to hold a Conference session at two o'clock, the first half-hour to be a Statistical Session, following which would be the semi-centennial sermon of Dr. H. A. M. Henderson.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and a member of the New York East Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

A. B. Leonard moved, and it prevailed, that this Conference requests the Rev. Herbert Welch, D. D., President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, to transfer his membership to the Cincinnati Conference. On motion of D. W. Clark, a Committee was appointed to give Dr. Welch a formal invitation to become a member of this body, said Committee to consist of A. B. Leonard and the Presiding Elders. (See page 155.)

The Bishop addressed the Conference briefly respecting the work in hand, after which the session adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

AFTERNOON.

THE Conference met at two o'clock with the Bishop in the chair, and conducting the devotional services. S. B. Smith led in prayer.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees was authorized to fill all vacancies, and the list of Committees was called, and necessary changes were noted.

The list of charges was called, and the pastors present reported their collections and statistics.

Dr. Howard Henderson preached a highly interesting semi-centennial sermon, according to the request of the Conference last year. (For action concerning the publishing of the sermon see page 160. Editor.)

The Bishop called the THIRTEENTH QUESTION, "*Has the Character of each preacher been examined?*" D. Lee Aultman, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, presented his report. (See page 191.)

W. D. Parr, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and made a very effective appeal for the Society.

A. N. Spahr, Presiding Elder of the Milford District, read his report. (See page 196.)

The Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, G. W. Dubois, presented the report for his district. (See page 200.)

Announcements were made, and the session adjourned with the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *September* 7, 1905.

AT half-past eight this morning the Conference opened with devotional services, in which Bishop Cranston led. Bishop Thoburn was introduced, and made an impressive address concerning missionary work in India.

The journal of the morning and of the afternoon sessions was read and approved. The charges whose statistical reports were not yet handed in were called by the Secretary of Statistics.

Numerous papers presented by the Bishop were distributed to the proper Committees.

The THIRTEENTH QUESTION was resumed, and Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, presented his report. (See page 185.) The Bishop called the list of Effective Elders in charge for the passage of character, and for their reports of collections upon the Hillsboro, Milford, and Springfield Districts.

DIVIDENDS.—The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to draw upon the Book Concern for the sum of Fourteen hundred and forty-seven dollars, ($1,447.00), Book Concern dividends, for Conference Claimants; also upon the Chartered Fund for Twenty-two dollars, ($22.00) for the same purpose, and the drafts were ordered.

A communication concerning the Episcopal Fund announcing Twenty-one hundred and Sixty-two dollars, ($2,162.00), as the

apportionment for this Conference was presented, and the amount was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution among the charges.

A communication from the Agents of the Book Concern, reporting the condition of the business under their care, was presented. It was read in part, and referred to the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts.

U. G. Humphrey briefly addressed the Conference concerning the work of the Anti-saloon League in the State of Indiana, which has been under his superintendency for the past year. He was excused from attendance for the remainder of the session.

D. W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, read his report. He then introduced the following paper, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, In May, 1908, it will be more than a quarter of a century since the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the city of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is the representative city of a wide and densely populated territory, commonly called the Ohio Valley, and to which it is said that thirteen States are tributary; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is unsurpassed in railroad, hall, and hostelry facilities, making it pre-eminently a Convention city; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is an important center of our denominational interests, being the seat of our Western Publishing-house, the birthplace of German Methodism, the headquarters of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is confessedly a key situation in the mooted matter of organic union with the Church South; and

WHEREAS, The coming of the General Conference to Cincinnati is enthusiastically desired, not only by our own communicants, but by various civic and mercantile organizations, and the population at large, who will generously aid in the Guarantee Fund; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church does hereby unanimously join and concur in the invitation, and urgently entreats the Commission on Location of the Next General Conference, in view of the matters herein recited, to name Cincinnati as its seat.

The Effective Elders of the Cincinnati and Dayton Districts were then called, the character of each passed, and their collections were reported.

H. D. Ketcham presented the requests of R. E. Smith and G. L. Travis for Superannuation. The request was granted, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to consider their claims.

W. P. Thirkield made a brief address concerning the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and, upon his request, was excused from attendance after to-day, on account of the pressing demands of his official work.

Rev. Frank L. Hart, representing the Board of Church Insurance, was introduced and represented the work under his care. On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to consider the question of Church Insurance: Committee, G. H. Dart, J. W. Peters, and Frank G. Mitchell.

The following visitors were introduced: Lucien Clark, E. S. Lewis, and W. H. Lewis, of the Ohio Conference; T. L. Ferguson and T. L. Wilson, of the Lexington Conference; P. J. Albright, of the North Indiana Conference; U. P. C. Morrison, of the Mississippi Conference; John R. Shannon, of the New England Conference, and W. J. Shuey, of the United Brethren Church.

D. W. Clark presented the request of Edward McHugh for a change of relation from Supernumarary to Superannuated. The request was granted, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to consider his claims.

The TWENTY-SECOND QUESTION was taken up: "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" The following were continued in the same relation: E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, I. R. Marshall, Chas. Hartley, W. G. Warner, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, and E. L. Hollingsworth.

THE TWENTY-THIRD QUESTION was called: "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" The following were continued in the same relation: S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, W. H. Sutherland, J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Wells, C. H. Kalbfus, J. McK. Schultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, and W. W. Ramsay.

J. E. H. Sentman was given an Effective relation.

H. G. Scudday was excused from futher attendance on the sessions.

The Committee on Nominations offered names for the filling of vacancies on the Standing Committees, and they were confirmed.

Announcements were made. A. B. Leonard was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning, and the session adjourned with the benediction by J. G. Black.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *September* 8, 1905.

The Conference met at half-past eight this morning for devotional services, under direction of A. B. Leonard. At nine o'clock, Bishop Cranston took the chair, and the journal of Thursday was read and approved.

The FIRST QUESTION was called: "*Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*" and the following transfers were announced: James E. McGee, from the Virginia; Harrison H. Compton, from the North Indiana; George Gable, from the Puget Sound; Charles W. Sullivan, from Central Ohio; George H. Pettingill, a Probationer of the First Year, from Troy Conference; and William F. Martin, from the St. Louis Conference.

The FIFTH QUESTION was called: "*Who have been Continued on Trial?*" The Examining Committee was heard, the representation of the Elders was given, and Jesse Lee Corley, Bert E. Smith, Clark L. Gowdy, Purdy L. VanWicklen, Edgar S. Jackson, and Herbert R. Whiting, and Benjamin H. Lewis were continued on Trial in the Studies of the Second Year. William F. Clark was continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year. Edgar S. Jackson, William F. Clark, and Herbert R. Whiting are to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

George F. Barber, Wm. L. Boicourt, Geo. W. Keen, and Dudley Matthews were passed in their studies, and continued on Trial in the Studies of the Fourth Year. Edward L. Lutterman was discontinued at his own request.

The NINTH QUESTION was called: "*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*" James M. Bailey and Wm. E. Verity reported their collections and were passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year. Asa J. Kestle was passed in all his studies,

elected to Elder's Orders, and left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

The SIXTEENTH QUESTION was asked: "*Who have been Located at their own Request?*" and W. W. Reeves was granted a Location.

The Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Questions were called, and no personal notations were made.

Rev. Dr. Herbert Welch, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, was introduced. A. B. Leonard introduced the following which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

In view of the election of the Rev. Dr. Herbert Welch as President of the Ohio Wesleyan University; and

Further, in view of the fact that his predecessors in the office, Bishop Bashford and the lamented Dr. Charles H. Payne, were honored members of this body; and

Further, that while other patronizing Ohio Conferences each has one or more members of the University Faculty upon its roll, the Cincinnati Conference has none; therefore,

Resolved, That we fraternally and unanimously invite Doctor Welch to become a member of this Conference, and to this end respectfully request the Presiding Bishop to effect the transfer; and, further,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves, individually and as a Conference, to co-operate with the new incumbent of the Presidency, in such ways as he may indicate, to turn money, students, and friends toward the Ohio Wesleyan, already easily our greatest educational foundation in this commonwealth.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, JOHN A. STORY, A. N. SPAHR,
C. E. SCHENK, A. B. LEONARD, D. LEE AULTMAN,
M. LE SOURD, DAVIS W. CLARK, G. W. DUBOIS.
J. E. MCGEE, HEBER D. KETCHAM.

Bishop Cranston then announced the transfer of Dr. Welch to the Cincinnati Conference from the New York East.

Introductions.—Rev. Robb Zaring, Assistant Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate;* W. E. Pryor, of the Ohio Con-Conference; Willis A. Cooper and George Gable, recent transfers to this Conference; C. W. Barnes, of the Central Ohio Conference; Drs. Randall and H. M. Kellogg, of the Northeast Indiana Conference, and Edward A. Ganster, of the Indiana Conference, were introduced.

A series of very interesting addresses was then enjoyed.

The Rev. A. E. Smith, D. D., President of the North Ohio University, was introduced, and interestingly addressed the Conference regarding the institution under his care.

W. A. Robinson addressed the Conference respecting the work of Christ Hospital, of which he is the Superintendent. Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President of the Miami University, briefly spoke regarding the work of that State College; also Frank C. English, President of Moore's Hill College told of the institution under his care.

Clifford Price, of the Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference, and invited a settlement of accounts.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society was presented, and forcibly addressed the Conference upon the great work of that Society.

John Pearson, District Agent of the American Bible Society, represented the work of that Society in a brief address.

Dr. I. D. Jones, President of the Cincinnati Missionary Society, was introduced, and spoke of the work being done by that organization.

The THIRTIETH QUESTION: "*Where shall the next Conference be held?*" was taken up. W. A. Wiant presented an invitation from the Eaton Church, and, upon motion it was accepted by a unanimous rising vote.

The following paper was presented by W. A. Robinson, and adopted:

Resolved, That, at the first Quarterly Conference, in preparing the Committees for the year in all our charges, we will see that a committee of three is nomiuated on "Christ Hospital."

W. A. ROBINSON, GERVAISE ROUGHTON,
JESSE B. YOUNG, G. W. DUBOIS.

Upon motion of W. A. Robinson, a Committee of three upon Lakeside, was constituted as follows: Frank G. Mitchell, J. S. Pumphrey, and C. C. Peale.

The Statistical Secretary announced that the gain in membership for the year was, in full members, 1,611; in probationers, 331. Total, 1,942.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Dr. H. M. Kellogg.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September* 9, 1905.

DR. HERBERT WELCH conducted the devotional services this morning, beginning at half-past eight. At nine o'clock, Bishop Cranston took the chair, and the journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by C. E. Schenk. Dr. Welch, the President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, addressed the Conference. The report was then adopted, and the nominations offered by the Committee were approved.

Dr. Levi Gilbert, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and spoke concerning the work of the *Advocate*.

Dr. H. C. Jennings, Agent of the Western Book Concern, was introduced, and spoke concerning the Church publications, and especially with regard to the new Hymnal.

The preliminary report of the Conference Stewards was read.

On motion of John Pearson, the Committee on Public Worship Program for next year was directed to arrange for a semi-centennial sermon by Edward McHugh.

On motion, the Conference Stewards were authorized to make monthly payments in the cases of certain Conference claimants.

Dr. Joseph Clark, of the State Sunday-school Association, was introduced, and spoke concerning that work.

Dr. A. P. George, representative of the Sunday-school Union, was introduced, and spoke briefly.

John Pearson presented the following paper, and it was adopted:

That the Committee on Program for the next session of this Conference be instructed to appoint a convenient hour for the presentation of the work of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, and the Consecration of Deaconesses. JNO. PEARSON.

Bishop Cranston called THE SEVENTH QUESTION: "*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*" The following names were called: Fred J. Reinbarth, Wm. T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, and Lewis O. Hartman. The Bishop then addressed

the class and congregation upon the responsibilities and work of the ministry. The candidates were reported by the Presiding Elders and Examiners, and were admitted into Full Connection.

Wm. T. Gilliland and Jacob J. Hawk were elected to Deacons' Orders. Lewis O. Hartman was elected to Elder's Orders, and passed in all the studies. John J. Giblin and Charles J. Moore were continued on Trial and were left without appointment to attend school. George H. Pettingill was continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

The ELEVENTH QUESTION: "*What Local Preachers have been Elected to Deacons' Orders?*" was called. Thomas S. King, recommended by the First Church, North Side, and Henry A. Faber, recommended by the Madison Avenue Quarterly Conference, were represented by the Elders and the Examining Committee, and elected to Deacons' Orders.

Norman O. Sweat, Jesse L. Corley, and Herbert R. Whiting were recommended by the Examiners, and elected to Deacons' Orders under the Seminary Rule.

The report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest was presented by John Pearson, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 243.)

A session was ordered for the afternoon at three o'clock, and Dr. A. B. Leonard was appointed to preside.

On motion of H. D. Ketcham, J. T. Bail and F. G. Mitchell were elected Conference Trustees, their term to expire in 1908, and C. M. VanPelt a Conference Trustee to succeed J. P. Porter, deceased, term expiring in 1906.

The session closed with the benediction by Bishop Cranston.

AFTERNOON.

AT three o'clock this afternoon, by appointment of the Bishop, A. B. Leonard called the Conference to order for the hearing of reports. The following reports were presented, adopted, and ordered published. That of the Publishing Committee by the Secretary, Sunday-school Union by W. C. Mitchell, and the Tract Society by W. B. Brown. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by O. M. Sellers. After an hour's discussion the report was divided, upon the call of D. J.

Starr, and all except the eighth item was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Item Eight, on motion of F. G. Mitchell, was amended by the addition of a certain part of the General Conference action concerning Temperance as found in the Discipline, and was then adopted with a single dissenting vote. The report as a whole was then adopted. (See page 239.)

On motion, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. A. Robinson.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, *September* 11, 1905.

THE devotional services were conducted this morning by W. J. Baker, and at nine o'clock Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The Minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the transfer of C. W. Blodgett to the Pittsburg Conference. Dr. Blodgett then made a few remarks expressive of his pleasant relations to this Conference. The transfer of Walter D. Cole from the Northwest Indiana Conference was also announced.

The nominations of the Bishop and the Cabinet for Triers of Appeals, Missionary Sermon, Memorial Sermon, for the Officers of the Conference Church Extension Society, the Boards for Church Location, and for the Home for the Aged, were made, and they were all confirmed. (See pages 140, 142.) Nominations for the Board of Control for Deaconess Work was referred back to the Presiding Elders for further consideration.

A. B. Leonard offered the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of Dr. Henderson to publish a volume of sermons at an early day; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request Dr. Henderson to bring out the volume at as early a day as may be practicable, and to include in the same his Semi-centennial Sermon delivered before our Conference at this session, and we do hereby pledge ourselves to do what we can to promote the widest possible circulation of the volume.

W. F. Anderson, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and made brief remarks concerning the work of that Board.

The following, offered by Dr. Leonard, was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Dr. R. S. Rust, who has been a member of the Cincinnati Conference since 1858, and is now the bearer of our Conference Cane, will be ninety years of age September 12, 1905; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we congratulate our venerable brother upon having attained to so great age, and that, although his natural strength is somewhat abated, his eye is still clear and his spirit youthful.

2. We rejoice in the great service he has rendered the Church of Christ, by his bold, aggressive, heroic opposition to human slavery in his early years, and his helpful service rendered to the negro race in later years, as the Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

3. We hope God may still lengthen his days until he shall round out a full century of service on earth ere he joins the triumphant host in the country where age does not bring infirmity.

A. B. LEONARD, C. W. BLODGETT.

Dr. R. S. Rust, our Conference veteran, with strong voice and with glowing enthusiasm, made a most vigorous address.

The plan for memorial services next year, as outlined in the following paper, was presented by H. D. Ketcham, and was adopted:

We hereby express our approval of the plan for the memorial service observed upon the opening day of the Conference; viz., of having a memorial sermon, not to exceed thirty minutes, following the Sacrament on the opening day of the Conference Session, accompanied by three-minute memoirs of those who have died during the year, with the fuller memoirs printed in the Conference Minutes.

A suggestion from the Cabinet, concerning the Consolidation of our numerous Standing Committees, was presented. It was adopted, and the Committee on Nominations was instructed to prepare their report in conformity with this plan. (See page 142.)

Carey T. Crum requested the Conference to grant him a Superannuate relation. On the motion of his Presiding Elder, A. N. Spahr, the request was granted, and the Board of Stewards was directed to consider his claims. An expression of brotherly appreciation was given him in a collection which amounted to fifty-four dollars.

The FOURTH QUESTION was called: "*Who have been received on Trial?*" The recommendations of Howard E. Ganster, from the Franklin Park Quarterly Conference, Rock River Conference;

of Alfred Taylor, from the Tremont City Quarterly Conference, were presented, and they were admitted on Trial; Norman O. Sweat being duly recommended by the Port Union Quarterly Conference, was admitted on Trial in the Studies of the Third Year.

H. H. Compton and C. W. Sullivan, recent transfers to this Conference, were introduced. J. W. Magruder, and B. F. Dimmick, former members of this Conference, were introduced, and received hearty greetings from their former friends.

On motion, the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint three Conference Evangelists.

Bishop Cranston called A. B. Leonard to the chair.

The following concerning reports of old indebtedness was offered by V. F. Brown, and was adopted:

WHEREAS, The design of our published Minutes is to give the Church at large accurate information regarding the condition of each Church within our bounds; and

WHEREAS, At the present time there appears to be lack of uniformity among the pastors in preparing their Statistical Reports, thereby causing confusion in the minds of many; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference requests the pastors to use the greatest care possible in preparing their reports; and that in the Statistical Table No. 3, in reporting the indebtedness on the property, said indebtedness, even though covered by subscription, shall be reported as indebtedness; or if this be not done, then no credits shall be recorded in the years following of amount paid on "old indebtedness."

F. G. MITCHELL, A. B. LEONARD,
V. F. BROWN, D. L. AULTMAN,
J. G. VAUGHAN, S. O. ROYAL.
J. E. ABRAMS.

A paper, numerously signed by the laymen of the Church, was presented by D. W. Clark, and as it was defensive of the character of one of our members who had been anonymously maligned, it was accepted by the Conference, and ordered placed on file with the Secretary.

The roll was called for subscriptions for Conference Minutes.

The report of the Committee on Lakeside was offered by F. G. Mitchell, and it was adopted, and ordered printed (see page 228).

The Conference Treasurer, C. W. Horn, made his report, and it was adopted, and was ordered printed (see page 208).

Dr. J. C. Floyd, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced, and spoke a brief word to the Conference.

The Standing Committees were called in alphabetical order for the reading of their reports. The following were adopted and ordered printed:

On the American Bible Society, read by J. D. Darling; of the Auditing Committee, read by J. F. Laird (see page 219); on Church Extension, read by S. G. Pollard (see page 219); on Epworth League, by H. A. Armacost (see page 226); on Freedmen's Aid Society (see page 227); on Missions, by J. R. Hill (see page 233); on Public Morals, by J. B. Young (see page 235).

The reader of the report on Public Morals offered an addition to the report, which was accepted by a count vote of 57 to 16.

It was agreed by vote to adjourn to meet this afternoon at half past one o'clock.

The benediction was pronounced by A. B. Leonard.

AFTERNOON.

THE afternoon session was called to order by Dr. Leonard, at the appointment of Bishop Cranston. L. M. Davis led the devotions.

The following reports of Standing Committees were read, and adopted:

On Sabbath Observance, read by D. J. Starr (see page 237); on Church Insurance, by the Secretary (see page 220); on Periodicals and Book Accounts, by J. E. Abrams (see page 234); on Parsonages, by S. A. Stephan (see page 234).

The Board of Stewards offered their report, and they were permitted to print without reading, and to make private distribution of the funds.

E. S. Gaddis, Financial Agent for the Epworth Heights Camp-meeting, made a few remarks concerning the hopeful outlook for that camp-ground.

On motion of Gervaise Roughton, the report of the Committee on Deaconess Work was ordered printed without reading, and the recommendations therein contained were confirmed.

On motion of G. S. Easton, a collection amounting to $16 was taken for the Sexton of the High Street Church.

The report of the Treasurer of the Preachers' Relief Society

was offered for printing in the Minutes, and leave was given to print.

D. W. Clark offered the following, and it was adopted:

Announcement of the Southern Ohio Missionary Institute, to be held in St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, September 18-20, 1905, has been placed in the hands of the members of this Conference.

In view of the importance of this enterprise, and the definite purpose of the Institute, which is to quicken and enrich the spiritual life of all who are in attendance, to bring a clearer vision of the world field, to definitely define and vitalize the personal relationship of young people to the missionary movement, to emphasize the place and importance of definite, persistent, and prevailing prayer, to encourage intelligent and systematic benevolence, to give practical methods for the use of leaders in their work in the home Church, and to prepare the delegates for more effective spiritual leadership in Christian service and missionary enterprises; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Conference expresses its hearty approval of the movement. Further be it

Resolued, That, as individual members of this Conference, we pledge our enthusiastic indorsement, our generous co-operation, and our fervent prayers; and be it further

Resolved, That, as far as possible, the members of this Conference will register as delegates and attend the Institute, and that earnest and faithful effort shall be made to secure a delegation of from three to five from the leaders in the work of the local Church, so that, in their life and through them in the life of the Church, the purpose of the Institute may be accomplished.

DAVIS W. CLARK, C. W. BLODGETT,
H. C. WEAKLEY, JESSE B. YOUNG,
G. W. DUBOIS, A. N. SPAHR,
HEBER D. KETCHAM, D. LEE AULTMAN.

Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The work of the Home for the Aged was presented by H. C. Weakley in an earnest and short address, and he was permitted to print a full statement of this work in the Minutes.

The report of the Deaconess Board not being in hand, John Pearson moved that this Conference approve the character and labors of the deaconesses therein recommended, and that the Secretary of the Board furnish for publication in the Minutes a copy of their report. This motion was adopted.

The Secretary of the Conference was also authorized to sign such licenses as the Board recommended. (For list of deaconsses see page 176.)

For Deaconess Board for next year the following nominations were accepted and confirmed: To serve three years, James

N. Gamble, E. L. McLean, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc; to serve two years, Rev. John A. Story, Robert Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Walden.

The Bishop was requested to make the following appointments: Guy P. Benton, President, and Arthur Powell, Professor, in the Miami University.

The following resolution was offered by A. B. Leonard, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Conference, at its late session, approved of the celebration of the India Jubilee, and of taking a special offering in all our Churches and Sunday-schools to be used in the great India Field; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thoburn desires the services of Rev. J. G. Vaughan to aid in representing the Jubilee Fund; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will observe the day that may be designated by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, by presenting the claims of our work in India, Malaysia, and the Philippine Islands, and take offerings in our congregations and Sunday-schools, and forward the same to the Treasurers of the Missionary Society;

2. That we request our Presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. J. G. Vaughan to assist in presenting the India Jubilee movement to our people.

A. B. LEONARD, H. D. KETCHAM.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Arthur Powell from the Italy Conference, and of J. R. Troxell from the St. John's River Conference.

The Ordination Certificates were presented for record as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies, *That on September 10, 1905, in Springfield, Ohio, I ordained Jacob J. Hawk, Fred J. Reinbarth, William T. Gilliland, Thomas S. King, and Henry A. Faber* DEACONS; *and on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Lewis O. Hartman and Asa J. Kestle* ELDERS, *according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Springfield, Ohio, September 11, 1905.

Earl Cranston

Bishop.

On motion of D. W. Clark, S. A. Keen was granted a Supernumerary relation.

H. A. M. Henderson, Secretary of the Committee on Resolutions, read a characteristic report, and the several items were adopted. (See page 236.)

The following paper from the cabinet was read by D. W. Clark, and was ordered spread upon the journal.

The members of the Cabinet of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, on the eve of adjournment, desire to place upon record a minute concerning the administration of Bishop Cranston as President of the Conference.

Our unanimous sentiment, cordially expressed, is based upon the intimate relations which are incident to our office. We affirm that, in the number of hours given to Cabinet sessions, the hearings accorded both to laymen and ministers, the careful examination of the interests of pastors and Churches, the presidency of Bishop Cranston has not been surpassed by any of his distinguished predecessors in this office.

On motion of D. W. Clark, the Bishop was requested to appoint E. S. Gaddis, Financial Agent of the Cincinnati Camp-meeting Association, J. E. Gilbert Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, and E. J. Moore Superintendent of the Anti-saloon League in Ohio.

The motion of F. G. Mitchell, that the Committee on Program next year be instructed to provide for the anniversary of the Preachers' Relief Society was carried, and the Committee was so instructed.

All the business of this session having been concluded, A. B. Leonard moved that, after the reading of the journal, and such religious services, and the reading of the Appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die;* and the motion prevailed.

The Secretary read the journal for to-day, and it was approved.

Bishop Cranston announced the hymn, "I love Thy kingdom, Lord." J. B. Young led in prayer. The Bishop announced the Appointments for next year, and at 4.15 o'clock the Conference adjourned, to meet next year in Eaton, Ohio; date not named.

Earl Cranston

Bishop Presiding.

S. O. Royal

Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
James E. McGee, from the Virginia; Harrison H. Compton, from the North Indiana; George Gable, from the Puget Sound; Charles W. Sullivan, from the Central Ohio; William F. Martin, from the St. Louis; and *George H. Pettingill* (Probationer), from the Troy Conference; Herbert Welch, from the New York East; Walter D. Cole, from the Northwest Indiana; Elmer E. Powell, from Italy; J. R. Troxell, from St. John's River.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Howard E. Ganster, Alfred Taylor.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*Norman O. Sweat.*

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*William F. Clark, Benjamin H. Lewis, Chas. J. Moore, John J. Giblin, Geo. H. Pettingill.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Jesse L. Corley, Clark L. Gowdy, Bert E. Smith, Purdy L. Van Wicklen, Herbert R. Whiting, Edgar S. Jackson.*
(*c*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.
(*d*) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—*George F. Barber, William L. Boicourt, George W. Keen, Dudley Matthews.*

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
Edward W. Lutterman.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*Jacob J. Hawk, Fred J. Reinbarth, William T. Gilliland.*
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*Lewis O. Hartman.*

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*Fred J. Reinbarth, Wm. T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk.*
(*b*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
James M. Bailey, Wm. E. Verity.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—*Asa J. Kestle, Lewis O. Hartman.*

(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(*a*). AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—*Thomas S. King, Henry A. Faber.*

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—*Norman O. Sweat, Jesse L. Corley, Herbert R. Whiting.*

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(*a*) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

John J. McCabe, to the Central Ohio; John H. McNary, to the North Indiana; Charles W. Blodgett, to the Pittsburg Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

Wm. N. Maxey, Geo. W. Fee, D. A. McColm, J. P. Porter, A. C. Turrell.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

William W. Reeves.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints.*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, I. R. Marshall, Charles Hartley, W. G. Warner, John Wilson, P. M. Clemans, E. L. Hollingsworth, S. A. Keen.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

J. F. Hull, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, S. W. Carey, S. W. Edmiston, W. H. Sutherland, L. F. Young, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, L. O. Deputy, J. H. Davis, C. H. Kalbfus, Howard A. M. Henderson, J. S. Ruggles, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, H. M. Keck, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, T. J. Harris, E. P. James, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Wells, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, W. W. Ramsay, R. E. Smith, G. L. Travis, Edward McHugh, C. T. Crum.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

C. M. Van Pelt, J. W. Peters, A. T. Cowgill, W. A. Deaton, Edmund Burdsall.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*
Full members, 53,217; increase, 611. Probationers, 1,866; increase, 221. See Table.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer.*
$62,617. Increase, $5,736.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
$12,425.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*
Received, $9,458. (See Report, Board of Stewards, page 205.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
(See Appointments, page 170.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*
Eaton, Ohio.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Springfield, Ohio, September 11, 1905.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 6-11, 1905, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

Earl Cranston
Bishop Presiding.

S. O. Royal
Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder, 6.
220 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

AVONDALE CHARGE:
- Avondale, . . . C. E. Schenk, 1.
- Pleasant Ridge, . J. E. McGee, 1.
- Bond Hill, . . . J. L. Corley, 2.
- Carthage and Reading, G. F. Barber, 2.

CENTRAL CITY CHARGE:
- Christie, . . . L. O. Hartman, 1.
- Asbury, . . . W. L. Boicourt, 1.
- York Street, . . . O. L. Utter, 3.
- Finley, ... J. L. Duckwall, 1.
- East Pearl St., . S. G. Pollard, 2.

Clifton, ... J. W. Peters, 1.
Columbia, ... G. H. Smith, 2.
Delta Avenue, . . . J. P. Ninde, 4.
Elmwood Place and Camp Washington, ... T. D. Moore, 2.
Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 8.
First Church, Northside, A. L. Brokaw, 4.
Linwood and Madison Ave., W. H. Spybey, 1.
McKendree, ... J. A. White, 2.
Mt. Auburn, . . J. A. Geissinger, 5.
Mt. Lookout, . . O. P. Hoffman, 1.
Price Hill, . . E. M. Ellsworth, 3.
Riverside, ... J. D. Darling, 2.
St. Paul, ... W. D. Cole, 1.
Trinity, ... M. B. Fuller, 5.
Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 6.
Wesley, ... G. Roughton, 9.

WESTWOOD CHARGE:
- Westwood, ... J. A. Story, 1.
- Groesbeck, Asbury, and Ebenezer, J. R. Troxell, 1.
- Miami, Mt. Hope, and Dent, W. E. Verity, 1.

Winton Place, . . . J. E. Thomas, 1
Addyston, . . . [C. Harold Clerke.]
Cleves and Harrison, . C. W. Horn, 1.
Delhi, ... J. R. Colley, 5.
Hartwell, ... F. G. Mitchell, 4.
Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 6.
Madisonville, ... S. O. Royal, 3.

NORWOOD:
- First Church, . . . J. E. Beery, 6.
- Grace, ... C. C. Peale, 1.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

H. D. KETCHAM, . Presiding Elder, 5.
P. O. 631 Grand Ave., Dayton, O

Bethany, ... G. M. Hammell, 1.
Camden, ... S. B. Timmons, 3.
Centerville, ... A. D. Maddox, 2.

DAYTON:
- Broadway, ... A. K. Stabler, 1.
- Grace, ... H. C. Jameson, 4.
- Homestead Ave., [Clarence Grauser.]
- Raper, ... V. F. Brown, 2.
- Riverdale, ... E. W. Serl, 2.
- St. Paul, . D. G. Latshaw, 1, and J. P. Gilliland, 2.
- Trinity, ... O. M. Sellers, 3.

Eaton and West Alexandria, W. A. Wiant, 3.
Ebenezer and Woodward, Norman O. Sweat, 1.
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley, W. T. Gilliland, 2.
Fairfield . . . . . [Charles Dowdy.]
Fort Jefferson, . . [D. S. Ferguson.]
Franklin, . . . Creighton Wones, 4.
Germantown, ... J. J. Hawk, 2.
Gordon, ... [M. M. Markwith.]

HAMILTON:
- First Church, . . . A. B. Austin, 1.
- Lindenwald, . . C. P. Pumphrey, 1.

Lewisburg and Brookville, Geo. W. Keen, 1.
Miamisburg, ... S. W. Bell, 3.
Middletown, . . W. E. Hammaker, 2.
Monroe, ... J. A. Jenkinson, 3.
New Paris, . . . Henry Hershey, 1.
Osborn, ... F. Leever, 3.
Oxford, ... C. M. Van Pelt, 4.
Port Union and Glendale (Stockton P. O.), G. P. Austin, 1.
Red Lion and Merrittstown, D. W. C. Washburn, 2.
Seven Mile, ... J. W. Patton, 1.

Springboro and Lytle, Dudley Matthews, 1.
Venice (Ross P. O.), W. D. English, 2.
Walker and Union, G. H. Pettingill, 2.
West Carrollton, . . J. W. Gaddis, 5.
West Chester, . . . C. L. Gowdy, 1.
West Elkton, . . [A. A. McGinnis.]
West Milton, . . . T. G. Williams, 1.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O. Station I, Cincinnati, O.

Belfast, ... B. E. Smith, 2.
Blanchester, ... G. W. Vorhis, 5.
Bowersville, . P. L. Van Wicklen, 2.
Centerfield, ... To be Supplied.
Clarksville, . . . H. H. Compton, 2.
Greenfield, ... George Gable, 2.
Highland, ... J. R. Hill, 3.
Hillsboro, ... W. A. Deaton, 3.
Jamestown, ... C. L. Conger, 1.
Leesburg, ... G. S. Easton, 3.
Loveland, ... L. M. Davis, 2.
Lynchburg, ... C. W. Briggs, 3.
Maineville, ... W. S. Gray, 3.
Martinsville, ... [H. S. Alkire.]
Morrow, ... E. T. Lane, 3.
New Burlington, . . O. D. Becker, 2.
New Jasper, . . . C. L. Chapman, 2.
New Vienna, ... J. H. Lease, 1.
Pleasant Plain, . . [Joseph Shepard.]
Rainsboro, . . . J. E. H. Sentman, 1.
Sabina, ... W. M. Coffman, 2.
Sinking Spring, . . [J. V. Morris.]
South Lebanon, . . [H. W. Brown.]
Sugar Tree Ridge, . . [T. M. Scarff.]
Union (Spring Valley P. O.), W. M. Patton, 3.
Waynesville, ... Philip Trout, 2.
Wilmington, . . . J. S. Pumphrey, 4.
XENIA:
First Church, E. H. Cherington, 2.
Trinity, ... R. H. Rust, 4.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, . . Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, ... W. F. Martin, 2.
Amelia, ... G. R. Frenger, 2.
Batavia, . . . Edmund Burdsall, 1.
Bethel, ... D. S. Ewry, 1.
Branch Hill, ... [G. G. Lewis,]
Chilo, ... [A. E. Huntington.]
Decatur, ... J. A. Winkler, 1.
Dunkinsville, . . . To be Supplied.
Feesburg, ... [G. W. O'Neill.]
Felicity, ... W. J. Baker, 3.
Georgetown, ... T. W. Salt, 1.
Goshen, ... G. M. Fulton, 3.
Laurel, ... W. E. Spurrier, 4.
Lebanon, ... W. A. Cooper, 2.
Manchester, . . L. A. Washburn, 1.
Marathon, ... [W. E. Shriver.]
Mason, ... W. E. Putt, 3.
Milford, ... M. LeSourd, 6.
Moscow, ... John Phillips, 1.
Mount Orab, ... [H. O. Collins.]
Mount Washington, . B. H. Lewis, 1.
Mulberry, ... To be Supplied.
New Richmond, . . W. J. Dunham, 4.
Newtown, ... T. P. Walter, 3.
Owensville, ... W. B. Brown, 2.
Peebles, ... Jonathan Verity, 1.
Ripley, ... H. W. Bailey, 3.
Summerside, . . . A. G. Newton, 2.
West Union, . . . W. C. Mitchell, 3.
Williamsburg, . Andrew Hamilton, 1.
Williamsburg Circuit, [H. Culbertson.]
Winchester and Seamans, J. M. Bailey, 2.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, ... S. W. Campbell, 3.
Brandt, ... W. K. Brown, 1.
Catawba, ... J. L. Dalbey, 2.
Cedarville, . . . H. C. Middleton, 4.
Christiansburg, . F. J. Reinbarth, 1.
Concord and Westville, R. S. McColm, 1.
Covington, ... O. L. Seward, 2.
Dialton, ... J. F. Laird, 2.
Greenville, ... C. W. Elliott, 1.
King's Creek, . . [A. J. Sunderland.]
Mechanicsburg, . . C. H. Haines, 3.
Mutual, ... Thomas Cundy, 2.
New Carlisle, ... C. L. Myers, 1.
New Moorefield, . . . J. C. Eckles, 1.

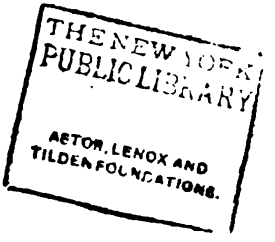
PIQUA:
Grace, ... H. E. Armacost, 1.
Greene St., . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 5.
South Charleston, . A. T. Cowgill, 4.
SPRINGFIELD:
Central, ... A. W. Leonard, 1.
Clifton Ave., . . . H. G. Curless, 3.
Grace, ... To be Supplied.
High Street, . . E. P. Edmonds, 1.
St. Paul, . . . J. F. Chenoweth, 1.
Tippecanoe City, . S. A. Stephan, 1.
Tremont City, . . Alfred Taylor, 2.
Troy, ... W. H. Wehrly, 2.
Troy Circuit, . . . J. F. McColm, 1.
URBANA:
First Church, . . J. E. Abrams, 3.
Grace, ... C. W. Sullivan, 2.
Vienna Cross Roads, To be Supplied.
Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 4.

WITHOUT APPOINTMENT, TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

Herbert R. Whiting, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
Asa J. Kestle, Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
Edgar S. Jackson, Sinking Spring Quarterly Conference.
Chas. J. Moore, Highland Quarterly Conference.
Howard L. Torbet, Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
John J. Giblin, Williamsburg Quarterly Conference.
Howard E. Ganster, Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
William F. Clark, Troy Circuit Quarterly Conference.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Avondale (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Westwood Quarterly Conference.
John Pearson, Field Agent of American Bible Society, Clifton (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
E. J. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, Walnut Hills (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
W. P. Thirkield, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Franklin Quarterly Conference.
G. P. Benton, President Miami University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.
U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent for Indiana of the Anti-Saloon League, Middletown Quarterly Conference.
H. G. Scudday, Conference Evangelist, Middletown Quarterly Conference.
J. A. Easton, Field Agent of Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
F. C. English, President Moores Hill College, Moores Hill, Ind., Columbia (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Vaughan, Field Agent of the India Jubilee Fund, Missionary Society, St. Paul (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Shively, Missionary to New Mexico.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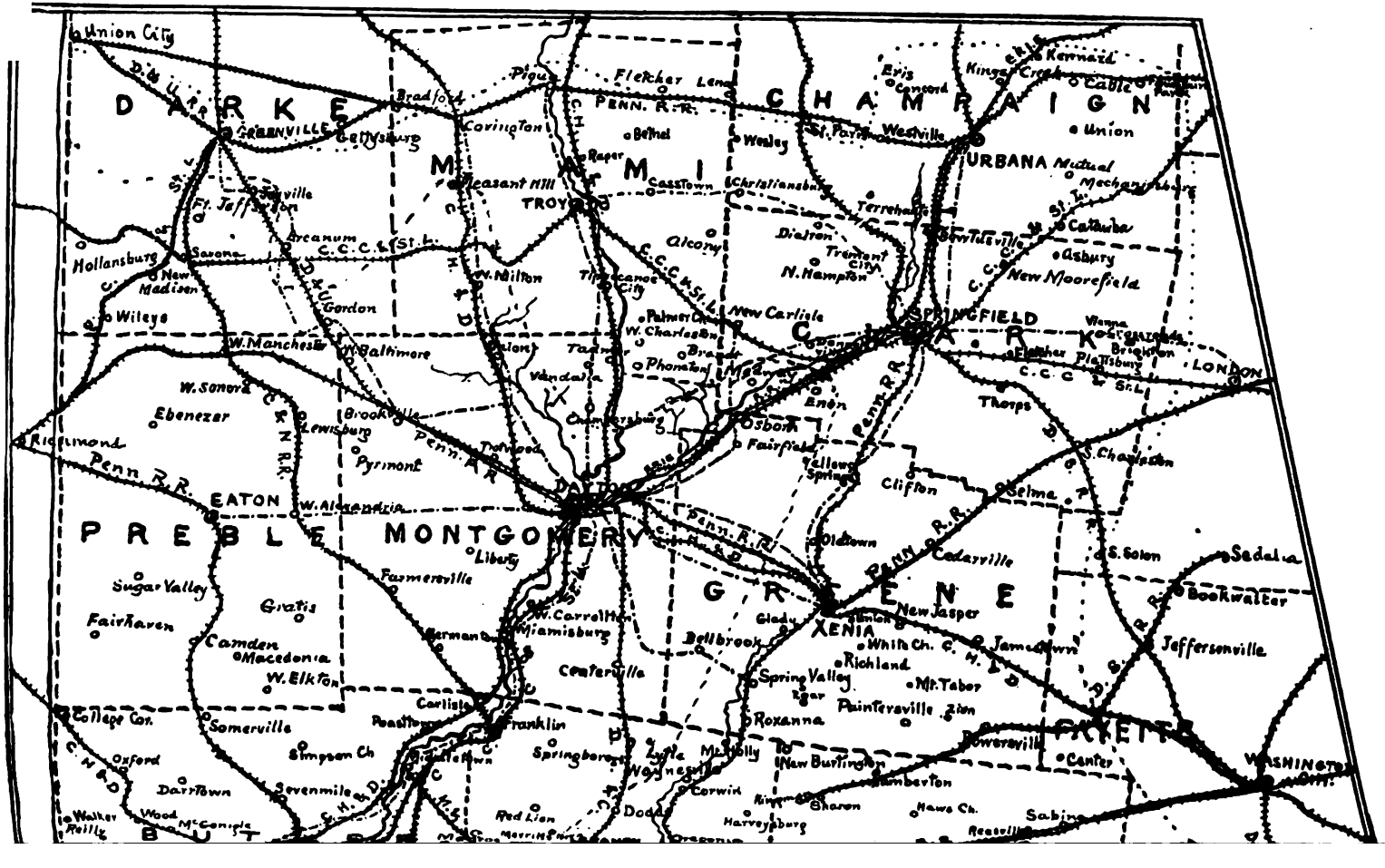
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New Moorefield
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Tibury
London
Thorps
Arcanum
Hollansburg
New Madison
Wiley's
Gordon
W. Milton
Tippecanoe City
Alcony
Diaton
Trenton City
N. Hampton
Palmer
New Carlisle
W. Charleston
Brandt
Phoneton
Mad River
Enon
Osborn
Fairfield
Yellow Springs
Clifton
Selma
S. Charleston
W. Manchester
W. Baltimore
Vandalia
Tadmor
Dayton
Penn. R.R.
W. Sonora
Ebenezer
Brookville
Lewisburg
Pyrmont
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Harveysburg
Reesville
Jeffersonville
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S. Solon
Sedalia

Districts.
1 Cincinnati.
2 Dayton.
3 Hillsboro.
4 Milford.
5 Springfield.
Railroads.
Traction Roads.
HAMILTON
CLERMONT
BROWN
HIGHLAND
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Map of the
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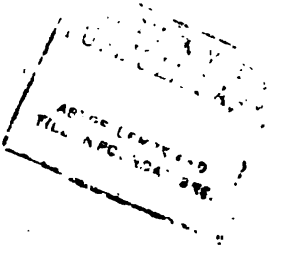

E. S. Gaddis, Financial Agent Cincinnati Camp Meeting Association, Madisonville Quarterly Conference.
Elmer E. Powell, Professor in Miami University, Member of Oxford Quarterly Conference.
Herbert Welch, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, St. Paul's (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service, those before the number of years in present relation.

4. E. T. Wells, 35, ... Toledo, O.
3. G. H. Dart, 47, ... Hamilton, O.
3. I. R. Marshall, 10, . . . Dayton, O.
3. Charles Hartley, 12, . . Delaware, O.
2. W. G. Warner, 14, . . . Cleveland, O.
2. John Wilson, 34, ... New Vienna, O.
2. F. M. Clemans, 38, . . . Washington C. H., O.
2. E. L. Hollingsworth, 10, Mulberry, O.
1. S. A. Keen, ... Delaware, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

S. N. Marsh, 13, ... Fresno, Cal.
J. F. Hull, 17, ... Rowland, Ala.
T. E. Fidler, 30, ... Upper Sandusky, Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black, 37, ... New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck, 32, ... St. Paul's (Toledo) Quaterly Conference.
M. P. Zink, 40, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar, 34, ... Troy Quarterly Conference.
John Vance, 35, ... New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey, 19, ... Grace (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.
T J. Harris, 29, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Sugar Tree Ridge Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James, 38, ... Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Sutherland, 55, . . Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman, 14, ... Delaware, O.
L. F. Young, 23, ... Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail, 49, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith, 45, ... R. R. No. 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
W. P. Jackson, 33, ... Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
W. M. West, 27, ... Newtown Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter, 29, ... Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
L. O. Deputy, 18, ... Madisonville, Cincinnati.
Sylvester Weeks, 37, . . . Pensacola, Fla.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs.
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Carlisle.
C. D. Munsey, 24, ... Cleveland, Tenn.
Howard Henderson, 47, . Hartwell, O.
W. W. Ramsay, 39, ... Winchester, O., St. Paul (Cincinnati) Q. C.
J. S. Ruggles, 28, ... E. Pearl St. (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
R. E. Smith, ... Osborn, O., Quarterly Conference.
G. L. Travis, ... Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.
Edward McHugh, ... Fairmount (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
C. T. Crum, ... Mt. Washington Quarterly Conference.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry. Conference.	Entered Ministry. Yr.	Consecra'd Bishop...	Residence.
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Stephen Mason Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
James Newbury FitzGerald	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Philadelphia, Pa.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Is.
*Frank W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
John W Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry	May 1856	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer	1847	Newark	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n	1883	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott	1855	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan	1883	1904	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson	1849	South India	1874	1904	Calcutta, India
*Merriman C. Harris	1846	Japan	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

*Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. indicates those who are Superannuated; Sn. Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise noted. Probationers in italics.

Abrams, J. E., Urbana.
Armacost, H. E., Piqua.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Hamilton.
Austin, G. P., Stockton.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Ripley.
Bailey, J. M., Winchester.
Baker, W. J., Felicity.
Barber, G. F., Carthage.
Becker, O. D., New Burlington.
Beery, J. E., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bell, S. W., Miamisburg.
Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Boicourt, W. L., Cincinnati.
Briggs, C. W., Lynchburg.
Brokaw, A. L., Cincinnati.
Brown, V. F., Dayton.
Brown, Wm. B., Owensville.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Burdsall, E., Batavia.
Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.
Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Urbana.

Chapman, C. L., New Jasper.
Chenoweth, John F., Springfield.
Cherington, E. H., Xenia.
Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clark, W. F.
Clemans, F. M., Washington C. H.
Coffman, W. M., Sabina.
Cole, W. D., Cincinnati.
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Dwinnell, Anna.
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Ireland, Sarah.
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Sinett, Lottie.
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Smith, Bessie.
Solomon, Clora.
Thatcher, Alice.
Thompson, Carrie.
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Young, Nellie.

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Gallimore, Charles, (Wesley), Cin'ti.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
GILSON, W. H., (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
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Trout, John (R. F. D.), Springfield.
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b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of the Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Short History of the English People, *Green;* Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson;* Essays and Books to be read, of Candidates for Admission.

Section 3. A. B. AUSTIN.—A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row;* Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the First Year; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher;* Analogy of Religion, *Butler.*

Section 5. W. L. Y. DAVIS.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. ABRAMS.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley.*

Section 7. D. G. LATSHAW.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* Student's American History, *Montgomery;* Introduction to New Testament, *Dods.*

Section 8. J. A. GEISSINGER.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler;* Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 10. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3. John Wesley the Methodist, A Biography; Systematic Theology, *Raymond.*

Section 11. G. H. SMITH.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology. *Ladd;* Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books read by Local Preachers.

Section 12. S. W. BELL.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harmon;* A Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens.*

Section 13. M. B. FULLER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* Theological Compend, *Binney;* A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie.*

Section 14. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904; Digest of Methodist Law (Edition of 1900), *Merrill.*

c. EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, on the first Thursday in December, 1905, and on the last Thursday in June, 1906, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1906.

Examinations in December will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Homiletics, *Kern;* Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Parts 1-5).

SECOND YEAR.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Part 6 to end); Short History of the English People, *Green.*

THIRD YEAR.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher* (Parts I and II); History of the Christian Church, Vol. I., *Hurst;* Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst;* Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher.*

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

d. CLASSES.

NOTE:—Those printed in Italics are *Deacons;* in Small Caps are ELDERS; others are unordained.

STUDIES.	ON TRIAL. FIRST YEAR.	CONTINUED ON TRIAL.	MEMBERS.
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V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder.

THE historian of the Crimean War, Kinglake, has aptly said: "The utterance of mere praise is a lazy and futile method of attempting to do justice to worth. The cheap, sugared words are quickly forgotten and nothing remains." If I could take the ministers of the Cincinnati District, one by one—and minutely explain the environment of each—the peculiar local history and condition of the Church, congregation, and neighborhood which each serves—and the progress made in each instance, it would not be necessary for me to loot the dictionary for adectives in praise of what has been accomplished. The story would in itself be a superlative commendation, and the minister would have his fame. But this is impossible. To describe at all adequately the ministerial services of thirty-seven pastors during the year is confessedly impracticable. Thirty-seven minutes would not suffice to even summarize an aggregate of thirty-seven years of pastoral toil. I very regretfully forego the effort.

It would be manifestly an unfair discrimination to mention only those whose toil has produced the largest results, monetary and numerical. No one would deprecate it more quickly than those who have made such achievements. Some small fields take more gift and grit than some large ones. Small results signify more in one case than large ones in the other. Besides, much of the minister's work defies tabulation. It is a distinct and considerable contribution to the ethical and social betterment, although to describe the ways and foot up the results with precision is impossible. It should be sufficient to say that the ministers of the district have been good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

It gives me peculiar pleasure to report another substantial advance in ministerial support. The annual gain (not including house-rent) may be indicated in round numbers as follows: 1901, $35,000; 1902, $37,000; 1903, $39,000; 1904, $41,000; 1905, $43,000 (not including support of city missionaries, reported for the first time this year). The total gain in five years is $8,000. The very steadiness of the growth proves that there is nothing meretricious in the returns. This is one of the things for which this eldership has stood. Increased salary relieves the minister from the imputation of belonging to a mendicant "class." He needs no donation. He asks no concession on account of his cloth. He is a man among men.

With the savings made possible by an adequate salary he can educate his children and provide for the future. By the same means young men can pay debts incurred in the obtaining of an education, and all can have those indispensable tools of a minister's trade—current literature and a working library—besides coming into stimulating contact, as all ought to do, with the Summer Schools of Theology.

This gratifying gain in ministerial support is closely related to two other achievements of the ministers and communicants of this district. I refer to the successful liquidation of the entire mortgage indebtedness under the Twentieth Century Thank-offering Commission. By this means an annual bill for interest, amounting to upwards of $2,500, has stopped, and this amount flows easily into the current expense fund. On the other hand the "Westwood Plan," under which eight ministers and thirteen Churches of the district are now operated, has put new life into several moribund societies. A gain of about $2,500 per annum can be placed to the credit of the "plan," which amount is about to be largely increased. The ministers of the district have now undertaken a vigorous campaign against the floating indebtedness, and the burning of canceled notes for the same has begun. Extensive repairs, betterments, and refurnishings are either in progress, or will soon be undertaken. Our churches and parsonages are ceasing to be receptacles for out-of-style furniture—slippery haircloth divans with infirm legs, plush chairs whose crude colors have only been subdued by the attritions of age, and marble-slabbed tables, cold to the touch as a tombstone. The church in which we are privileged to hold this session is an object-lesson to us as ministers, and visiting laymen of our charges. Harmony in color, outline, and proportion are here. Principles of sanitation as well as of æsthetics have been here observed. A church, aside from the housing of a congregation, is, and should be, a monument to religion. This church would delight the eye of John Ruskin, who coveted one such for every town in England.

One of the great, well-equipped denominational hospitals of Cincinnati closed its doors for lack of support during the year, to the regret of all. Such a fate can not overtake our own Christ Hospital while Dr. William A. Robinson continues to represent it, and while its munificent benefactors survive. One thousand and ninety-eight patients, coming from one hundred and fifty towns in Ohio and from fourteen other States, were treated during the year.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home continues its great and varied ministries.

The Glenn Industrial Home is in the fourteenth year of its remarkably useful history, maintaining as it does a Boarding Department, Kindergarten, Kitchengarten, and a dozen other departments.

There have been a number of Methodist events of which official note should be made:

The reopening of St. Paul Church, our stately cathedral—renovated and beautified—at a cost of $14,000. Charles W. Blodgett pastor.

The dedication of our new church at Norwood, a happy combination of the useful and beautiful, valued at $22,000. James E. Beery, pastor.

The second reopening of Trinity Church after the disaster of its unroofing. Marcellus B. Fuller, pastor.

The dedication of the rebuilt pipe organ and the memorial windows in Walnut Hills Church, valued at $4,000. Jesse Bowman Young, pastor.

The jubilee at First Church, Northside, over its complete emancipation from debt—mortgage and floating. Lincoln Brokaw, pastor.

The note-burning at York Street, in which the canceled evidence of obligation was destroyed. Oliver L. Utter, pastor.

The delightful reunion of the seven Churches of the Westwood Charge on the Harvest Home grounds, with an address by President Welch.

The laying of the corner-stone of the Methodist Home for the Aged

at College Hill, a civic as well as ecclesiastical event of first importance. For the projecting of this great eleemosynary foundation honor is due to Dr. H. C. Weakley.

And last. The great convocation in Music Hall of over five thousand Methodists and their friends to greet the new resident bishop of Cincinnati, Bishop Spellmeyer, and to receive the first message from his lips.

The young life of the Church within the district is efficiently organized with Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues. Under the Station Plan the League is undertaking to pay the salary of the Rev. Dr. J. N. West, president of the Reid College, Lucknow, India.

The Cincinnati Missionary Society has carried on its city evangelism more vigorously than ever. It has five stations, and one splendid portable

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chapel in its Gospel Wagon. The society owns three chapels, valued at $9,500. It has five hundred members. Two thousand one hundred dollars were paid for pastoral support. Dr. I. D. Jones, president; H. B. Patterson, superintendent.

The report of the Statistical Secretary of the Conference will indicate a satisfactory monetary and numerical condition in the case of the Cincinnati District. The total offerings to the Parent Missionary Society are $9,288, almost a dollar apiece for each communicant, and an advance over last year of $1,557. The next largest gain is that of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which reports an increase of $1,495, partly in estimated value of supplies. There is a slight advance in Freedmen's Aid and Church Extension offerings. The Tract Society holds its own, while the Education Fund, Bible Society, and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society seem to have lost. The total valuation of Church property is $864,500, being an increase of $32,200, from which, however, should be

deducted $9,500, the value of the City Missionary chapels not previously reported. The present indebtedness is $12,850, believed to be provided for, but incurred since the liquidation by the Twentieth Century Thank-offering Commission. Six hundred probationers have been received, an increase of 180 over last year. The enrollment of members in full connection is 9,671, showing a gain of 707. From this should be deducted the membership of the mission churches, not previously reported, which will leave a net gain of 400. There is an enrollment in Sunday-schools of 7,626, with an average attendance of 5,365. The current expense of maintaining the schools is $5,694. There have been reports of 600 conversions.

Every Quarterly Conference of the district has voted in favor of the proposition, "General Conference, Cincinnati, 1908," and there will be great satisfaction when it is known that the Cincinnati Conference has unanimously and enthusisastically concurred.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, Presiding Elder.

A REPORT should be a report. Yet it remains to define what a report is. It is not simply an array of facts, not a mere compliment to talent, nor an apology for failure. It is not an omnibus load from the shop to parade the streets, nor a display of factory wares. It is not a clearing-house for the exchange of parsonage, church, and ministerial values. For all such we bow deference to our Conference Minutes. Minor facts must come in review, but only as the surface tossings of the deeper sea of our real ministerial purpose. In earliest Methodism the number gathered round the itinerants' camp-fire summed up the year's wilderness journey. Later, success was determined by the church-building and doctrinal-defining stage.

Now we are in the study of an applied Gospel, whose problems, though less forensic, are more personal, and whose proof lies in the wider vision, and firmer grasp of the world's greater needs. The work of the ministry is the practical redemption of the race, and our duty is gauged by the influence we exert upon the arc of the great circle that measures our contact with it. All forces and factors in the world's problems shou'd concern us. We should blaze moral paths for the secular world. No Church will lead men whose ministers can not divine the times, and like the ancient prophet outrun the chariot of the civic king.

What we want in the ministry to-day is strong, stalwart, manly men, whose thought is abreast of the age, whose feet stand two square on the proven truth of the centuries, whose brows are washed with the sunlight, whose unflinching belief in the Gospel awakens the quenchless passion to save men, and whose adaptation to leadership is sealed by a "thus saith" the Almighty.

I. Let us take a bird's-eye view of the field, with its thirty-six charges and seventy-seven churches.

Dayton Methodism, with its forty-two hundred members, and its prestige through years of honorable history, is equipped for great work. Behold it! Grace with its eloquent, impassioned H. C. Jameson; Raper with a cabinet-trained leader, V. F. Brown, with an eagle eye to every line; St. Paul, with its 967 members and the unique record of Methodism in retaining its successful pastor, J. G. Vaughan, twelve of the seventeen years just past; Broadway, with its organizing, devoted pastor, C. W. Elliott, celebrating its fifty years of successful labor; Trinity, with its enthusiastic, loved leader, O. M. Sellers; Riverdale, with E. W. Serl, who

will not only free the Church from debt, but will yet make himself felt throughout this Conference; Woodward Avenue, with its old-fashioned revival habit, inspired by W. E. Verity; and Homestead, just emerging from long isolation from public favor, by reason of debt, directed by George Keen, whose devotion to the down-town evangelization problem will yet make us glad of the day he came to us.

We believe, however, that the time is at hand for a broader vision in Dayton, and for a better massing of our forces for aggressive work. There are great and unused possibilities in Dayton Methodism.

History proves that Christian people fail to see the wider vision of opportunity, and God sends in the wake of a recreant Church a Salvation Army, a Rescue Mission, a Young Men's Christian Association, with magnificent endowment to center the city's moral thought, and transfers His blessing to the new form of power. We offer no stricture upon these, but rather commend, for these are God chosen agencies of help. Yet we would call the advance along the line.

Christianity, in its world sweep, deals with men, and men are everywhere. Let us go after them. We are not, in pious contentment, to leave the problems, civil, social, industrial, to special leagues and bands. We must pre-empt the field by successfully doing the work. If one method fails, we will fly to another. We will still test the power of "experience." will add, if need be, the gymnasium, the reading-room, the reading circle, the workingman's guild, the employment bureau, will enter the role of the reformer, conduct a university lecture plan as is successfully done by Sheridan Bell at Miamisburg, organize a tithing band as at Darrtown by O. P. Hoffman to outflank the Church's yearly financial panic, cut the line of adaptation between both college and cosmopolitan mass, as is done by C. M. Van Pelt at Oxford—any plan and every method for honorable victory. One thing alone is settled—that is, *we must succeed.*

II. Let us glance at our country problem.

One Church, Bethany, on the West Milton work, has been closed. Pleasant Hill, on the West Elkton work, seems to promise a like fate. On the other hand, New Lebanon, west of Dayton, has been organized, and expects to build. We have a duty, as yet unmet, toward our country work. Our bright young men on the farms are converted. The very conversion awakens an impulse to improvement. They go to the college, or to the business opportunity in the city. The result is the output of the factory, for converted human nature is forever drained with the insatiable greed for men in the great centers. Men like A. D. Maddox, J. A. Jenkinson, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, S. B. Timmons, D. C. Washburn, J. F. McColm, J. H. Lease, who presents in himself the finest medley of youth and experience in our active rank, are left to bravely struggle with the problem. The men in the country work constitute the heroic band of Methodism All honor to them! Yet the time is here when some district plan should be adopted for the raising of a sustentation fund, much on the order of that advocated at the last General Conference by James N. Gamble, of our own delegation, and others, for the better help of our weak Churches. It would solve many a hard problem if a fund were created, at the disposal of the Presiding Elder, under the advice of a judicious committee, to keep good men on living salaries in our weak places. It is a practical denial of the missionary spirit to hold weak country places and ministers responsible for self-maintenance.

III. Let us look at our material growth; for the first thing the world asks is, What clothes does he wear? and What impression does he make?

1. The parsonage equipment is a good index of the practical thoughtfulness of the Church for its pastor. Of the thirty-six charges, twenty-five have parsonages more or less complete. The one notable advance during the year was the purchase by the Osborn Church of a house, valued at

$2,500 ($860 being paid), centrally located, commodious, and attractive, which becomes the property of the Osborn Church alone and not of the circuit, and is a splendid testimonial to the foresight and efficiency of Frank Leever, the pastor.

2. Raper paid $4,305, and Riverdale $1,072 of their heavy debts. Oxford, by the aid of Bishop Spellmeyer, wiped out the debt of $2,700 on Christmas Sunday. No greater success in the debt-paying record of the year has been achieved than at Franklin, where Creighton Wones lifted the burden of $2,000 from the Church.

3. Besides the payment of debts and the erection of new houses, one-third of the Churches of the district, in greater or less degree, have made improvements, at an aggregate cost of about $8,000. On the Gordon Circuit all four churches were improved at an aggregate cost of $2,800, two of which were rededicated, West Baltimore and West Sonora. Clarke Gowdy, now serving his first year on probation, has been the inspiring spirit in every case.

4. At Hamilton the plan of the associated interest of the First Church and Lindenwald dates back two years, being synchronous with the suburb-circuit arrangement, known among some as the Westwood plan. The First Church, under the splendid leadership of C. E. Schenk, paid its debt, advanced its benevolences, quickened its spiritual activity, and branched out in the Lindenwald enterprise, paying $350 of the $600 to the pastor, and sharing dollar for dollar in the cost of the new church. S. A. Stephan, the associate pastor, has labored with untiring devotion, and now rejoices in the fruit of his toil, in seeing the new society well started in its perilous, formative years, and with a new building costing $5,500, dedicated by Bishop Spellmeyer in February last.

At West Carrollton the outcome of the spiritual ministry of John Gaddis is seen in the beautiful new church, whose corner-stone was laid July 2d, and whose estimated value is $20,000. It is of Bainbridge free-stone, through which runs the scarlet layer, as if suggestive of the atonement. Beautiful and massive in its architecture, tile-roofed, Gothic-arched, commodious, convenient, complete, it stands a pride to the Miami Valley and the Methodism it represents. The plan followed is worthy of note. New Church days, with special programs, were observed every three months for the two years past, to inspire interest and gather in the subscriptions. At the dedication this fall no public appeal for money will need be made.

At Fort Jefferson the corner-stone of a new church, a brick veneer, of modern style and commensurate with the needs of the society, was laid in June. The leader in the enterprise is D. S. Ferguson, one of the strong, competent local preachers of Methodism. At West Milton, F. J. Reinbarth is endeavoring to get a new Church started. The same is true at New Paris with Dudley Matthews, and at Okeana with W. D. English. Extensive improvements are in process at Eaton, with the full cost secured by subscription. W. A. Wiant has been signally successful in every department of the work, and as a testimonial of the love of Eaton to Methodism, comes with a unanimous, enthusiastic invitation to this Conference to hold its next session in Eaton.

IV. No question is so vital to the Church's life as that of its spiritual tone. Though the revival method may change, the revival spirit *never*. The Cain's mark is upon the forehead of every non-revival Church in Christendom to-day. Probably five hundred converts have professed faith at our altars in special services. These have been distributed throughout the district, the four largest being at Middletown, with 48, under the sustained and manly ministry of W. E. Hammaker; at Pyrmont, with 50, under Clarence Grauser; at Woodward Avenue, 52, under W. E. Verity; and at Fair Haven, with 98. The Fair Haven revival is the most remark-

able individual one of the year. W. T. Gilliland, the pastor, serving his first year among us, is the son of a missionary. Yes, he is the child of a King, with the regal seal this year upon his Conference report. His preaching was close, practical, searching. Under the stress of conviction 98 professed to be converted. There was no wild demonstration, but a death-like intensity and subdued joy. Men prayed till 2 o'clock in the morning, and, when converted, would get into their buggies to find the people they had wronged, to make right and restore. It took one man, according to report, three days to chase down his neighbors and confess his sins. Some weeks after the meeting the missionary collection was taken up. One convert made a thank-offering of $100, and $518 in this one country Church were laid upon the missionary altar. Then, with an itinerant suggestion, the hoofs were employed, and "black beauty" stood at the parsonage door, the gift to pastor and wife of a grateful people.

The unusual plan of the year in revival work was the union meeting in Dayton. A concerted effort was put forth by all the Protestant, English-speaking Churches, with the exception of the Episcopalian society. Ten separate group meetings were held. A minister from another part of the city and different denomination was appointed as leader for the two weeks. Then each night a different minister preached, who was sent by the central committee having general charge. No public announcement was made of the one to preach, and the people were exhorted to attend the nearest group. An unusual, temporary interest was awakened, and we trust lasting benefit secured. Certain facts seem to us clear: 1. The interest awakened was greater than the ordinary, and manifested itself in many definite decisions, but especially in that distributed good which makes up public sentiment. 2. Those Churches that held aloof, in face of the interdenominationl plans, neither reaped a reward in public favor, nor in converts gained. 3. The marked method of every successful group was the altar plan. The leaders who feared to boldly cast the net failed. Leading ministers of other Churches publicly said in one ministerial conference that they were converted to the altar plan. 4. The results in numbers were few compared with the force employed, and many accustomed workers failed to attend, nor did they feel free to work when there. A constraint was felt in view of the various habits of the congregations.

To sum up, the clear inference is: Go straight for men in any plan, and despise not the altar. Fraternize with others, but clinch results in the local effort of the individual Churches.

V. Close to the revival problem lies the great missionary appeal. He is either blind in mind or callous in conscience who can not see that the missionary impulse is the dominating force of this Christian century. The great convention, held in Columbus in March, participated in by representative Ohio Methodism, did much to inspire our Churches with missionary zeal. Local rallies followed, and we believe an advance will be seen along the entire line. We trust the day will come when as much will go out as will stay at home, for then noon will blaze into earth's midnight, and our gifts culminate in the world's redemption.

VI. Following the revival and missionary thoughts to their conclusion the very personnel of the ministry itself comes into review. No nobler band of devoted men, as we believe, ever graced the roll of the itinerancy than the men of this Conference. Yet a crisis is evidently on, and will be felt more by the recruits to our ranks than by those now well established among us. Men who are leaders must be equipped with collegiate and seminary training, or at least qualified by personal application to command men, such as would insure first recognition in any ordinary pursuit. Their wives are chosen from good homes, for our preachers not only "die well," as Wesley says, but now days they marry well. Their children must be educated, and they themselves live in a way to command the respect of

the average of the more favored members of their Official Boards. The problem is on—small salaries, large demands, educated desires, and debt forbidden by the Discipline, a commercial age and no just reason seen for undue sacrifice to stem the tide, a premium upon youth, a brand upon age, while the influence of wealth often outweighs the mightiest brain. But hear me: We are in the anomalous attitude of holding the theory of a sent ministry and practicing the plan of a called pastorate. A few Churches may vary and the plan remain, but what will happen when the current turns from the gulf toward the mountain? There is a curious paragraph on page 408 of the Discipline. Let me read it for old memory's sake: "Direct negotiations between pastors and Churches in advance of the making of the appointments by the bishops are contrary to the spirit of our itinerant ministry and subversive of our ecclesiastical polity." But hold! This is a live wire! What tore it from its moorings, the trolley at the curve in 1872, or Providence taking this plan for the better life of the Church, we are not prepared to say. Nor is that of so much moment. We do not complain against the trend of the times, for we are equally agreeable to either plan. All we ask is an understanding, that restlessness from conflicting theory and practice shall be avoided, and men not enter the ministry with mistaken thought. In which are we to-day, the premise or the prophecy of page 408? It is simply a question we ask.

This we would say, however, without reference to the immediate question suggested, but touching the spirit of the ministry. The ages prove that holiness waits alone upon self-sacrifice, so that the pleading tongue is tipped with fire, and the herald endowed with power alone in absolute self-abandonment to espouse the King's cause for the moral leadership of the race. We would even at this Conference, not that Sinai might thunder, but that the transfiguration might glow and Pentecost blaze. May High Street prove both a Hermon slope and a Moriah peak!

VII. During April, culminating with Easter, a plan was executed by which Bishop Spellmeyer, in company with the Presiding Elder, made a tour of the district. Fifteen places were visited, and as many sermons preached by the Bishop in eight days, besides the district meeting and evening reception on the Friday preceding. The Bishop preached magnificently and the people heard with enthusiasm. It was an ovation at every place.

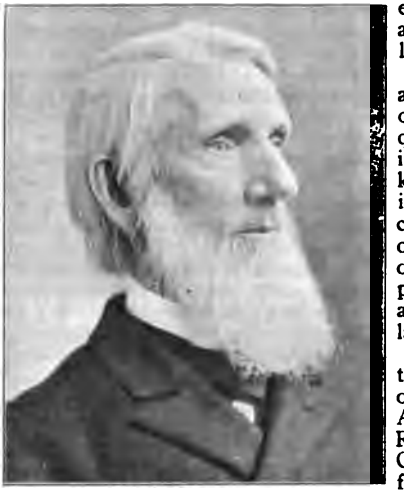
Our Epworth Leagues have maintained their usual status, though I fear have not gained in power. Our Junior work proves well where put to the test. Our Sunday-schools have gained rather than lost, though neither of the lines above has thrown any mountain peak to the sunlight to especially grace a report. In one of our Sunday-schools, Trinity (Dayton), 225 scholars have signed the pledge of the White Shield. A like plan has prevailed in others.

We rejoice that within the Dayton District four institutions of special or higher learning exist, only two of which are rightfully within this report. At Germantown the Miami Military Institute, with Colonel O. G. Brown in command, is doing splendid work for boys. The "Miami" at Oxford, with its State patronage and Methodist head, is commanding the admiration of all who examine.

VIII. We believe a minister's leadership lies not alone in the conventional lines of work, but in civic or social need, or in any reform that is vital to the coming in of the kingdom. We are to be all things and do all things to all men, especially to the promoters of the saloon. This is the burning, practical question of the hour. There is a growing sentiment everywhere against the crime of drink. At one place in our district, Hollandsburg, some time since, not a formal vote, but a town expression was taken. All the people met in the center of the town, and at a signal

those favoring the saloon went to one side. and those not to the other. The record is that only one man a mule went went.

Under the Brannock and Beall laws something has been done. In Franklin, where two years before the election went 121 wet, this time it went 52 dry. Middletown voted one division dry, and closed up two saloons. Oxford voted dry by 85, and Oxford Township by 200. Lewisburg, Camden, Somerville, and even tobacco-taught and distillery-trained Germantown and surrounding township went dry. At this last place the fight has been bitter, and the contest carried into the courts, and may yet go to the Supreme Court. J. J. Hawk, who is serving on probation in this Conference, has been the inspiring genius of the campaign. At every place where the contest has been on our preachers have stood in the front of the fight. May heaven help in a temperance victory that will yet sweep bosses from their thrones, a governor—if need be—from his chair, and the accursed saloon from public gaze!



E. B. THIRKIELD.

IX. In closing we desire to lay a brief tribute at the feet of one of our laymen, whose worth none question, and whose honor none impeach. We speak of E. B. Thirkield, of Franklin. Erect in bearing, gentle in manner, his benign countenance set round with a circle of white, chastened by many years of mingled joy and sorrow, sincere, pure-minded, and true. he stood among the noble in our honored laity.

No local preacher of our district has died, and we boast the oldest active local minister in America, Samuel Scott. S. B. Ricketts, formerly a member of this Conference, has voluntarily retired from the ministry.

No one of the widows of our deceased ministers has died, and no superannuate been taken from us. It is with deep pathos, however, that we record the death of Mrs. W. A. Wiant, wife of one of the noblest men among us. Firm in faith, devoted in life, tender, sympathetic, hospitable, she justly merited the tribute to Solomon's virtuous woman. She prayed to live, but was resigned to die. It was Christmas eve when the chariot stopped, and she was not, for God had taken her.

We record our gratitude to Almighty God for His providential care over our preachers. They have tilled, and toiled, and triumphed. They have plead at the altar, have stood at the tomb, have cried the alarm from the top of the wall,—and not one has fallen in death. One of our number, W. W. Reeves, feels that duty calls to other than the itinerant round and honorably retires, with no stain upon his record. The love of this Conference goes with him.

Two from our active ranks ask a superannuated relationship.

R. E. Smith, whose ministry in sweetness of spirit has been known among us for thirty-nine years, retires from the field. Through the effect of the wound received in battle, and by reason of the newer wounds of the winter's exposure he feels he must retire.

G. L. Travis, also, after thirty years of membership in this Conference, retires by the doctor's order. Sincere, positive, and true, his ministry has been a ministry of righteousness. Now, with vision dimmed and strength impaired, he seeks help in the air of the Western mountains. He has fought well in the valley. May the God of the hills be his help!

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There is a deep pathos beyond all words to convey when the devoted men of our ranks must wrap their cloaks around them in the after-chill of the battle. Yet the first gloom of the night is the first real proof of immortality. It is then that hope hears the echo of the song, and listening love detects the voice of its God. As the ranks of the noble are depleted, may the recruits come in, as strong, as determined, as devoted as those who lay aside the battered armor for the crowning by the King!

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. Lee Aultman, Presiding Elder.

With gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy during the year, and with a desire not to weary you with lengthy details, we bring to you this morning our first report of the Hillsboro District.

Early in the year 1905, just after entering upon the second round of quarterly-meetings, the Presiding Elder, Rev. A. C. Turrell, appointed to the district at the last session of the Conference, was called from labor to reward. He had entered upon the work of the district with his accus-

tomed zeal; was well received by his brethren; and was making a good impression on the district when he was stricken down, and, after a short illness, departed this life.

Since his death we learn that he knew that he only had a few years at most to live, and he determined that he would make the best possible use of this time, so he entered the field determining to work until he should be called home. How faithfully he did this work his brethren of the district know. He worked up to the very last, when he laid down the cross and took up the crown. Although he died in the prime of life he wrought a good work, and many will rise up in the last day to call him blessed.

On the 24th of February last Bishop Cranston summoned us into his presence in the Book Concern, and told us we were appointed to take the place of Brother Turrell on the district, the appointment to take effect on the 15th of March following. By an arrangement with the Publishing Agents of the Book Concern our salary was continued as "Field Agent" until the first of June, thus permitting the salary on the district for the third quarter to go to the widow of our deceased Presiding Elder.

While we had the oversight of the district from the middle of March we did not enter upon the active work until the beginning of the fourth quarter. We entered upon the active work of the district with fear and trembling, knowing the difficulty of so mastering the work in three months as to have an intelligent conception of it and be able to make an intelligent report to this session of the Conference.

We have found it to be a district of magnificent distances. While public conveyances are plentiful, they do not reach all the charges, making private conveyance an absolute necessity in order to reach some of the appointments on the district. An automobile is almost a necessity in order to reach with comfort all the appointments.

NECROLOGY.—The Grim Reaper has visited our district six times during the year. Reference has already been made to the death of Brother Turrell.

Early in May, Dr. James P. Porter, pastor at Jamestown, was translated. For months his health was on the decline. Indeed, he had some hesitancy in accepting a charge last year, knowing that he was not physically able to do all the work of a pastor; but the people of Jamestown asked for his return, saying they would be content with only one sermon on Sunday if he would consent to be returned to them. He had an intense desire, as he often expressed it, to "die in the harness." The Lord granted his request, and he went from the active work of the pastorate to his reward in heaven. He will be greatly missed by his brethren of the Conference.

William N. Maxey, a superannuated member of the Conference for over forty years, died in May. Rev. C. W. Briggs, his pastor, had charge of the funeral services.

On the 18th of March, Sister Davis, wife of Brother L. M. Davis, of Loveland, suddenly took her departure for the better land. Dr. S. O. Royal conducted the funeral services.

Two other parsonage homes were visited by the Death Angel during the year: that of Brother and Sister W. S. Gray, of Maineville, in the death of their eldest daughter Hazel; and that of Brother and Sister H. H. Compton, of Clarksville, in the death of their infant son, Russell. In all these homes grace has wonderfully sustained the bereaved ones.

PERSONNEL.—The district is well manned. In many respects it could not be better furnished than it is, and, consequently, if the Official Boards of the charges have their way, there will not be very many changes in the district this session of the Conference. The pastors, amidst all the difficulties that attend pastoral labor in these times, have done their work faithfully and well.

There have been some changes in the district since the Annual Conference. John J. McCabe was appointed to the Greenfield Charge, but after spending one Sunday with this people he resigned his charge, transferred to the Central Ohio Conference, and took a location. To fill this vacancy Bishop Cranston transferred George Gable from the Puget Sound Conference to our Conference, and stationed him at Greenfield.

J. E. McGee was transferred from the Virginia Conference to our Conference last March, and stationed at Martinsville.

H. H. Compton was transferred to us from the North Indiana Conference in April, and stationed at Clarksville, to take the place of J. H. McNary, who was transferred to the North Indiana Conference.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The spirit of improvement is abroad in the district, and most of the churches and parsonages are in good condition. The

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charges making improvements this year are as follows: Bowersville, Butlerville, Belfast, Hillsboro, Maineville, Martinsville, Rainsboro, Sabina, Sinking Spring, Sugar Tree Ridge, Union, and Xenia, First Church.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Three new parsonages have been added to the district during the year. One at Wilmington, at a cost of $6,500; one at Hillsboro, at a cost of $5,500; and one at Sugar Tree Ridge, at a cost of $1,100. Two of these, the one at Wilmington and the other at Hillsboro, are well built and thoroughly furnished with all modern conveniences. The one at Sugar Tree Ridge was purchased during the year, and is comparatively new. It contains eight rooms, and is built on a lot upon which stands a barn. There is also ground for a garden. All the charges now, with perhaps two exceptions, are provided with parsonages.

Two new churches in the district have been dedicated this year: one at Lynchburg, at a cost of $5,200; and the other at Cozaddale, on the

Maineville Charge, at a cost of $2,000; while a third is in process of erection at Carmel, on the Sinking Spring Charge, at a cost of about $2,000. This will be ready for dedication early in the fall.

BENEVOLENCES.—Not having full reports from all the appointments in the district, it is not possible to give exact figures; but from the partial reports received, it looks as if there had been a slight increase in the benevolent collections. The apportionments for the benevolences are not excessive. Our people are able to pay more than they do, and this gives grounds for hope of an increase in the future. What is needed everywhere is information, and the pastor who most faithfully seeks to give information to his people always brings the largest proportionate collections to the Annual Conference for the benevolences. The necessary information is at hand. Let us see that it reaches the people, and the money for all these causes will be forthcoming.

SPECIAL GIFTS.—It is with gratitude that we note the fact of some special gifts during the year. On the Leesburg Charge, Brother Joseph Worthington made the following bequests: Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, $5,000; for Christ Hospital, $4,000; for Ohio Wesleyan University, $5,000.

On the Union Charge, H. M. Reed left a bequest of $840 for the Missionary Society.

SALARIES.—The aggregate of salaries for the twenty-eight charges in the district is $22,550, making an average salary of about $800. Of these charges, three pay $500; two $550; two $600; three $650; four $700; four $750; four $800; one $900; one $1,100; one $1,200; two $1,500; and one $1,600.

The Disciplinary plan for the raising of finances, when faithfully carried out, always succeeds; but only a few of our charges systematically work the plan. Our people need instruction on the line of systematic giving. The tithe is the Lord's, and when Methodists become tithers, and bring all the tithes into the storehouse, then all the financial obligations of the Church are met in full.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—The Sunday-schools on the district are well organized, and most of them continue for the entire year. While they are not specifically organized into Missionary Societies, yet most of them contribute systematically to the cause of missions, and in this way the missionary idea is kept before the scholars. They are practically loyal to our own publications, but in some schools we find foreign literature. This, we trust, will be corrected in time.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.—The District Epworth League Convention was held in June at Leesburg. The program was excellent, and the meeting was a success. The reports showed that Leagues are organized in most of the charges, and are doing good work. A well-developed Epworth Leaguer is the best type of a Methodist now in existence. He is spiritual, has the missionary idea, is compassionate, intelligent, and social, and these are the qualities that make for righteousness.

There are only a few Junior Epworth Leagues in the district. This is much to be regretted, for it is practically the only organization now doing the work required by the Discipline in the training of the children. In answer to the question, "Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed?" the response is almost invariably, "In part." The Junior Epworth League will help the pastor to answer "Yes" to this question. We must begin the work of training Methodists in the nursery, and the Junior Epworth League has come at the right time to assist in this work.

WOMAN'S WORK.—The Ladies' Aid Society has come to be a permanent organization in the Church. It is very effectual in providing the necessary means for church and parsonage improvement, and in nearly every case where improvements have been made during the year these

Societies have taken the initiative in the matter. Where the stewards fail to raise the necessary funds the ladies come to their help, and in their own way supplement the amount until the bills are all paid.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies each have organizations in the district. Profitable district meetings were held by both societies during the year. These societies are not organized in all the charges of the district. May not an organization be effected in each charge this year? The systematic work done by these ladies in raising funds can not but have a wholesome effect on the entire Church.

LITERATURE.—Of the making of many books there is no end, and this was never more true than to-day. This is an age of books and periodicals, and yet our people perish for lack of knowledge. The Discipline in speaking to the preachers on "The Profitable Use of Time," says: "The chief reason that the people under our care are not better is because we are not more knowing and more holy." The Book Concern was organized to provide good literature for our people, and it has never done better work on this line than it is doing now. The pastor is the medium through which these books and periodicals are to reach the people. The result of good, faithful work here will be an increase of knowledge and righteousness in the Church.

CAMP-MEETINGS.—It fell to our lot to superintend the camp-meeting at Epworth Heights this season. We were permitted to call to our assistance twenty preachers of the Conference. Most of them responded to our invitation, and as a result we had more preachers present than for several years past. The spirit of the meeting was good, and the brethren preached with power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and good was done. The attendance was not large, yet a goodly number were present and took an interest in the meetings. This camp-meeting, in our judgment, will never be what it ought to be until the Cincinnati Conference takes possession of it and assumes the responsibility of its services. Whether or not such an arrangement can be brought about is a question. It is one of the most beautiful encampments in this country, and if our people will take hold of it, it can be made a great power for good to all Southern Ohio Methodism.

Walter S. Gray, of our district, had charge of the Shiloh Camp-meeting. He reports a good meeting, though not largely attended.

REVIVALS.—During the winter revival services were held in all the charges, resulting in the conversion of sinners and an increase in the membership of the Church. While this work was genuine as far as it went, it did not go far enough. There is need of a great, soul-stirring revival on the entire district. The commercial spirit and the spirit of indifference has so taken hold upon the Church that many have lost their first love and the zeal they possessed when they first believed. As a consquence the class-meeting is almost a thing of the past, and the prayer-meeting is not what it ought to be. What is needed is a great spiritual awakening. This must be preceded by earnest prayer and faithful preaching of the Word, to be followed by a renewed consecration upon the part of the Church members. This will bring the fiery baptism upon the Church, and when the Church receives the Holy Spirit, then the world will be convinced of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, and sinners will be converted unto God. This is God's way of saving the world, and we can not improve upon it.

The work of the year is done and its record is on high. We are on the threshold of a new Conference year. May it prove to be the best in our history!

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder.

BISHOP CRANSTON AND BRETHREN:

"Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise" from myself and the pastors and people of Milford District as we recall the varied experiences of another Conference year. With united voices we can sing, "The Lord is good and His mercy endureth forever." True the shadow of death has fallen upon us, but "life and immortality have been brought to light through the Gospel."

Sister Charlotte Boyer, who, as a traveling class-leader, served as supply for Chilo Circuit a part of last year and who, in response to the earnest desire of the people, was reappointed to this field, in the midst of a brief and remarkable career as a loved shepherdess of souls, on the morning of December 19, 1904, was suddenly translated. We were greatly shocked and filled with sorrow over her unexpected departure, but death to her was gain, and the memory of her noble, unique personality will remain with those who knew and loved her as an abiding benediction.

A sweet babe was transferred from the parsonage in Williamsburg into the family in heaven. Dr. T. W. Salt and family feel deeply the bereavement which has fallen upon them. He writes: "In her short life she had grown deeply into our lives, and now our hearts are torn and bleeding. We are clinging to God, and from His great loving heart we draw the sweetest consolation, and we find it as you say, 'Heaven is nearer to us now.'"

October 19, 1904, Rev. G. W. Fee, a superannuated member of the Conference, joined the ranks of "our fathers and brethren" in the Heavenly Father's house of many mansions. A good and true man; many, no doubt, will bless his name forever.

Brother B. H. Lewis, the young and successful pastor of Branch Hill Charge, was stricken down with typhoid fever in June, and for weeks was unable to fill his pulpit. We rejoice and praise the Lord for his recovery.

Passing through the winter's campaign without being worn by my somewhat strenuous work, I was stricken down also in June, the symptoms indicating typhoid, but soon developing into bilious intermittent fever. Under the skillful treatment of my physician and the faithful nursing of a good wife the burning fever soon decreased, and by and by disappeared. A brief rest in beautiful Denver, Colorado, brought back my lost appetite, strength, and flesh in a wonderful way. In ten days I gained ten pounds in weight. The last Sabbath in July I was able to be at my work again, and with steadily increasing strength and delight I have held my quarterly-meetings since, preaching, when it was necessary, six times a week. The three weeks in which I was unable to fill my appointments the pastors supplied most acceptably my lack of service. Their tender sympathy and proffer of help touched my heart deeply. Never have I had such a sweet realization of the prophecy of Isaiah, liii chapter, 4th verse, marginal reading as recently, when in the days of weakness I could say not simply, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses," but "Surely He hath borne my sickness," as I rested in His arms as sweetly as a babe nestles on its mother's breast. In my heart I continue to sing David's sweet song, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Who healeth all thy diseases. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction. Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Who satisfieth thy desire with good things so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle."

The pastors' reports indicate the measure of their toils and success

imperfectly. Some rejoice over large harvests gathered after a mighty struggle, inspired by a mighty faith. Others secured only a few sheaves, but they represent prevailing prayer and heroic struggles in the midst of indifference, worldliness, and unbelief. "Paul may plant, Apollos water; God alone can give the increase." A devoted pastor writes: "As to conversions I never worked harder, but every effort seems in vain." To him this may be the sowing time; next year may bring the greatly desired harvest. All lines of work have been carried forward with a good degree of success.

The Sunday-school especially enlists the continued interest and devotion of a host of zealous and patient workers. The formation of the baptized children into classes proceeds slowly because of the difficulty in securing willing and competent leaders. The Junior Leagues in some measure supply this deficiency. The Epworth League grows in efficiency in some charges, but in others has declined. On the whole, I think it has gained a little during the year.

The churches and parsonages are nearly all insured and kept in good condition. Every year adds to the improvement of the Church property in the district. The pastors report the following sums expended for improvements or in payment of debts incurred for this purpose: Goshen, $800; New Richmond, $100; Peebles, $200; Aberdeen, $100; Ripley, $350; Winchester, $50; Newtown, $250; Manchester, $1,050; Bethel, $278; Marathon, $416; Dunkinsville, $22.75; Williamsburg, $70; Decatur, $400; Laurel, $200; Milford, $1,250; Chilo, $27; Branch Hill, $250; Batavia, $22; Mt. Orab, $450; Amelia, $90; Lebanon, $450; all aggregating over $6,500.

Last Sabbath, September 3d, the centennial of old Bethel, Bethel Charge, Rev. L. A. Washburn pastor, was celebrated. Through the earnest work of the pastor the church had been clothed in new beauty, and was filled with members and old friends. Here a hundred years ago Rev. John Collins had put up a log church. A frame succeeded this, the present edifice being the third erected on this historic spot. The Presiding Elder and pastor preached, an old-fashioned love-feast was held, a sketch of the church was read by the pastor and memories of Collins, buried in the cemetery near by, of old pastors and members were revived. One old brother told me of hearing Collins preach seventy years ago; another heard him seventy three years ago. It was a glorious occasion.

Special mention ought to be made of the great work wrought by Brother Verity in Manchester. The fine cement pavement in front of the parsonage and church, the frescoing, new windows, new carpet, all combined, constitute a vision of beauty delightful to the eye and soul.

At Quinn's Chapel a spiritual resurrection has been accompanied by a similar transformation. At this place largely "all things have been made new." Bentonville Church has also, on the outside and roof, been clothed in a new dress of paint. Brother Verity is a tireless worker, and has made a lasting impression upon this charge.

The Newtown Church, under the leadership of Brother Walter, is also being transformed. This will meet an imperative necessity. To next year's report a detailed description will properly belong, as the work is yet not completed.

Milford, Brother LeSourd, the successful pastor, is also making improvements. The new cement walks and the beautified parsonage are to be followed by new pews and new carpet in the auditorium.

The improvements in the Lebanon Church were completed early in the Conference year. The new pastor, Rev. W. A. Cooper, with whom our beloved Brother Shively exchanged places a year ago, has already won the hearts of the people. Here our superannuated Brother J. R.

Hunter lives in a pleasant home, useful and happy in his retirement. Lebanon stands for a living Church whose sympathies and work encompass the world.

Batavia, Rev. W. H. Spybey pastor, is also making handsome improvements.

The benevolences have not been forgotten. The Presiding Elder appealed to the pastors in this fashion: "Our benevolences may incarnate our faith in and our love for the Lord Jesus, and for all whom He has redeemed with His precious blood. Let every benevolence have its due claim upon your hearts, and let there be no blanks upon your reports when they reach the Conference secretaries."

The interest in missions is gradually increasing. Missionary literature, mission classes, missionary sermons, and prayer-meetings all contribute to this end. But few of our Churches are able to give largely, and yet for a series of years the collections have slowly increased. Last year Milford was the only district that did not slump in its contribution to the missionary treasury. This year some of the pastors report an encouraging increase, others a decrease created by local conditions.

The spirit of evangelism has been cultivated. The tidal wave of salvation, for which we long, pray, and labor, has not swept over us, but showers of blessing have refreshed, in some degree, nearly every charge. West Union and New Richmond have shared most largely in the life-giving presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit. West Union rejoices over nearly one hundred conversions and an enlarged spiritual life in the membership. The presence of a class of young people in a Saturday service was an inspiration to the Presiding Elder. The Sunday-school and congregation are so large that the recently improved and beautified church is too small for their comfortable accommodation.

New Richmand abides in a revival atmosphere, welcoming into its hospitable homes and beautiful auditorium our annual ministerial meeting for the district last October, and making it, with the quarterly-meeting which preceded it, the beginning of an aggressive campaign for souls. The pastor, with an unyielding faith and tireless zeal, has led his loyal and devoted membership from victory to victory. Eighty conversions and accessions, including forty-five young men and women, indicate the battles fought and victories won.

Milford, Lebanon, Manchester, Owensville, Goshen, Branch Hill, Bethel, Amelia, Decatur, Summerside, Winchester, Williamsburg, Marathon, Newtown, Aberdeen, Laurel, Ripley, Chilo, Peebles, Mt. Orab, Dunkinsville, Mason, Batavia, all these, more or less largely, have shared in the gracious revival uplifting. The conversions aggregate 547.

We continue to look with hope, and I trust increasing faith, for a general Pentecost. But we must substitute for the too spasmodic work of the past an increasing siege for souls. When all pastors and Churches are filled with a passion for souls, we will find that salvation is not alone for Australia and Wales, but for all other lands as well; for God has given His sons "to be His salvation unto the ends of the earth."

Many other items of interest might be included in this report, but I will close by suggesting a few things we greatly need in the Milford District.

1. *A Quickened Conscience.*

Too many of our official members seem to be void of any sense of responsibility, hence fail to attend to the duties assigned them. And yet they would be disgruntled, seriously offended indeed, if left out of the official ranks. Sometimes they are continued because none can be found to take their places. Fidelity on the part of Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences would bring new life to not a few feeble and almost dying charges. The membership look to the office-bearers for

guidance and inspiration. Alas! too often their example is utterly discouraging and deadly in its influence, creating a paralysis of indifference and neglect which means financial deficiency and spiritual failure, the sundering of pastoral relationships, and aching, if not broken, hearts in parsonage homes. Worst of all, Christ is *dishonored* and the coming of His kingdom *delayed.*

2. *We need a Sustentation Fund.*

Why? To supplement salaries so small that the pastors are constantly harassed by the old Gentile questions, "What shall we eat?" and "Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" Hence they naturally feel that their lot is hard, and soon long for a change. A few patiently endure the heavy burdens a meager salary involves for weary years, and then conclude that other brethren, long favored with easier fields and larger salaries, ought to exchange places with them. The consecrated and cultured men who are willing to give their best years and best efforts to building up the Churches in the smaller towns and rural districts deserve great honor and ought to be better paid. They are not only helping to save the country charges, but the city Churches as well. An intelligent layman, a member of a large city Church, told me that the accessions which kept his Church alive and strong were by letters received from good people moving into the city from the country or smaller towns.

A beloved pastor who has given years of successful work to the country charges preached in a very prominent city Church one Sunday night not long ago, and found five or six charges he had served represented in its membership as they greeted him at the close of the service. We must care for the cities; but if we do, we must save the country Churches. If we do this we need first-class men, and they ought to have a comfortable living. If those whom they serve are financially weak, the stronger Churches ought to help them. Timely help would, by and by, add strong charges to our stationing lists in communities where now discouragement and possible failure shadow the faithful few.

3. *We need a Self-denying Ministry.*

Milford District holds on its way because its Churches have so often been served by so many representatives of Christlike self-abnegation. For a hundred years its picturesque hills and valleys have been trodden by heroic men belonging to the true apostolic succession. Glorious men who "have counted all loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord." Some of them could literally adopt the very words of the greatest Apostle of all, "In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in weariness and painfulness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in watchings often." But if they knew tribulation, they could also claim that their "ministry was wrought out in patience, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds," and that the Gospel they preached was the power of God unto salvation. Our lot is easy compared with that of our predecessors of a hundred or even fifty years ago. They plodded through the mud or over rough, and at times almost impassable, roads on horseback, and when necessary swam over dangerous streams. We ride over good pikes in buggies or carriages, on railroads, or in traction cars.

But until the Church awakes fully to her duty in providing an *ample* sustentation fund, the door of self-crucifixion will still remain open, and struggling Churches will still piteously cry for gifted and consecreated young men, willing to accept poor salaries in laying foundations for rich Churches in the future.

When I entered the Conference success in winning men was often rewarded by appointment to a hard field. At the end of one of the most fruitful years of my ministry, myself and colleague were most earnestly invited and urged to remain in the same field. He was sent to what was called a "mission" to lay foundations, and I was appointed

to a dead circuit in the hope that it might have a resurrection. It was hard to tear ourselves away from so many of our spiritual children. but the Macedonian cry *must be answered!* This only illustrates experiences often duplicated when the Cincinnati Conference was young.

Thank God, it still is glorified by the sacrifices of educated, gifted young men, who are willing to accept poverty that others may be made rich, who are so filled with the spirit of their Lord that they are ready to make "themselves of no reputation" so far as glittering appointments or big salaries are concerned! But the "Lord whose they are and whom they serve" will see to it that their pathway of self-humiliation will lead up to the throne and crown of rejoicing.

I would plead with the gifted and titled young men to not be in too great haste to capture the rich and most coveted appointments, but to sincerely desire a few scars at least as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, "that the ministry be not blamed" for being fashioned by mercenary considerations or the spirit of caste. When we materialize Paul's ideal fully in our ministry, the poorer and weaker Churches in country and city will be lifted up, and our Zion will rejoice, for the Lord will turn her capitivty as the streams in the south.

Listen to the words of that master minister of the Gospel dispensation, the battle-scarred soldier, the contented slave of Jesus Christ: "Giving no occasion of stumbling in anything that our ministration be not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in stripes, in imprisonments, in turmoils, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in pureness, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report, as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet well known, as dying and behold we live, as chastened and not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things."

Here is a snapshot picture of the great preacher "who took pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake.

The application of all this is easy.

Milford District has no reason to be ashamed of the record running through a century which has been made by her consecrated and self-denying pastors. Its ministerial comradeship has been, and still is, unsurpassed. Fellowship in labor, with its devoted pastors and membership, is synonymous with honor, inspiration, benediction.

Lastly, Milford District claims an honored member and citizen whom I have known and highly esteemed from his early manhood. To rebuke graft and saloon bossism and promote, *under present conditions*, the highest good possible for my native State, if I could direct the ballots I would elect him governor of Ohio by 100,000 majority!

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEORGE W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder.

IN September, 1805, Springfield Methodism received its first Methodist preacher by the appointment of a Methodist bishop.

We have not time to note even in briefest review the progress of this century of Church life, and can only state that the denomination to-day is represented by a membership of 2,528, and by five churches and three parsonages having a valuation of $158,300, and we may say, without undue boasting, that we are among the strong religious forces of the city.

Springfield Methodism always has been hospitable to the Cincinnati Conference. Once in each decade of the last half of the last century the Conference met here, and now in this first decade of the new century, and the one hundredth year after the Methodist banner first was unfurled on this soil, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the men and women who prayed at our altars and shouted over our converts open their homes and stretch out their hands in welcome to the spiritual descendants of the pioneer preachers who laid the foundations so deep and strong. Times, methods, customs change, men come and go, but loyalty to Methodism in its inner spirit abides in the hearts of these people whose hospitality we are to share during the next few days.

When the Springfield District was given into my care a year ago, my first task was to read carefully the list of appointments of the district. I laid aside the paper with the remark that I had a good lot of men as my co-workers for the year. I can repeat that statement to-day with emphasis. One of the distinct pleasures of the year has been the privilege of becoming better acquainted with these men and their families, and I have an increased appreciation of the fidelity and earnestness and devotion to a high ideal of this band of men. Most of them receive scant remuneration for their labor, and none of them more than a competence, but they have done their work intelligently, cheerfully, and patiently, and to them belongs whatever of credit there may be for the year's work.

With one exception our ranks have been unbroken during the year. Brother D. A. McColm fell at his post early in the month of January. His end was a tragic one. I preached for him at Cable Sunday afternoon, January 8th, and together we conducted the communion service. Later we took tea together, and then I left for my evening appointment. Brother McColm was cheerful, and talked with interest of his plans for his winter work. He remained at Cable, and in the evening preached the first sermon of his protracted meeting. On his way home, when not far from his parsonage, his vehicle was struck by a fast train on the Erie Raliroad, and he was instantly killed. The news came as a severe shock to me the next morning, and gave new meaning to the phrase, "the uncertainty of life." Funeral services were held both in King's Creek Church and in Raper Church, Dayton, and we laid his body to rest in the cemetery of that city. Brother McColm gave the Church more than twenty-six years of steady service. He never had what we call the good places. But Methodism owes a large debt of gratitude to the men who, on slender pay and with little of the world's notice and praise, keep up the outposts and send a steady line of recruits from the country and the village to the town and city Churches. Brother McColm was one of these workers, and we gladly pay tribute to his devotion to his Master's cause and the Church of his choice. It was with considerable difficulty that I found a supply for the King's Creek work; but one of our good local preachers, R. M. Mitchell, of Urbana, came to the rescue, and has given excellent service during the latter part of the year.

The superannuated brethren, J. G. Black and J. M. Shultz, both residing at New Carlisle, John Vance at Urbana, G. M. Edgar at Troy, and C. H. Kalbfus at Yellow Springs, are valued counselors, and have been able to give some service in the Sunday-school and to preach at times during the year. They are at present in their usual health, and I hope all of them will be in attendance upon the Conference.

In the district, as a whole, little of extraordinary interest has happened, but on the part of pastors and people there have been activity and constant effort to do the work expected of us.

The most notable financial work of the year has been done at Vienna Cross Roads. This church was built in 1902 at an expense of $4,500. Of this amount $1,841 were still due in October, 1904, and secured by a mortgage on the church. As the notes were overdue and the interest un-

paid, legal steps were taken to foreclose the mortgage. At this critical juncture some friends not members of the Church gave their help, a vigorous canvass was made, and in a few weeks $1,325 were raised and paid, a new note given for the balance, and the mortgage was lifted. At this point the Board of Church Extension generously came to the rescue, and forwarded a donation of $300. Within the last few weeks the remaining $200 have been paid, and now there is not a dollar of indebtedness on the property. The church was formally dedicated on the 28th of May. Brother Joseph D. Trout, a local preacher, has done yeoman service during the entire year at small financial return.

Perhaps the most marked revival of the year was experienced at South Charleston. The notable features were the manifest presence of a supernatural power, and the spontaneity manifest during the progress of the meeting. Rev. E. S. Dunham, evangelist of the Central Ohio Conference, assisted during the first ten days, after which time the pastor, A. T. Cowgill, carried on the work with the help of his own people. The whole community shared in the spiritual quickening, and our own Church received many additions to its membership.

A unique plan of work preliminary to special revival services was adopted at New Carlisle, and is worthy of attention. The pastor, H. E. Armacost, sent to each member of the Church a pastoral letter and "visiting bulletin," containing a schedule of eighty-five cottage meetings covering the afternoons of three successive weeks, each meeting taking one-half hour of time. Every Wednesday from 4 to 4.30 there was a children's meeting at the church. This plan awakened great interest, was successfully carried out, and was followed immediately by the special meetings at the church, which were well attended and resulted in a large number of conversions.

The effect has been seen in the improved spiritual condition throughout the year. In a few cases the Churches have had the help of special evangelists, but in most instances the pastors themselves have been evangelists and in some instances have stretched out a helping hand to a brother pastor. Our preachers do not believe that the day of revivals is past, nor that they and their Churches are dependent upon the special evangelist. Nor do they believe that the Church is to make progress by revivals only and the exclusive use of the revival method.

Some of our pastors do their best work by personal effort to reach the individual and by constant care of the children and young people. At the end of a term of years the Church records will show that such pastors have done a work of great and permanent benefit to the Church. Several of our pastors are doing a work among the children and young people worthy of all commendation. They are reading the best literature on child life, they are acquainting themselves with the best methods of approach to the child mind, they are attending local and general Sunday-school conventions, and catching inspiration from great leaders and successful workers; they are training probationers; they are forming boys' clubs and Mission Study classes and Junior Leagues, and leading on bands of young people who will make intelligent and loyal Christian men and women by and by. There is no inherent incompatibility between this method and that of the revival meeting. The one may lead up to the other. The one may be the outgrowth of the other. Happy is the man who keeps the one great aim, but is not confined to one method.

The work of aggressive evangelism has received our attention, but it was thought that no plan of general interchange of pastoral assistance was feasible or desirable. We think the results have justified the conclusion reached.

It is evident that we need all the aggressive evangelism we can command. The Church membership of the Cincinnati Conference at the beginning of the last decade was 48,608; at its close it was 52,606, a gain

of almost exactly 4,000, or 400 per year. The reports for 1904 show a gain of 691 over 1903, but we have actually fallen 141 below the showing of 1901, and 134 below 1902. We have a plant of 367 churches and 125 parsonages, and employ 164 pastors and 5 Presiding Elders. Our material equipment represents an investment of $2,828,000, and it cost to run it during the year ending September 1, 1904, $476,375 for salaries, current expenses, Sunday-schools, etc.

Are the net returns at all adequate to the expenditure? We can not measure souls by dollars, but with all the apparatus at our command it does seem that there should be more to show for our labor. It must never be forgotten that the Church does not exist for evangelism only. There is a vast work to be done in the field of moral and religious education; the high standards of right living must be maintained; the great philanthropies must be cared for, and many other things must be done. But looked at from any and every point of view, it is very plain that we need a revival of the spirit of aggressive evangelism. But we need some other things too, and the satisfactory solution of the problem of our slow growth is not to be found in the emphatic reiteration of a happily coined phrase or in sporadic and spasmodic efforts of any kind whatsoever. Deep-seated diseases require deep going remedies.

The ministers of the district have been active in the work of temperance reform. At Arcanum, Covington, Greenville, Mechanicsburg, Piqua, South Charleston, Troy, and Yellow Springs special efforts have been made to banish the saloon. These attempts have not been successful in every case, but failure is not due to lack of initiative on the part of our preachers. If our laymen were as pronounced in their hostility to the liquor-traffic as our ministers are, and would follow where they are willing to lead, the open saloon would soon disappear from this territory.

A few words as to the support of the ministry and our Disciplinary plans. President Eliot, of Harvard, recently has called attention to the fact that the teacher, whether in the public school, the college, or the university, is one of an underpaid class. The subject has received much discussion in reputable publications, and no one dissents from the statement. John Mitchell, in his book on "Organized Labor," says: "For the great mass of unskilled workingmen . . . the fair wage should be not less than six hundred dollars a year." Surely ministers are as deserving of fair pay as teachers or unskilled workingmen, and yet of the one hundred and sixty-four pastors of our Conference, the Minutes of 1904 show that twenty-nine failed to receive the amount named as a fair wage for an unskilled workingman. If insufficient pay is to be deplored, slow pay should be regarded as an evil not to be tolerated. Generally there is no excuse for it. A salaried man ought to have his pay, and every cent of it, once a month. All salaried men but preachers get it. Many of our charges seem not to know that the Discipline requires monthly payments of their preachers' salaries. "Let the stewards at the beginning of the year estimate the amount needed monthly. Then let them ascertain . . . what each will give as his monthly contribution," "the amount needed monthly," "the additional amount which they think he ought monthly to pay," "the opportunity of regularly contributing each month, or oftener." This is the wording of the Discipline. The old word "quarterage" has disappeared forever from this book of the law of our Church. Our country charges, as well as our Churches in town and city, ought to adjust their plans to the Disciplinary requirement and the changed conditions of modern business methods. This matter has been pressed upon the attention of the Quarterly Conferences.

Eighteen charges of the district were reported deficient in the payment of apportionments for General Conference expenses. If these amounts are not paid in full at this Conference it will not be due to any neglect on my part. This is not a benevolent collection. It is a debt, and it is as

honorable for a man to cut his hotel bill as for a Church to refuse to pay this obligation.

The Ladies' Aid Society is a very active and valuable organization in the district. I think every charge has one or more of these societies in existence. Their work is as varied as it is helpful. They pay the parsonage taxes and look after repairs without and within; they add new furniture; they put down sidewalks and pay street assessments; they repair and refurnish churches; they pay pastors' and jaintors' salaries, and do other good works too numerous to mention. Henceforth the work of this society will have large place in local Church history.

Material improvements of considerable value have been made at Catawba, where the church has been beautified at a cost of $850, and at Grace Church, Urbana, where two rooms and a bath-room with modern equipment have been added to the parsonage. At Greenville the convenient and beautiful new parsonage was occupied early in the year, and at many other places improvements have been made. Church debts have been reduced at Central, St. Paul, and Clifton Avenue, Springfield, and at other points, and there is no distressing indebtedness in any charge of the district.

It may seem like injustice not to mention every pastor and every Church in this report. It is an act of self-denial on my part not to do so. But it is not easy to present a report of such a character without seeming to make invidious distinctions where none is intended. Special success often is contingent upon especially favorable conditions. A man may work just as hard and just as intelligently on a Vermont hillside as an Illinois prairie, but with very different crop results. Some years in the history of every pastor and every Church are seemingly uneventful. Other years may be crowded full of signal blessings. So in the work of the year some pastors have had tangible results that do not appear in other cases. But we believe all have been actuated by the spirit of faithfulness, and it is according to this criterion that all the shepherds of the flock are to be assigned their true places in the final judgment of mankind.

The work of the year has given me a steadily growing appreciation of our Church organization. It is splendidly adapted to its purpose. Our great task is to work it up to the measure of its efficiency. To this end we must continue to bend every energy, looking evermore for the blessing of the great Head of the Church.

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STATISTICS.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
ANSWER, ... $12,350 00

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund,	$22 00
From Mears Bequest,	150 00
From Book Concern Dividend,	1,447 00
From Conference Trustees,	1,725 00
From the Charges,	5,980 80
Balance from last year,	128 31
Donation,	5 00
Total,	$9,458 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIMANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	$400 00	$304 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G Black,	Self,	400 00	304 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. C. T Crum,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	S. O. Royal,	400 00	304 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	D. J Starr,	300 00	228 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S W. Edmiston,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
Rev. H.A.M. Henderson,	Self,	250 00	100 00	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W Hickman,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kaibfus,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	350 00	266 00	Toledo, O
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. E. McHugh,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. C. D Munsey,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. R. E. Smith,	Self,	250 00	100 00	Osborn, O.
Rev W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. G. L. Travis,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Lewisburg, O.
Rev. S. Weeks,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. Wm. M West,	W. A. Wiant,	200 00	152 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Piqua, O.
Total,		$7650 00	$5814 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. D. A. McColm,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Secretary's Record,				
Stationery, Postage, etc.,	Net	6 00	6 00	

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Steward	Amount paid	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	H. C Weakley,	$200 00	$152 00	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	J. L. Duckwall,	150 00	114 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan	C. W. Horn,	200 00	152 00	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt,	A. B. Austin,	150 00	114 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. T. S. Cowden,	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall,	W. A. Wiant,	200 00	152 00	Moscow, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	T. W. Salt,	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Fletcher Hypes,	W. B. Brown,	50 00	38 00	Owensville, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	200 00	152 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely,	C. M. Van Pelt,	50 00	38 00	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H Kennedy,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Forest, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Casstown, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Hillsboro, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	V. F. Brown,	150 00	114 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. D. A. McColm,	J. F. McColm,	75 00	57 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. H Middleton,	George Gable,	175 00	133 00	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller,	M. B. Fuller,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs Joseph Newson,	H. E. Armacost,	200 00	151 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and child,	C. H. Haines,	250 00	190 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry and children,	C. W. Briggs,	200 00	152 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs E. C. Smith and Children,	W. A. Wiant,	300 00	228 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Jamestown, O
Mrs H. Stokes,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Cheswold, Del.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve,	W. H Werhly,	100 00	76 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. J. S. Whitney,	M. B. Fuller,	50 00	38 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Timothy Wones,	J. L. Duckwall,	100 00	76 00	Springfield, O.
Grand total,		$12,406 00	$9442 00	

Receipts,	$9,458 11
Disbursements,	9,442 00
Cash in Hand,	$16 11

G. S. Easton, *Secretary.*
W. A. Wiant, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ASSETS.

Stocks: 150 Shares, P. P. Mast & Co.,	$15,000 00	
119 Shares, Mast, Foos & Co.,	11,900 00	
30 Shares, Little Miami R. R. Co.,	1,500 00	
		$28,400 00
Notes secured,		10,400 00
Lot in Madisonville, O.,		70 00
Cash in Bank,		4,290 56
Total,		$43,160 56

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account,	$43,160 56

RECEIPTS.

Bills payable—Temporary loans,	$776 00	
Bills receivable—Loans paid,	7,549 42	
Interest received,	1,767 30	
Expenses refunded,	13 15	
		$10,105 87
Cash on hand September, 1904,		1,716 59
		$11,822 46

EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—Loans made,	$6,568 82	
Bills payable—Loans paid,	776 00	
Interest paid for Temporary Loans,	36 96	
Expenses,	75 12	
		$7,456 90
Cash in Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, O.,		4,365 56
		$11,822 46

Interest received as above,	$1,767 30	
Expenses refunded,	13 15	
Balance interest account, August 31, 1904,	86 59	
Total,	$1,867 04	
Interest and expenses paid as above,	112 08	
		$1,754 96
Balance brought down, interest account,	$1,754 96	
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards,		$1,725 00
Balance in bank,		29 96
	$1,754 96	$1,754 96

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., September 1, 1905.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE: CONFERENCE TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, certificates of stock, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati, O. Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WEAKLEY,
J. T. BAIL,
C. M. VAN PELT,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1905.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
For Missionary Society,	$18,939 00	$9 086 00	$28.025 00
For Church Extension Society,	1,845 00	431 00	2,276 00
For Sunday-school Union,	339 00	66 00	405 00
For Tract Society,	316 00	58 00	374 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society,	1,997 00	895 00	2,892 00
For Ohio Wesleyan University (from Public Educational Collections),	393 00	279 00	672 00
For Board of Education (from Children's Day Collections),	775 00	384 00	1,159 00
For American Bible Society,	609 00	1 022 00	1,631 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	117 00	13,413 00	13,530 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society,	47 00	11,606 00	11,653 00
Total Disciplinary collections,	$25,377 00	$37.240 00	$62.617 00
For Christ Hospital,	473 00	8,852 00	9,325 00
For General Conference Expenses,	65 00	2 00	67 00
For Other Benevolent Objects,	334 00	44.594 00	44,928 00
For Conference Claimants,	5,250 00	729 00	5,979 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,430 00	204 00	1,634 00
Fractional Amounts received,	14 61	.....	14 61
Total of all Collections,	$32,824 61	$91,621 00	$124,564 61

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Graham, Publishing Agents, for the Missionary Society, Sunday-school Union, Tract Society, Freedmen's Aid, W. F. M. S., W. H. M. S., Episcopal Fund, and General Conference Expenses, as per amounts credited above,	$23,250 00
Paid A. D. Maddox, for Conference Claimants,	5,250 00
Paid Samuel Shaw, for Church Extension,	1,845 00
Paid Herbert Welch, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	393 00
Paid W. F. Anderson, for Board of Education,	775 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital,	473 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	295 00
Paid D. W. Clark, for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	7 00
Paid A. B. Leonard, for support of India Preacher,	30 00
Paid S. O. Royal, for Preachers' Relief Society,	2 00
Paid John Pearson, for American Bible Society,	609 00
Paid S. O. Royal, for Publishing Minutes,	14 61
Total disbursements,	$32,943 61

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

SPRINGFIELD, O., September 11, 1905.

STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY. - GEORGE M. HAMMELL, Station O, Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Ch'd'n Bapt'd	Adults Bapt'd	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable V.	Pd. for Build. & Impr. Ch's & Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property	
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Cincinnati: Asbury	16	20	2	7	6	7	1	23	170	1	$ 8,000		$2,000	< 50			
Avondale	3	225		4	8	5	1	24	168	1	40 0 0	1	11,000				
Pleasant Ridge	7	122			6	14	1	14	1 6	1	2,500						
Bond Hill	5	104		1			1	16	97	1	5,000			65			
Carthage & Reading	4	186		2	8	7	2	32	225	2	6,50			143	$ 75		
Christie	10	288		7	3		1	20	150	1	20,0 0		5,000	250			
Clifton		55			1		1	15	6	1	40,000			800			
Columbia	11	301			5	7	1	24	282	1	11,0 0		3,000	181			
Delta Ave	11	167		2	10	3	1	20	180	1	12,000			60			
E. Pearl Street	4	76		2	8	5	1	10	125	1	12,00	1	2,000	10			
Elmw'd Pl. & C'p Wash	11	185		3	4	2	2	45	375		7,500						
Fairmount	5	130		1	8	5	1	27	180	1	7,000	1	2,00	115			
Finley	12	120		4	2		1	12	88	1	10,000			100			
N'thside First Church	21	332		1	4	3	1	28	250	1	32,700			256	1,000		
Linwood and Mad. Rd.	2	140	1	1	3	14	2	20	248	2	10,000						†1,250
McKendree	11	281	1	5	11	7	1	24	14	1	16,000						
Mt. Auburn	24	204		3	1	2	1	18	160	1	35,000			1,000			
Mt. Lookout		110		2	4	2	1	12	1 0	1	5,000	1	3 500				
Price Hill	5	242	2	2	10	10	2	30	201	2	16,000				955		*700
Riverside	10	65			10	2	1	18	1 0	1	5,000						
St. Paul	12	710	3	11	40	36	1	30	415	1	125,000	1	0,000	6,000			
Trinity	85	790	2	7	14	29	1	36	350	1	75,000	1	6,000	1,200			
Walnut Hills	10	380	3	7	5	4	1	36	270	1	60,000	1	15,000	2,575			
Wesley Chapel	80	581	3	8	19	27	1	33	300	1	90,' 00	1	10,000	280			
Westwood	4	240			3		1	22	215	1	50,000	1	8,000	807			
Groesbeck Sec. 2	5	165		1	1	5	3	36	234	3	6,000						
Miamitown, Sec. 3	1	120				4	3	20	110	3	2,500			505			
Winton Place	5	110	1	4	6	3	1	21	154	1	15, 00	1	10,000	157			
York Street	25	178	1	6	3	9	1	28	170	1	15 000			92	200		
Cleves & Addyston	18	350		28	15	28	2	24	260	2	6,000	1	1,500	250	250		
Delhi	9	24	1	1	2	4	1	29	150	1	14,000			21	500		
Harrison		166		4	2	2	1	10	90	1	6,' 00	1	1,000	45			
Hartwell	4	202		2	2	5	1	27	190	1	12,000	1	2,000	80			
Lockland-Wyoming	4	330		8	3	6	1	24	191	1	25,000	1	6,000	282			
Madisonville	10	400	1	1	4	3	1	30	27	1	25,000	1	3,000	175			
Norwood: 1st Church	25	362	1	3	11	13	1	24	330	1	22,000			5,000			*9 000
Grace Church		236	1	1	10	4	1	25	225	1	5 500						1,300
Cincinnati Miss. Soc	185	307		5	16	24	4	34	240	8	9,500			3,400			
Totals	600	976	28	189	268	308	50	937	7626	49	864,500	18	112500	24,1 0	8,..		2,850
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany	7	174		4			1	14	65	1	8 000	1	1,000	50			
Brookville & Pyrmont	17	159	1	2	3	11	2	23	110	2	4,800			625			
Camden & Somerville	3	236		6	5	6	2	30	230	2	9,000	1	2,000	300			
Centerville	16	404		8	2	8	2	3	180	2	8,000	1	1,000	300			
Dayton: Broadway	38	806		13	5	9	1	66	720	1	15,000	1	8,500	115			
Grace	4	780	1	12	18	4	1	30	400	1	60,000	1	12,000	200			
Homestead Avenue	5	70		1	7	6	1	15	115	1	5,000			106			
Raper	23	870	1	18	14	17	1	5'	589	1	70,000			1,521	3,31'		22,025
Riverdale	2	272			2	2	1	20	200	1	18,000			100	700		5,500
St. Paul	12	915	2		12	20	1	53	600	1	27,000	1	5,000	200			1,500
Trinity	16	368	2	7	35	42	1	37	340	1	10,000	1	3,000		400		1 200
Eaton & W. Alexandria	20	500	2	11	10	38	2	44	395	2	28,000	1	3,000	550			
Ebenezer & Woodward	37	327		1	3	19	2	45	330	2	4,955	1	1,500	371			
Fair Haven & Sugar Val	5	266		1	3	22	2	31	153	2	6,000	1	3,000	383			
Fort Jefferson	14	203		5	2	18	3	48	320	4	6,000	1	700	600			
Franklin	10	345		10		2	1	18	180	1	20,000	1	4,000		2,000		150
Germantown	3	155		7	2		1	22	125	1	5,000			30			
Gordon	2	160		3		2	3	50	245	3	9,800			2,800	450		50
Hamilton & Lindenwald	8	763	1	14	31	84	3	69	975	2	10,500	1	10,000	1,842			
Lewisburg		120		2		2	1	22	150	1	4,000	1	1,000	75			
Miamisburg	15	358		8	4	3	1	34	361	1	3,700	1	5,000	217	1,847		3,000
Middletown	48	642		3	18		1	24	530	1	40,000	1	2,000	753	403		
Monroe	2	160		3	6	8	2	18	135	2	9,500	1	2,000	185	100		
New Paris	20	147		3		2	2	25	100	3	2,0 0	1	700	33			

* Debt provided for. † Partly provided for.

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DAYTON DIST.—Cont'd.																
Osborn	18	301	1	8	1	2	4	58	325	4	$12,000	1	$2,500	$ 345		$1,500
Oxford	19	406	1	5	3		1	26	250	1	20,000	1	3,500		$85	1,600
Port Union and Glendale	14	176	1	1		8	4	40	158	4	9,000	1	2,500	38		
Red Lion & Merrittstown	10	137		1			2	22	153	2	3,500	1	1,000	15		
Seven Mile	5	202		4	4	1	2	26	160	2	11,500	1	1,000	400		
Springboro and Lytle	7	236	1	1		2	2	29	275	2	3,200	1	2,000			
Venice	2	367		2			5	66	250	5	9,900	1	800	3,123		
Walker & Union		90					2	14	98	2	2,700					
West Carrollton	6	240			5		1	16	200	1	17,000	1	2,500	8,000	125	1,200
West Chester	4	300				6	3	30	140	3	6,200	1	1,200	20		
West Elkton		250	3	2		3	3	38	240	5	3,0 0	1	500	300		
West Milton	7	190		3				45	175	5	4,500	1	400	200		49
Totals	119	12115	19	154	190	287	69	1228	9922	75	481,755	29	78,300	28,797	10,174	37,804
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast	14	463		8	14	10	6	60	300	6	10,000	1	1,200	50		
Blanchester	10	327	1	3	8	21	1	24	250	1	10,000	1	1,600	173	685	900
Bowersville	8	226	2	3	1		3	34	207	4	9,800	1	850	181	21	74
Butlerville	1	325		5		7	5	55	300					300		
Centerfield	8	68					2	20	68	8	2,400					
Clarksville	10	215		4			3	36	190	3	6,000	1	2 000	225		
Greenfield	25	1,245	1	9	45	9	1	39	4 1	1	70,000	1	6,500			8,000
Highland	15	405	1	5		15	3	50	340	2	9,000	1	3,000	200		
Hillsboro	7	847	2	1	4	27	1	34	587	1	12,000	1	7,000	5,100		
Jamestown	3	851	1	4		2	1	19	150	1	12,000	1	2,000	80		
Leesburg	22	825	2	7			3	53	295	3	18,500	1	2,000	80		
Loveland	5	168		2	2		1	17	150	1	6,000			25		
Lynchburg	3	505	1	7		3	4	54	300	4	12,000	1	2,000	5,500	3 100	2,200
Mainesville	4	185		2	1	8	3	32	200	3	6,000	1	1,500	1,025		
Martinsville	7	820	1	2	11	10	5	30	285	5	7,500	1	800	40		
Morrow	9	150		3			1	18	140	1	3,500	1	1 500	200		
New Burlington	7	517	2	4	2	6	4	57	333	4	7,100	1	1,500	285		
New Jasper	14	284		5		6	3	35	200	3	7,500	1	1,800	80		
New Vienna	6	337		2		38	3	38	235	3	11,000	1	2,500	500		
Rainsboro	9	459		7	2	9	4	51	425	4	8,000	1	1,500	475		
Sabina	8	278		3	6	3	1	24	180	1	12,000	1	1,200	280		
Sinking Springs	12	381	1	4		23	5	50	2 8	5	5,200	1	1,000	1,012	37	
South Lebanon	3	170	1	7	15	14	3	25	160	3	4,000	1	2,000	450		
Sugar Tree Ridge	9	308	1	3			5	48	260	6	5,800	1	1,100	935		125
Union	18	380		5	17	11	5	72	360	5	5,800	1	2 000	175		
Waynesville	5	288		7		3	2	27	224	2	6,000	1	2,000	125		
Wilmington	3	205	1	2		5	1	22	125	1	15,000	1	6,500	2,259		1,986
Xenia: First Church	19	720	1	9	17	23	1	39	500	1	33,000	1	4,500	600	344	
Trinity	7	300			2	4	1	23	180	1	20,000	1	5,000	300		
Totals	266	10794	19	128	142	276	81	1098	7583	79	330,100	26	64,050	20,605	4,385	17 285
MILFORD DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen	9	402		2		12	4	45	210	4	5,000	1	700	15		
Amelia	10	848	3	6		24	8	80	500	8	6,000	1	1,000	80	150	
Batavia	7	268			3	4	1	21	200	1	15,000	1	1,500	523		
Bethel	2	395	1	6		12	4	60	325	4	4,000	1	1,500	250		
Branch Hill	22	145	1	3	10	6	4	22	1 0	5	12,000			230	15	
Chilo	8	172		4			3	28	115	4	5,500	1	400	27		
Decatur		350	1	4		3	5	70	400	5	6,500	1	1,200	300		
Dunkinsville	17	200	1	3		8	3	27	105	3	2,500			23		
Feesburg		247		3		3	5	48	243	5	5,100	1	800			
Felicity		306	3	4	2	1	3	41	280	3	5,800	1	900	80		
Georgetown		400		10	2	4	3	44	300	3	10,000	1	1,800	50		
Goshen	5	198	1	3	10	25	2	28	145	2	6,000	1	2,000	80		
Laurel	28	422		4		1	4	54	3 0	4	7,000	1	1,800	200		
Lebanon	8	364		4	3	6	1	23	175	1	12,000	1	2,500	65		
Manchester	6	320		5	2	12	3	38	255	3	7,000	1	1,500	1,131		
Marathon	4	460	1	3	4	40	5	50	250	5	8,000	1	1,200	400		
Mason	10	273		5	9	6	3	40	375	3	8,200	1	3,500		77	40
Milford	6	834		3	9	14	1	25	230	1	6,000	1	2,500	850		
Moscow	8	281	2	4			4	40	207	4	12,000			75		
Mount Orab	6	480		10		5	5	75	380	5	7,000	1	1,800	375		150
Mt. Washington		100	1	3	3		3	27	300	3	3,000	1	1,000	250		
Mulberry		235	1	2	3		6	51	351	6	6,500			80	40	
New Richmond	29	247		5		46	1	25	150	1	4,500	1	1,500	50	146	200
Newtown	24	305		4	7	5	4	35	225	4	9,000	1	2,000	1,000		
Owensville	3	380		3		4	4	52	300	4	7,000	1	1,200	150		50

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MILFORD DIST.—Cont'd																
Peebles	2	307	1	4	3	7	3	43	266	3	$ 3,600	1	$1,000	$1,200	.....	$ 30
Ripley	7	293	....	3	3	2	1	16	200	1	40,000	1	3,000	30	$450	50
Summerside	15	208	....	1	3	11	4	55	240	4	8,00	1	1,800	116	.....	.....
West Union	19	521	....	6	54	8	3	42	350	3	4,600	1	1,500	200	.....	.....
Williamsburg	4	378	1	4	3	4	1	30	180	1	4,000	1	1,800	65	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit	....	316	1	1	....	....	4	40	200	5	7.000	....	.....	40	250	250
Winchester-Seaman	17	309	1	1	....	....	2	31	348	2	11,500	1	1,000	50	.....	.....
Totals	278	10022	20	128	188	278	102	1256	7950	105	259,300	27	42,400	9,310	1,098	750
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	6	160	1	1	3	6	1	17	180	1	6,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Brandt	7	100	....	2	....	1	3	15	180	4	4,800	1	1,200	92	.....	.....
Catawba	3	367	....	3	2	5	3	40	250	3	9,000	1	2,500	850	.....	.....
Cedarville	3	284	....	3	1	7	2	26	189	2	6,000	1	2,500	410	50	450
Christiansburg	3	272	2	1	1	15	3	39	251	4	9,500	1	1,000	40	.....	.....
Concord	6	256	....	5	....	12	2	30	210	2	7,000	1	1,200	798	.....	25
Covington	9	154	....	1	2	15	1	18	104	1	4,000	1	2,000	300	.....	.....
Dialton	9	297	1	4	....	1	3	50	205	3	7,600	1	1,250	230	.....	.....
Greenville	3	382	1	7	5	12	1	30	293	1	27,000	1	5,500	115	1,200	1,800
King's Creek	3	164	1	3	....	17	4	37	240	4	5,500	1	1,200	400	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	31	387	....	5	1	6	1	22	200	1	80,000	1	2,500	100	684	.....
Mutual	12	250	....	4	....	6	4	50	200	4	7,500	1	800	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle	14	291	2	1	3	36	1	28	250	1	4,000	1	1,500	300	.....	.....
New Moorefield	....	337	....	2	1	29	4	50	340	4	12,000	1	1,700	100	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	....	333	1	9	4	27	1	25	228	1	6,000	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....
Greene Street	24	625	1	12	16	2	1	30	310	1	80,000	1	9,000	300	1,400	400
South Charleston	75	425	1	4	5	55	2	33	375	2	12,000	2	5,000	400	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	14	906	1	14	10	18	1	61	615	1	20,000	1	10,000	975	1,230	400
Clifton Ave	....	321	1	2	21	8	1	30	280	1	3,500	....	.....	.....	600	450
Grace	8	318	....	....	3	14	2	22	235	2	2,200	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street	6	594	1	10	10	15	1	22	200	1	70,000	1	10,000	8,000	.....	.....
St. Paul	3	392	....	....	14	2	1	34	220	1	40,000	1	2,000	.....	1,000	3,000
Tippecanoe City	11	255	1	1	2	8	1	20	180	1	15,000	1	2,000	150	.....	.....
Tremont City	7	260	1	3	....	1	3	41	264	3	12,000	....	.....	288	.....	.....
Troy	13	465	....	16	1	13	1	27	350	1	60,000	1	7,000	.....	300	4,500
Troy Circuit	8	291	....	7	11	32	3	44	279	3	8,000	1	1,500	350	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	10	625	1	4	4	8	1	25	300	1	40,000	1	4,500	300	600	200
Grace	8	540	2	6	....	14	1	25	264	1	25 000	1	5,000	1,300	1,100	350
Vienna Cross Roads	....	75	....	....	....	....	1	13	45	1	4,500	....	.....	1,607	.....	.....
Yellow Springs	12	484	....	....	7	12	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	1,500	200	100	100
Totals	308	10615	19	186	127	407	57	954	7639	59	497,600	27	87,850	18,150	8,264	11,175

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Cincinnati	600	3671	28	139	268	308	50	937	7626	49	$864,500	18	112500	$24120	$3,042	$12850
Dayton	419	12115	19	154	190	287	69	1228	9922	75	481,755	29	78,300	28,797	10,174	37,804
Hillsboro	266	10 94	19	128	142	276	81	1088	7583	79	330,100	26	64,050	20,605	4,385	18,285
Milford	273	10022	20	128	138	273	102	1256	7950	105	259,300	27	42,400	9,310	1,098	750
Springfield	308	10615	19	186	127	407	57	954	7639	59	497,600	27	87,850	18,150	8,264	11,175
Totals, 1905	1866	58217	105	675	860	1551	359	5473	40720	367	2433255	127	385100	95982	26,968	75, 864
Totals, 1904	1645	52606	115	708	777	1387	360	5442	41439	367	2454000	125	374550	195782	29,089	54, 645
Increase	221	611	....	....	83	164	....	31	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....
Decrease	....	....	10	33	....	....	1	....	719	....	20.745	....	10,550	99,800	2,126	21,219

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NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.									
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	50	937	7,626	5,365	396	884	3,627	610	$5,692
Dayton,	69	1,228	9,922	6,124	805	1,198	5,543	487	5,013
Hillsboro,	81	1,098	7,583	4,549	484	1,064	4,234	587	3,350
Milford	102	1,256	7,950	5,420	296	1,191	3,752	388	2,827
Springfield,	57	954	7,639	5,034	584	919	4,209	675	3 709
Totals, 1905,	359	5,473	40,720	26,492	2,565	5,256	21,365	2,747	$20,591
Totals, 1904,	360	5,442	41,439	26,444	2,368	5,028	21,374	2,504	20,678
Increase,	.....	31	.....	48	197	228	.....	243	.....
Decrease,	1	.....	719	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	$87

FOR	CLAIMS			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	INCREASE FROM		CURRENT EXPENSES.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															Gen'l Conf. Expenses	
																	MISSIONS.					S. S. UNION			EDUCATION.			W. H. M. SOCIETY.				
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total					Total	Collections	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Total	(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Special Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	(a) Church	(b) S. S.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	(a) Pub. Edu. Col.	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	
Cincinnati: Asbury	C. C. Peale	$1200		$1200	$1200		$1200		$50	$50	$10	$10	$1200	$10		$40	$400	$85	$185	$65		$200	$15	$2		$2	$15	$1	$8	$5	$55	$25		$61	
Avondale	E. P. Edmonds	2000	$750	2750	2300	$750	2750		22	225	25	25	3000	158		158	1850	165	236	33		269	53	5	$2	5	187	10	10	32	290	8	$20	4958	
Pleasant Ridge	L. O. Hartman	1000		1000	1000		1000		14	14	4	4	1018	25		25	231	112	30	20		50	5	1	1	1	6	5	6	5	10	25		86	$1
Bond Hill	J. L. Colley	600		600	600		600		14	14	3	3	617	15		15	115	86	25	25		50	3	1		1	5	4		2	7	2		57	
Carthage & Reading	G. F. Barber	900		900	972		972	Ex 72	20	29	12	7	1008	25		25	200	153		21		21	14		3	1	14	2	5	7	35			56	
Christie	C. L. Myers	1000		1000	1000		1000		60	60	10	10	1070	18		18	350	75	77	23		100	5	2	1	1	20	2	2	3	30	22		55	
Clifton	J. F. Chenoweth	1200		1200	1200		1200		64	64	15	15	1279				700	35	85	15		100	10	5		3	20	10	5	20	188	157	13	162	
Columbia	G. H. Smith	900	300	1200	900	300	1200		45	45	17	8	1253	22		22	540	126	34	36		70	5	1		1	2	2		2	57	98		366	
Delta Avenue	J. P. Ninde	900		900	900		900		40	40	12	8	944	12		12	190	115	30	40		70	4		2	1	6	4		5				47	
East Pearl Street	S. G. Pollard	400	200	600	400	200	600		16	16	2	2	618	10		10	250	40	30	10		40	1	1		1	1		2	1	2			13	
Elmwood Place	T. D. Moore	1100		1100	1100		1100		35	35	2	2	1137	5		5	350	27	14	29		43	2	2		1	2		3	3	52			84	
Fairmount	F. M. Kirgan	800	240	1040	800	240	1040		30	30	3	3	1075	10		10	195	95	10	16		26	2			1	1	1		1	31			18	
Finley	W. W. Tranter	750		750	750		750		24	24	5	5	779	15		15	550	100	20	5		25	5	5		3	5	4	1	5	5	5		25	2
Northside, 1st Church	A. L. Brokaw	1200		1200	1200		1200		45	45	12	12	1257	20		20	889	156	30	5		35	4	2		1	8	5		6	67	72	49	48	
Linwood and Madison Road	J. E. Thomas	950		950	925		925	25	80	80			955	14		14	378	175	28	54		82					18		2					46	
McKendree	J. A. White	1000		1000	1000		1000		40	40	3	3	1043	35		35	256	60	25	22		47	3	3	2	2	6		6	3	28			51	
*Mt. Auburn	J. A. Geissinger	1500		1500	1530		1530		80	80	10	10	1500	47		47	1000	100	160	60		220	20	4		5	22	5	10	8	20	624		2336	
Mt. Lookout	G. M. Hammell	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300		80	80	20	15	1395	10		10	327	92	53	62		115	25	5		5	15	6	4	10	272	126	78	89	
Price Hill	E. M. Ellsworth	147		1475	1475		1475		80	80	15	15	1570	60		60	825	287	63	57		120	15	3		3	15		11	5	115	104	82	215	
Riverside	J. D. Darling	900		900	900		900		15	15	6	2	917	2		2	100	100	4	1		5					1		3	1				52	
St. Paul	C. W. Blodgett	2000	1000	3000	2000	1000	3000		150	150	30	30	3180	100		100	3040	277	475	111		586	50	5		12	52	31		29	113	654	70	940	
Trinity	W. F. Fuller	1800	600	2400	1800	600	2400		140	140	20	20	2580	100		100	2100	426	197	190		387	15	3		3	12		5	5	303	406		1468	
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young	2750	1000	3750	2750	1000	3750		280	280	40	40	4070	199		199	1925	233	571	500		1071	80	4	4	7	108	15	15	36	810	1010	165	1041	
Wesley Chapel	G. Roughton	1000	500	1500	1080	500	1580	Ex 80	141	141	20	20	1741	115		115	1318	110	830	284		1114	70	5		5	80	10	14	85	249	45	35	885	
Westwood	D. G. Latshaw	1400	600	2000	1400	600	2000		105	105	20	20	2125	331		331	1193	1361	1122	64		1186	276	57		57	288	60	59	116	114			1795	
Groesbeck, Sec. 2	S. A. Keen	800	240	1040	810	240	1050	Ex 10	20	20	10	10	1080	11		11	125	86	31	12		43	5			5		4	4					18	
Miamistown, Sec. 3	W. I. Boicourt	1000		1000	1000		1000		20	20	3	3	1023				80	40	10	11		21	5		1	1	4		4	1					
Winton Place	E. Burdsall	800	300	1100	800	300	1100		50	50	15	15	1165	50		50	308	218	25	35		60	12	2		2	12	2	2	8	21	49		107	
York Street	O. L. Utter	1000		1000	1000		1000		40	40	10	2	1042	8		8	376	193	42	5		47	8	1		1	8	1	1	2	52	33	24	71	
Cleves and Addyston	J. S. Young	1000		1000	1050		1050	Ex 50	45	45	5	5	1100	8		8	250	100	10	5		15	2	1		1	2			1	6	8		24	
Delhi	J. R. Colley	1300		1300	1300		1300		75	75	12	12	1387	70	30	100	304	188	70	160		170	15	2		2	6	2	3	6	107	31		160	
Harrison	W. K. Brown	350		350	310		310	40	16	16	1	1	327	4	3	7	160		2			2									31				
Hartwell	F. G. Mitchell	1352	200	1552	1352	200	1552		80	80	20	20	1652	65		65	570	274	55	103		158	15	1		3	15	10	16	15	198	255	81	249	
Lockland—Wyoming	W. L. Y. Davis	1500	500	2000	1500	500	2000		113	113	25	25	2138	154		154	1282	830	2163	68		2231	161	5		3	166	25		55	504			856	
Madisonville	S. O. Royal	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700		125	125	15	15	1840	127		137	800	200	172	202		374	87	5		9	51	18	5	24	412	188	10	438	
Norwood: 1st Church	J. E. Beery	1400		1400	1400		1400		45	45	10	10	1455	5		5	550	150	23			23					6				109				
Grace Church	A. K. Stabler	1500		1500	1500		1500		65	65	12	12	1577	59		59	270	210	49	68		112	20	2		2	20	5		3	113	156	80	176	
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Hillsboro,	81	1,098	7,583	4,549	484	1,064	4,234	587	3,350
Milford	102	1,256	7,950	5,420	296	1,191	3,752	388	2,827
Springfield,	57	954	7,639	5,034	584	919	4,209	675	3 709
Totals, 1905,	359	5,473	40,720	26,492	2,565	5,256	21,365	2,747	$20,591
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Increase,	.....	31	.....	48	197	228	.....	243	.....
Decrease,	1	.....	719	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	$87

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID'G ELDERS		SUPP'T OF BISHOP		Total Support of Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Total Other Benevolent Collections
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Amount Appointed	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		REC'D FROM.		Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION		Tract Society	EDUCATION.			W. H. M. SOCIETY.		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society					
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total							Collections	Other Sources				a Church	b S. S.	c Special Gifts	Total		a Church	b S. S.		a Pub. Edu. Col	b Child's Fund	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies						
Cincinnati: Asbury	C. C. Peale	$1200		$1200	$1200		$1200		$50	$50	$10	$10	$1200	$40		$40	$400	$85	$135	$65		$200	$15	$2		$2	$15	$1	$8	$5	$55	$25				$61	
Avondale	E P. Edmonds	2000	$750	2750	2 200	$750	2750		22	225	25	25	3000	158		158	1850	165	286	33		269	93	5	$2	5	187	10	10	32	$290	80	$22			4958	$1
Pleasant Ridge	L. O. Hartman	1000		1000	1000		1000		14	14	4	4	1018	25		25	231	112	30	20		50	5	1	1	1	6	5	6	5	10	25				85	$1
Bond Hill	J. L. Colley	600		600	600		600		14	14	3	3	617	15		15	115	85	25	25		50	8	1		1	5	4		2	7	2				57	
Carthage & Reading	G. F. Barber	900		900	972		972	Ex 72	20	29	12	7	1008	25		25	200	153		21		21	14			1	14	2	5	2	5	7	35				56	
Christie	C. L. Myers	1000		1000	1000		1000		60	60	10	10	1070	18		18	850	75	77	28		100	5	2	1	1	20	2	2	3	80	82				58	
Clifton	J. F. Chenoweth	1200		1200	1200		1200		64	64	15	15	1279				500	35	85	15		100	10	5		3	20	10	5	20	188	157	13			163	
Columbia	G. H. Smith	900	300	1200	900	300	1200		45	45	17	8	1253	22		22	540	126	34	36		70	5	1		1	2	2		2	57	98				306	
Delta Avenue	J P. Ninde	900		900	900		900		40	40	12	8	948	12		12	190	115	30	40		70	4		2	1	6	4		5					47	
East Pearl Street	S. G. Pollard	400	200	600	400	200	600		16	16	2	2	618	10		10	250	40	30	10		40	1	1		1	1		2	1	2					7	
Elmwood Place	T. D. Moore	1100		1100	1100		1100		35	35	2	2	1137	5		5	350	27	14	29		43	2	2		1	2		5	3	52				84	
Fairmount	F. M. Kirgan	800	240	1040	800	240	1040		30	30	3	3	1073	10		10	165	95	10	16		26	2				1	1	1	1	81					18	
Finley	W. W. Tranter	750		750	750		750		24	24	5	5	779	15		15	550	100	20	5		25	5	5		3	5	4	1	5	5	5				25	2
Northside, 1st Church	A. L. Brokaw	1200		1200	1200		1200		45	45	12	12	1257	20		20	380	150	30	5		35	4	2		1	8	5		6	67	72	49			48	
Linwood and Madison Road	J. E. Thomas	950		950	925		925	25	80	80			955	14		14	378	175	28	54		82					18		2							46	
McKendree	J. A. White	1000		1000	1000		1000		40	40	8	8	1043	85		85	256	60	25	22		47	8	3	2	2	6		6	3	28					51	
*Mt. Auburn	J. A. Geissinger	1500		1500	1500		1500		80	80	10	10	1590	47		47	1000	100	160	60		220	20	4		5	22	5	10	8	20	624				2388	
Mt. Lookout	G. M. Hammell	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300		80	80	20	15	1395	10		10	327	92	58	62		115	25	5		5	15	6	4	10	272	126	78			89	
Price Hill	E. M. Ellsworth	147		1475	1475		1475		80	80	15	15	1570	60		60	825	287	68	57		120	15	3		3	15		11	5	115	104	82			215	
Riverside	J. D. Darling	900		900	900		900		15	15	6	2	917	2		2	100	100	4	1		5					1		3							5	
St. Paul	C. W. Blodgett	2000	1000	3000	2000	1000	3000		150	150	30	30	3180	100		100	3040	275	475	111		586	50	5		12	52	31		29	113	651	70			940	
Trinity	M. B. Fuller	1800	600	2400	1800	600	2400		140	140	20	20	2560	100		100	2100	420	197	190		387	15	3		3	12		5	5	393	406				1468	
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young	2750	1000	3750	2750	1000	3750		280	280	40	40	4070	198		198	1925	283	571	500		1071	80	4	4	7	108	15	15	36	810	1010	165			1041	
Wesley Chapel	G. Roughton	1000	500	1500	1080	500	1580	Ex 80	141	141	20	20	1741	115		115	1318	110	830	284		1114	70	5		5	80	10	14	85	249	45	35			837	
Westwood	D. G. Latshaw	1400	600	2000	1400	600	2000		105	105	20	20	2125	331		331	1193	180	1122	64		1186	276	57		57	393	60	59	116	114					1796	
Groesbeck, Sec. 2	S. A. Keen	800	240	1040	810	240	1050	Ex 10	20	20	10	10	1080	11		11	125	86	81	12		48	5			5		4	4							13	
Miamistown, Sec. 3	W. I. Boicourt	1000		1000	10 0		1000		20	20	3	3	1023				80	40	10	11		21	5		1	1	4		4	1						
Winton Place	E. Burdsall	800	300	1100	800	300	1100		60	50	15	15	1165	50		50	306	218	25	35		60	12	2		2	12	2	2	8	21	49				107	
York Street	O. L. Utter	1000		1000	1000		1000		40	40	10	2	1042	8		8	376	193	42	5		47	8	1		1	8	1	1	2	32	33	24			71	
Cleves and Addyston	J. S. Young	1000		1000	1050		1050	Ex 50	45	45	5	5	1100	8		8	250	100	10	5		15	2	1		1	2			6	80					24	
Delhi	J. R. Colley	1300		1300	1300		1300		75	75	12	12	1387	70	30	100	304	188	70	100		170	15	2		2	6	2	3	6	105	31				160	
Harrison	W. K. Brown	350		350	310		310	40	16	16	1	1	327	4	3	7	100		2			2					1				31						
Hartwell	F. G. Mitchell	1352	200	1552	1352	200	1552		80	80	20	20	1652	65		65	570	270	55	103		158	15	1		3	15	10	10	15	198	255	81			249	
Lockland—Wyoming	W. L. Y. Davis	1500	500	2000	1500	500	2000		113	113	25	15	2138	154		154	1282	830	2163	68		2231	161	5		3	166	25		56	504					856	
Madisonville	S. O. Royal	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700		125	125	15	15	1840	127		127	800	200	172	202		374	37	5		9	51	18	5	24	412	188	10			488	
Norwood: 1st Church	J. E. Beery	1400		1400	1400		1400		45	45	10	10	1455	5		5	550	150	23			23					6				109						
Grace Church	A. K. Stabler	1500		1500	1500		1500		65	65	12	12	1577	59		59	270	210	49	63		112	20	2		2	20	5		3	113	156	30			176	
Cincinnati Missionary Society	I. D. Jones, M. D., Pres.	2100		2100	2100		2100						2100	59			143							151								12					

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—DAYTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent.	Total.	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Appor-tioned.	Amount Paid.	SUPP'T OF BISHOP. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections.	Other Sources.	Total.	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church.	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total.	Board of Church Extension. Church.	S. S. UNION. (a)	(b) S. S.	Tract Society.	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col.	(b) Child's Fund	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society.	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	W. H. M. SOCIETY. (a) Cash.	(b) Supplies.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.
Bethany	J. H. Lease	$650	$75	$725	$650	$75	$725		$54	$54	$6	$5	$784	$10		$10	$100	$50	$88	$12		$50	$3	$1		$1	$5	$1	$2	$1	$27			$8	
Brookville and Pyrmont	C. S. Grouser	300		300	300		300		22	22	2	2	324	8		8	87	88	26	4		30	1				2		2	1		16		75	
Camden & Somerville	S. B. Timmons	650	150	800	650	150	800		53	43			843	3		3	275	100	57	10		67	3	2		2	2		4	2	43			75	
Centerville	A. D. Maddox	800	150	950	800	150	950		71	71	12	12	1033	64		64	225	70	120	92		212	15	4		3	15		10	5	60			62	
Dayton: Broadway	C. W. Elliott	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	15	15	1520	30		30	600	267	230	101		331	20	3		3	20	3	14	4	188	102	$50	209	
Grace	H. C. Jameson	2500	720	3220	2500	720	3220		241	241	40	39	3500	200		200	848	300	447	403		850	150	12		12	160	15	15	25	265	726		200	
Homestead Ave	G. W. Keen	600		600	600		600		18	18	3		618				102	40	4	3		7						1						
Raper	V. F. Brown	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		142	142	23	23	2065	56		56	1179	205	176	204		380	31	7		8	40	7	13	14	254	156	55	174	
Riverdale	E. W. Serl	1000		1000	1000		1000		75	75	10	7	1075	15		15	204	120	15	20		35	4	1			4		10	2		16	10	32	
St. Paul	J. G. Vaughan	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		142	142	20	20	2062	80		80	1200	300	350	150		500	40		5	5	30	105	10	5	237	125	64	2109	
Trinity	O. M. Sellers	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		69	69	11	11	1088	30		30	800	150	37	31	4	72	7	2		2	7	5	13	5		18		101	
Eaton and West Alexandria	W. A. Wiant	1500	200	1700	1500	200	1700		128	128	21	21	1849	80		80	700	247	296	44		340	14	2		3	11	8	8	17	107	184	68	178	
Ebenezer and Woodward Ave	W. E. Verity	550	132	682	550	132	682		48	48			730	15		15	169	174	55	81	5	91	1	1		1	10		17	1		8		21	
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	W. T. Gilliland	600	60	660	673	60	733	Ex 73	49	49	9	9	791	50		50	163	85	487	38		525	20	5		5	24		12	13				20	
Fort Jefferson	D. S. Ferguson	600	50	650	602	60	662	Ex 12	49	49			711	12		12	125	100	64	6		70	5	1		1	5	1	2	2	1		1	9	
Franklin	C. Wones	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	30		30	240	75	40	45		85	10	2		2	15		5	5	85	88		67	
Germantown	J. J. Hawk	500		500	585		585	Ex 85	37	37	5	5	577	20		20	170	95	37	30		67	5	1		1	10	1	1	1				244	
Gordon	C. L. Gowdy	600		600	600		600		45	45	11	7	652	15		15	185	126	66	24		90		1			10	2		3				
Hamilton	C. E. Schenk	2200	360	2560	2240	360	2560		162	162	20	20	2742	50		50	1815	588	357	108		460	25		10	3	30	10	12	20	242	111		880	
Lindenwald	S. A. Stephan	320		320	320		320						320				146	98	6			6	1	1			3		5						
Lewisburg	G. L. Travis	400	100	500	400	100	500		35	35	7	7	542	32		32	122	128	29	21		50	10	2		1	11		4	5		56	80	21	
Miamisburg	S. W. Bell	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	17	17	1522	100		100	501	281	237	83		320	25	5		5	25	13	27	25	64	69	35	183	
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		112	112	15	15	1527	90		90	943	254	139	45		184	35	2		2	37	5	8	12	41	94	75	166	
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	800	100	900	800	100	900		67	67	9	9	976	7		7	100	40	35	15		50	2	1	1	1	4	1	5	2		17		10	
New Paris	D. Matthews	460	50	510	462	50	512	Ex 2	40	40	7	5	557	10		10	75	50	10	8		18							5	3	1	1			
Osborn	F. Leever	700	110	810	700	110	810		60	60	12	12	882	10		10	245	156	30			30	2	1			2	1	5	1	47			47	
Oxford	C. M. Van Pelt	1400	240	1640	1400	210	1640		123	123	18	18	1781	56		56	688	175	158	50		208	15	2		2	10		20	18	156	94	76	223	
Port Union and Glendale		800	125	925	767	125	892	33	69	65	8	5	962	17		17	122	57	18	9		27	3	1		1	3		7	2				6	
Red Lion and Merrittstown	D. W. C. Washburn	600	75	675	6 3	75	678	Ex 3	50	50	8	8	736	8		8	125	40	6	9		15	2				2		2						
Seven Mile, Darrtown	O. P. Hoffman	700	100	800	736	100	836	Ex 36	60	60	10	10	906	56		56	127	72	126	19		145	24	2		2	25	5	10	10	47			82	
Springboro and Lytle	I. W. Patton	600	75	675	600	75	675		50	50	10	10	735	12		12	140	92	49	26		75	2	1		1	5	2	4	2		51	15		
		700	75	775	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	15		15	160	158	40			40	10				10		19	2				15	
		444		444	449		449	Ex 5	38	26	9	9	477	8		8	75	80	12	5		17					4		5					9	
		900	200	1100	900	200	1100		82	82	12	12	1194				220	110	48	37		80	5	1		1	5	2	2	3	59	72	26	247	
		650	100	750	581	100	681	69	56	51	9	8	738	5		5	120	50	20	5		25	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1					
													197	20		20	85	72	42	8		50	8	1	1	1	3	2	4	1					
													582	8		8	150	85	12	5		17					2	2	4	4				66	

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPPT OF BISHOPS	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		URGENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														Gen'l Conf. Expenses
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid		REC'D FROM.		Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society	EDUCATION.		American Bible Soc.	W. H. M. SOCIETY.		Total Other Benevolent Collections	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources				(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total		(a) Church	(b) S. S.		(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund		(a) Cash	(b) Supplies		
Belfast	B. E. Smith	$600	$100	$700	$598	$100	$698	$20	$46	$46	$8	$7	$783		$3	$3	$100	$63	$50	$5		$55	$3			$4	$1	$1	$1			$30	
Blanchester	Geo. W. Voorhis	750	100	850	750	100	850		51	51	9	8	914	$3		3	254	138	40	100	$30	170	16	$3	6	26					33	
Bowersville	P. L. VanWicklen	650	75	725	650	75	725		51	51	8	8	784	5		5	140	78	02	17		79	4			20		12	1			61	
Butlerville	J. Shepard	550		550	428		428	122	45	34	4	4	466	1		1			19	12		31	2	1		2		16	1				
Centerfield	J. H. Davis	117		117	117		117			1			118				15	20	7	3		10	3	1		3	1	1	1				
Clarksville	J. H. Compton	700	100	800	548	100	648	152	51	43	9	6	697	15		15	150	10	32	5		40	5	1		5		1	9				7
Greenfield	G. Gable	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740		120	120	20	20	1880	11		11	39 2	252	2 00	200		400	20		5	5	20	10	20	10	105	$67	$68	253	
Highland	J. R. Hill	750	200	950	750	200	950		60	60	12	12	1022	45		45	200	100	160	40	16	216	15	2		2	15	2	10	5	149	44	2	62	
Hillsboro	W. A. Deaton	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		150	150	15	15	1965	60		60	556	174	200	200		400	5		1	1	25	2	8	1	194	192	128	318	
Jamestown	[F. M. Clemans]	900	120	1020	900	120	1020		75	75	13	13	1196	72		72	450	70	150	100		250	11	4		3	9	4	7	9	65	79			
Leesburg	G. S. Easton	750	150	900	750	150	900		65	65	11	11	976	32		32	300	116	120	38		158	17	2		2	22	3	4	5	91	70		$128	
Loveland	L. M. Davis	600		600	600		600		43	43	6	6	649	10		10	140	80	19	51	43	113	5	1	1	1	5	3	6	3		2		98	
Lynchburg	C. W. Briggs	800	150	950	800	150	950		64	61	11	11	1025	35		35	200	175	109	41		150	9		2	2	9	2		5	27	2		92	
Maineville	W. S. Gray	650	100	750	650	100	750		52	52	6	6	8 8	15		15	125	100	56	24		80	2	1		1	2		6	2				95	
Martinsville	J. E. McGee	545	75	620	545	75	620		49	49	4	4	673	10		10	150	125	48	21		69	4	2		1	6	6	1	2					
Morrow	E. T. Lane	700	100	800	700	100	800		58	58	7	7	865	25		25	150	76	31	19		50	4	2		2	5	5	9	4			30	
New Burlington	O. D. Becker	800	100	900	800	100	900		66	66	12	12	978	65		65	225	189	250	15		265	25		2	2	25	3	5	4	51			119	
New Jasper	C. L. Chapman	700	100	800	700	100	800		60	60	12	12	872				181	65	75	8		83	5	2		2	5	2	4	10				
New Vienna	A. Hamilton	750	150	900	750	150	900		60	60	11	11	971	50		50	225	100	100	15		115	4	1		1	8	1	5	2	116			189	
Rainsboro	A. J. Kestle	650	50	700	650	50	700		53	53	8	8	761	38		38	225	185	124	20		144	8	1	1	1	8	2	6	5				16	
Sabina	W. M. Coffman	700	150	850	700	150	850		65	65	12	12	927	35		35	180	75	115	65		180	8	1		1	8	2	18	3	68			84	
Sinking Spring	E. S. Jackson	500	48	548	500	48	548		45	45	5	5	598	6		6	150	50	55	20		75	6	4		4	6	4	2	2				102	
South Lebanon	H. W. Brown	500	100	600	500	100	600		45	45	5	5	650	8		8	185	185	30	10		40	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2				10	5
Sugar Tree Ridge	T. M. Scarff	500		500	457		457	43	45	44	7	5	506	20		20	125	80	60	10	5	75	10	1		1	10		5	3				10	
Union	W. M. Patton	800	150	950	800	150	950		67	67	12	10	1027	40		40	200	150	131	56	889	1028	4	1		1	4		5	2	78			62	
Waynesville	P. Trout	800	150	950	800	150	950		67	67	6	3	1020	20		20	155	65	56	20		76	3	1		1	8	1	3	1	4			71	
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey	1100	240	1340	1100	240	1340		88	88	14	14	1442	30		30	296	231	207	50		257	6	1		1	6		10	6	75	5		121	
Xenia: First Church	F. H. Cherington	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		127	127	24	24	1951	100		100	1250	325	400	152		552	80	5		5	31	5	17	16	182	78		800	
Trinity	R. H. Rust	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		100	100	20	20	1620	50		50	400	75	150	50		200	10	3		3	20	5	11	5	130	145	90	90	
Totals		22562	3648	26210	22225	3648	25873	337	1868	1849	291	280	28002	932	8	935	10709	3389	3051	1870	933	5854	246	...	54	49	305	60	188	117	1810	1082	.....	6185	7

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOP		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															Gen'l Conf. Expenses
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies						REC'D FROM.		Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society	EDUCATION.			American Bible Soc.	W. H. M. SOCIETY.		Total Other Benevolent Collections	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources				(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total		(a) Church	(b) S. S.		(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund		(a) Cash	(b) Supplies			
Bethany	J. H. Lease	$650	$75	$725	$650	$75	$725		$54	$54	$6	$5	$784	$10		$10	$100	$50	$88	$12		$50	$8	$1		$1	$5	$1	$2	$1	$27		$8	
Brookville and Pyrmont	C. S. Grouser	300		300	300		300		22	22	2		324	8		8	87	88	26	4		30	1				2			$16			
Camden & Somerville	S. B. Timmons	650	150	800	650	150	800		53	43			843	3		3	275	100	57	10		67	3	2		2		4	2	43		75	
Centerville	A. D. Maddox	800	150	950	800	150	950		71	71	12	12	1033	64		64	225	70	120	92		212	15	4		3	15		10	5	60		62	
Dayton: Broadway	C. W. Elliott	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	15	15	1520	30		30	600	267	230	101		331	20	3		3	20	8	14	4	168	102	$50	299	
Grace	H. C. Jameson	2500	720	3220	2500	720	3220		241	241	40	38	3500	200		200	843	300	447	408		850	150	12		12	160	15	15	25	265	726		200	
Homestead Ave	G. W. Keen	600		600	600		600		18	18	3		618				102	40	4	3		7						1					
Raper	V. F. Brown	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		142	142	23	23	2065	56		56	1179	205	176	204		380	34	7		8	40	7	13	14	254	156	65	174	
Riverdale	E. W. Serl	1000		1000	1000		1000		75	75	10	7	1075	15		15	204	120	15	20		35	4	1		1	4		10	2		16	10	32	
St. Paul	J. G. Vaughan	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		142	142	20	20	2062	80		80	1200	800	350	150		500	40		5	5	30	165	10	5	287	125	64	2109	
Trinity	O. M. Sellers	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		69	69	11	11	1088	30		30	300	150	37	31	4	72	7	2		2	7	5	13	5		18		101	
Eaton and West Alexandria	W. A. Wiant	1500	200	1700	1500	200	1700		128	128	21	21	1849	80		80	700	247	296	44		340	14	2		3	11	8	8	17	107	184	68	178	
Ebenezer and Woodward Ave	W. E. Verity	550	132	682	550	132	682		48	48			730	15		15	160	174	55	31	5	91	1	1		1	10		17	1		8		21	
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	W. T. Gilliland	600	60	660	673	60	733	Ex 73	49	49	9	9	791	50		50	163	85	487	38		525	20	5		5	24		12	13				20	
Fort Jefferson	D. S. Ferguson	600	50	650	602	60	662	Ex 12	49	49			711	12		12	125	100	64	6		70	5	1		1	5	1	2	2	1		1	9	
Franklin	C. Wones	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	30		30	240	75	40	45		85	10	2		2	15		5	5	35	38		67	
Germantown	J. J. Hawk	500		500	535		535	Ex 35	37	37	5	5	577	20		20	170	96	37	30		67	5	1		1	10	1	1	1				244	
Gordon	C. L. Gowdy	600		600	600		600		45	45	11	7	652	15		15	185	126	66	24		90		1			10	2		3				
Hamilton	C. E. Schenk	2200	360	2560	2240	360	2560		162	162	20	20	2742	50		50	1315	588	357	103		460	25		10	3	30	10	12	20	242	111		880	
Lindenwald	S. A. Stephan	320		320	320		320						320				146	98	6			6	1	1		1	3		5						
Lewisburg	G. L. Travis	400	100	500	400	100	500		85	85	7	7	542	32		32	122	128	29	21		50	10	2		2	11		4	5		56	30	21	
Miamisburg	S. W. Bell	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	17	17	1522	100		100	501	231	287	83		320	25	5		5	25	13	27	25	64	69	35	183	
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		112	112	15	15	1527	90		90	943	254	189	45		184	35	2		2	37	5	8	12	41	94	75	166	
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	800	100	900	800	100	900		67	67	9	9	976	7		7	100	40	85	15		50	2	1	1	1	4	1	5	2		17		10	
New Paris	D. Matthews	460	50	510	462	50	512	Ex 2	40	40	7	5	557	10		10	75	50	10	8		18					5		3	3	1	1			
Osborn	F. Leever	700	110	810	700	110	810		60	60	12	12	882	10		10	245	150	30			30	2	1			2	1	5	1	47			67	
Oxford	C. M. Van Pelt	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640		123	123	18	18	1781	56		56	688	175	158	50		208	15	2		2	10		20	18	156	94	76	223	
Port Union and Glendale		800	125	925	767	125	892	33	69	65	8	8	982	17		17	122	57	18	9		27	3	1		1	3		7	2				6	
Red Lion and Morristtown	D. W. C. Washburn	600	75	675	6 3	75	678	Ex 3	50	50	8	8	736	3		3	125	40	6	9		15	2				2		2					
Seven Mile, Darrtown	O. P. Hoffman	700	100	800	736	100	836	Ex 36	60	60	10	10	906	56		56	127	72	126	19		145	24	2		2	25	5	10	10	47			38	
Springboro and Lytle	J. W. Patton	600	75	675	600	75	675		50	50	10	10	735	12		12	140	92	49	26		75	2	1			2		10	2		51	15	15	
Venice	W. D. English	700	75	775	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	15		15	160	158	40			40	10						19	2				9	
Walker and Union	G. M. Pettingill	444		444	440		440	Ex 5	38	28	9	2	477	8		8	75	80	12	5		17							2					
West Carrollton	J. W. Gaddis	1000	200	1100	900	200	1100		82	82	12	12	1194				220	110	48	87		80	5	1		1								
West Chester	J. F. McColm	650	100	750	681	100	781		58	58	12	12	851				150	80	25			25	1	1		1								
West Elkton	C. S. Myrick	100	10	110	110	10	120		10	10	1	1	131				25	15	12			12												
West Milton	F. J. Wentworth	575	100	675	583	100	683		50	50	6	6	739				75	75																
Totals																																		

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.		REC'D FROM.		Total.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension.	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION.		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. SOCIETY.		Total Other Benevolent Collections.	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.							Collections.	Other Sources.				(a) Church.	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts.	Total.		(a) Church.	(b) S. S.			a. Pub. Edu. Col.	b. Child's Fund.			(a) Cash.	(b) Supplies.		
Belfast	B. E. Smith	$900	$100	$700	$580	$100	$68	$20	$46	$46	$8	$7	$733		$3	$3	$100	$63	$50	$5		$55	$3			$4		$1	$1	$1				$30	
Blanchester	Geo. W. Vorhis	750	100	850	750	100	850		51	51	9	9	910	$30		30	254	138	40	100	$30	170	16	$5		$2	18	$2	8	0	26			88	
Bowersville	P. L. Van Wicklen	650	75	725	650	75	725		51	51	8	8	784	5		5	140	78	62	17		79	4			1	20		12	1				61	
Butlerville	J. Shepard	550		550	428		428	122	45	34	4	4	466	1		1			19	12		31	2	1		1	2		16	1					
Centerfield	J. H. Davis	117		117	117		117			1			118				15	20	7	3		10	3	1		1	3	1	1	1					
Clarksville	H. H. Compton	700	100	800	548	100	648	152	51	43	9	6	697	15		15	150	10	32	8		40	5	1		1	5		3	1	9				
Greenfield	G. Gable	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740		120	120	20	20	1880	114		114	392	268	200	200		400	20		5	5	20	10	20	10	105	$67	$68	233	
Highland	J. R. Hill	750	200	950	750	200	950		60	60	12	12	1022	45		45	200	100	160	40	16	216	15	2		2	15	2	10	5	149	44	2	62	
Hillsboro	W. A. Deaton	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		150	150	15	15	1965	60		60	556	174	200	200		400	5		1	1	25	2	8	1	194	192	128	318	
Jamestown	[F. M. Clemans]	900	120	1020	900	120	1020		75	75	13	13	1108	72		72	450	70	150	100		250	11	4		3	9	4	17	9	65	79			
Leesburg	G. S. Easton	750	150	900	750	150	900		65	65	11	11	976	32		32	300	116	120	38		158	17	2		2	28	3	4	5	91	70		4028	
Loveland	L. M. Davis	600		600	600		600		43	43	6	6	649	10		10	110	80	19	51	43	113	5	1	1	1	5	3	6	3		2		8	
Lynchburg	C. W. Briggs	800	150	950	800	150	950		64	64	11	11	1026	35		35	200	175	109	41		150	9		2	2	9	2		5	27	2		92	
Maineville	W. S. Gray	650	100	750	650	100	750		52	52	6	6	814	15		15	125	100	56	24		80	2	1		1	2		6	2				95	
Martinsville	J. E. McGee	545	75	620	545	75	620		49	49	4	4	673	10		10	150	125	48	21		69	4	2		2	6	6	1	2					
Morrow	E. T. Lane	700	100	800	700	100	800		58	58	7	7	865	25		25	150	76	31	19		50	4	2		2	5	5	9	4				30	
New Burlington	O. D. Becker	800	100	900	800	100	900		66	66	12	12	978	65		65	225	188	250	15		265	25		2	2	25	3	5	4	51			119	
New Jasper	C. L. Chapman	700	100	800	700	100	800		60	60	12	12	872				181	65	75	8		83	5	2		2	5	2	4	10					
New Vienna	A. Hamilton	750	150	900	750	150	900		60	60	11	11	971	50		50	225	100	100	15		115	4	1		1	3	1	5	2	116			189	
Rainsboro	A. J. Kestle	650	50	700	650	50	700		53	53	8	8	761	38		38	225	185	124	20		144	8	1	1	1	8	2	6	5				16	
Sabina	W. M. Coffman	700	150	850	700	150	850		65	65	12	12	927	35		35	180	75	115	65		180	8	1		1	8	2	18	2	68			84	
Sinking Spring	F. S. Jackson	500	48	548	500	48	548		45	45	5	5	598	6		6	150	50	55	20		75	6	4		4	6	4	2	2				102	
South Lebanon	H. W. Brown	500	100	600	500	100	600		45	45	5	5	650	3		3	185	185	30	10		40	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2				10	5
Sugar Tree Ridge	T. M. Scarff	500		500	457		457	43	45	44	7	5	506	20		20	125	80	60	10	5	75	10	1		1	10		5	3				10	
Union	W. M. Patton	800	150	950	800	150	950		67	67	12	10	1027	40		40	200	150	181	56	889	1028	4	1		1	4		5	2	78			62	
Waynesville	P. Trout	800	150	950	800	150	950		67	67	6	3	1020	20		20	155	65	58	20		78	3	1		1	3	1	3	1	4			71	
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey	1100	240	1340	1100	240	1340		88	88	14	14	1442	80		80	298	281	207	50		257	6	1		1	6		10	6	75	5		121	
Xenia: First Church	E. H. Cheringt-n	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		127	127	24	24	1951	100		100	1250	825	400	152		552	30	5		5	31	5	17	16	182	78		300	
Trinity	R. H. Rust	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		100	100	20	20	1620	50		50	400	75	150	50		200	10	8		8	20	5	11	5	180	145	90	90	
Totals		22562	3648	26210	22225	3648	25873	337	1868	1849	291	280	29002	932	3	935	10709	3389	3051	1370	988	5854	246	...	54	49	305	60	183	117	1810	1082	.....	6185	7

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies						REC'D FROM.				MISSIONS.					EDUCATION.					W. H. M SOCIETY.						
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	
Bethany	J. H. Lease	$650	$75	$725	$650	$75	$725		$54	$54	$6	$5	$784	$10		$10	$100	$50	$38	$12		$50	$3	$1		$1	$5	$1	$2	$1	$27			$3	
Brookville and Pyrmont	C. S. Grouser	300		300	300		300		22	22	2	2	324	8		8	87	88	26	4		30	1				2		2	1		$16			
Camden & Somerville	S. B. Timmons	650	150	800	650	150	800		53	43			843	3		3	275	100	57	10		67	3	2		2	2		4	2	43			75	
Centerville	A. D. Maddox	800	150	950	800	150	950		71	71	12	12	1033	64		64	225	70	120	92		212	15	4		3	15		10	5	60			82	
Dayton: Broadway	C. W. Elliott	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	15	15	1520	30		30	600	267	230	101		331	20	3		3	20	3	14	4	189	102	$50	299	
Grace	H. C. Jameson	2500	720	3220	2500	720	3220		241	241	40	39	3500	200		200	843	800	447	408		850	150	12		12	160	15	15	25	265	726		200	
Homestead Ave	G. W. Keen	600		600	600		600		18	18	3		618				102	40	4	3		7						1						
Raper	V. F. Brown	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300		142	142	23	23	2065	56		56	1179	205	176	204		380	24	7		8	40	7	13	14	254	156	65	174	
Riverdale	E. W. Serl	1000		1000	1000		1000		75	75	10	3	1078	15		15	204	120	15	20		35	4	1		1	4		10	2		16	10	32	
St. Paul	J. G. Vaughan	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		142	142	20	20	2062	80		80	1200	800	350	150		500	40		5	5	30	165	10	5	237	125	64	2109	
Trinity	O. M. Sellers	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		69	69	11	11	1088	30		30	800	150	37	31	4	72	7	2		2	7	5	13	5		18		101	
Eaton and West Alexandria	W. A. Wiant	1500	200	1700	1500	200	1700		128	128	21	20	1848	80		80	700	247	296	44		340	14	2		3	11	8	8	17	107	184	68	178	
Ebenezer and Woodward Ave	W. E. Verity	550	132	682	550	132	682		48	48			730	15		15	169	174	55	31	5	91	1	1		1	10		17	1		8		21	
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	W. T. Gilliland	600	60	660	673	60	733	Ex 73	49	49	9	9	791	50		50	168	85	487	38		525	20	5		5	24		12	13				20	
Fort Jefferson	D. S. Ferguson	600	50	650	602	60	662	Ex 12	49	49			711	12		12	125	104	64	8		70	5	1		1	5	1	2	2	1		1	9	
Franklin	C. Wones	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	30		30	240	75	40	45		85	10	2		2	15		5	5	35	88		67	
Germantown	J. J. Hawk	500		500	535		535	Ex 35	37	37	5	5	577	20		20	170	95	37	30		67	5	1		1	10	1	1					244	
Gordon	C. L. Gowdy	600		600	600		600		45	45	11	7	652	15		15	185	122	66	24		90	1				10	2		3				
Hamilton	C. E. Schenk	2200	360	2560	2240	360	2560		162	162	20	20	2742	50		50	1815	588	357	108		460	25		10	3	30	10	12	20	242	111		380	
Lindenwald	S. A. Stephan	320		320	320		320						320				146	98	6			6	1	1		1	3		5					
Lewisburg	G. L. Travis	400	100	500	400	100	500		35	35	7	7	542	32		32	122	128	29	21		50	10	2		2	11		4	5		56	30	21	
Miamisburg	S. W. Bell	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	17	17	1522	100		100	501	231	287	80		320	25	5		5	25	13	27	25	64	69	35	183	
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		112	112	15	15	1527	90		90	948	264	139	45		184	35	2		2	37	5	8	12	41	94	75	166	
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	800	100	900	800	100	900		67	67	9	9	976	7		7	100	40	35	15		50	2	1	1	1	4	1	5	2		17		10	
New Paris	D. Matthews	460	50	510	462	50	512	Ex 2	40	40	7	5	557	10		10	75	50	10	8		18							5	3	3	1	1		
Osborn	F. Leever	700	110	810	700	110	810		60	60	12	12	882	10		10	245	150	80			80	2	1			2	1	5	1	47			67	
Oxford	C. M. Van Pelt	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640		123	123	18	18	1781	56		56	688	175	158	50		208	15	2		2	10		20	18	156	94	76	228	
Port Union and Glendale		800	125	925	767	125	892	33	69	65	8	5	962	17		17	122	57	18	9		27	3	1		1	3		7	2				6	
Red Lion and Merrittstown	D. W. C. Washburn	600	75	675	6 3	75	678	Ex 3	50	50	8	8	736	3		3	125	40	6	9		15	2				2		2					
Seven Mile, Darrtown	O. P. Hoffman	700	100	800	736	100	836	Ex 36	60	60	10	10	906	56		56	127	72	126	19		145	24	2		2	25	5	10	10	47			38	
Springboro and Lytle	J. W. Patton	600	75	675	600	75	675		50	50	10	10	735	12		12	140	92	49	26		75	2	1		1	5	2	4	2		51	15		
Venice	W. D. English	700	75	775	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	15		15	100	158	40			40	10				10		19	2				15	2
Walker and Union	G. H. Pettingill	444		444	440		449	Ex 5	38	26	9	2	477	8		8	75	30	12	5		17					4		5					9	
West Carrollton	J. W. Gaddis	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		82	82	12	12	1194				220	110	48	37		80	5	1		1	5	2	2	3	59	72	25	247	
West Chester	J. F. McColm	650	100	750	581	100	681	69	56	51	9	6	738	5		5	120	50	21	5		26	1	1		1	1		3	1					
West Elkton	S. S. Myrick	400	60	460	110	60	470		30	28	5	4	497	20		20	85	72	42	8		50	8			1	8		2	4					
West Milton	F. J. Reinbarth	475	100	575	433	100	533	42	46	40	5		592	8		8	160	85	12	5		17		1		1			4	4				(10)	
Totals		$31500	$6057	$39005	$38971	$6057	$39078	Ex 82	$2670	$2644	$386	$340	$39071	$1018		$1218	$12376	$6018	$3869	$1080		$4949	$414	$169		$84	$74		$204	$280	$1351	$1874		$3225	

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			URRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																Gen'l Conf. Expenses
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		REC'D FROM.		Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society	EDUCATION.		American Bible Soc.	W. H. M. SOCIETY.		Total Other Benevolent Collections	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total							Collections	Other Sources				(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total		(a) Church	(b) S. S.		(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies		
Belfast	B. E. Smith	$800	$100	$700	$58	$100	$68	$20	$46	$46	$8	$7	$7		$3	$3	$100	$63	$50	$5		$55	$3			$4		$1	$1	$1			$39	
Blanchester	Geo W. Vorhis	750	100	850	750	100	850		51	51	9	9	910	$39		39	254	133	40	100	$30	170	16	$3		16	$2	3	6	26			83	
Bowersville	P. L. VanWicklen	650	75	725	650	75	725		51	51	8	8	784	5		5	140	78	02	17		79	4			20		12	1				61	
Butlerville	J. Shepard	550		550	428		428	122	45	34	4	4	466	1		1			19	12		31	2	1		1		1	1					
Centerfield	J. H. Davis	117		117	117		117			1			118				15	20	7	3		10	3	1		3	1	1	1					
Clarksville	H. M. Compton	700	100	800	548	100	648	152	51	43	9	6	667	15		15	150	10	32			40	5	1		5		3	1	9				
Greenfield	G. Gable	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740		120	120	20	20	1880	114		114	39 2	253	2 00	200		400	20		5	5	20	10	20	10	105	$67	$28	283	
Highland	J. R. Hill	750	200	950	750	200	950		60	60	12	12	1022	45		45	200	100	160	40	16	216	15	2		2	15	2	10	5	149	44	2	62	
Hillsboro	W. A. Deaton	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		150	150	15	15	1965	60		60	556	174	200	200		400	5		1	1	25	2	3	1	194	192	128	318	
Jamestown	[F. M. Clemans]	900	120	1020	900	120	1020		75	75	13	13	1108	72		72	450	70	150	100		250	11	4		3	9	4	7	9	65	79		153	
Leesburg	G. S. Easton	750	150	900	750	150	900		65	65	11	11	976	32		32	300	110	120	38		158	17	2		2	28	3	4	5	91	70		1023	
Loveland	L. M. Davis	600		600	600		600		43	43	6	6	649	10		10	140	80	19	51	43	113	5	1	1	1	5	3	6	3		2		9
Lynchburg	C. W. Briggs	800	150	950	800	150	950		64	61	11	11	1025	35		35	200	175	109	44		150	9		2	2	9	2		5	27	2		92	
Maineville	W. S. Gray	650	100	750	650	100	750		52	52	6	6	808	15		15	125	100	56	24		80	2	1		1	2		6	2				95
Martinsville	J. E. McGee	545	75	620	545	75	620		49	49	4	4	673	10		10	150	125	48	21		69	4	2		2	6	6	1	2				
Morrow	E. T. Lane	700	100	800	700	100	800		58	58	7	7	865	25		25	150	76	31	19		50	4	2		2	5	5	9	4			80	
New Burlington	O. D. Becker	800	100	900	800	100	900		66	66	12	12	978	65		65	225	189	250	15		265	25			25	3	3	5	4	51		119	
New Jasper	C. L. Chapman	700	100	800	700	100	800		60	60	12	12	872				181	65	75	8		83	5	2		2	5	2	4	10				
New Vienna	A. Hamilton	750	150	900	750	150	900		60	60	11	11	971	50		50	225	100	100	15		115	4	1		1	8	1	5	2	116			188	
Rainsboro	A. J. Kestle	650	50	700	650	50	700		58	58	8	8	761	38		38	225	135	124	20		144	8	1	1	1	8	2	6	5				16
Sabina	W. M Coffman	700	150	850	700	150	850		65	65	12	12	927	35		35	180	75	115	65		180	8	1		1	8	2	8	2	68			84
Sinking Spring	E. S. Jackson	500	48	548	500	48	548		45	45	5	5	598	6		6	150	50	55	20		75	6	4		4	6	4	2	2				102
South Lebanon	H. W. Brown	500	100	600	500	100	600		45	45	5	5	650	3		3	185	185	30	10		40	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2			10	5
Sugar Tree Ridge	T. M. Scarff	500		500	457		457	43	45	44	7	5	506	20		20	125	80	60	10	5	75	10	1		1	10		5	3				10
Union	W. M. Patton	800	150	950	800	150	950		67	67	12	10	1027	40		40	200	150	181	50	839	1026	4	1		1	4		5	2	78			62	
Waynesville	P. Trout	800	150	950	800	150	950		67	67	6	3	1020	20		20	155	65	56	20		76	3	1		1	3	1	3	1	4			71
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey	1100	240	1340	1100	240	1340		88	88	14	14	1442	30		30	296	231	207	50		257	6	1		1	6		10	6	75	5		121	
Xenia: First Church	E. H. Cheringt n	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800		127	127	24	24	1951	100		100	1250	825	400	152		552	80	5		5	31	5	17	16	132	78		300	
Trinity	R. H. Rust	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		100	100	20	20	1620	50		50	400	75	150	50		200	10	3		3	20	5	11	5	180	145	90	90	
Totals		22562	3648	26210	22225	3648	25873	337	1868	1849	291	280	28002	932	3	935	10709	3339	2051	1370	933	5354	246	...	54	49	305	60	183	117	1810	1082	.....	6185	7

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT: CLAIMS. Salary	CLAIMS. House Rent	CLAIMS. Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	RECEIPTS. House Rent	RECEIPTS. Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT OF PRESID'G ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support of Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Tract Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. SOCIETY. (a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses
Aberdeen	[W. F. Martin]	$600	$100	$700	$600	$100	$700		$60	$0	$8	$8	$768	$20		$20	$140	$90	$74	$4		$78	$7	$1		$1	$7	$10	$5	$1					$47	
Amelia	G. R. Frenger	625	100	725	630	100	730		60	60	9	9	798	40		40	185	117	82	36		120	18	3		2	16	5	5	16					77	
Batavia	W. H. Spybey	800	120	920	800	120	920		74	74	10	10	1004	9		9	310	142	57	15		52	4	2		1	2	2	3	6	$18	$15	$25		58	
Bethel	L. A. Washburn	630	100	730	611	100	711	$19	49	47	8	8	766	15		15	152	110	64	11		75	5	1		1	10	4	3	6		2			55	
Branch Hill	[B. H. Lewis]	460		460	475		475		32	32	5	5	511	2	$8	5	100	50	10	18		28	2	1		1	16	3	3	2						
Chilo	A. E. Huntington	450	36	486	450	36	486		29	29	6	6	515	3		3	175	65	18			18							6						
Decatur	D. S. Ewry	600	100	700	580	100	680	20	50	42	6	6	728	12		12	180	75	120	10		130	2	1		1	2	2		2	12				85	
Dunkinsville	T. J. Lewis	338		338	338		338		38	34	5	5	367				50	30	18			18	2			1	3								
Feesburg	[Fee Naylor]	500	75	575	488	75	563	12	50	50	5	5	618	5		5	100	80	22	8		30	1		$1	1	5		2	1		1		2	
Felicity	W. J. Baker	600	100	700	602	100	702		53	53	6	6	761	13		13	218	76	56	8		58					25		9	2	17				92	
Georgetown	C. W. Horn	800	120	920	800	120	920		66	66	10	10	996	30		30	225	77	92	18		110	10	1	1	1	10	1	14	1					60	
Goshen	G. M. Fulton	600	100	700	600	100	700		53	53	5	5	778	25		25	185	105	25	25		50	1	1		1	7	2	4	1	2	2			30	
Laurel	W. E. Spurrier	600	85	685	600	85	685		84	84	6	6	745	20		20	18	90	66	14		80	10	1		1	1		4	2					36	
Lebanon	W. A. Cooper	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		90	90	10	10	1310	40		40	400	100	213	44	$30	287	25	2		2	26		8	6	227	196	81	175	
Manchester	J. Verity	600	100	700	575	100	675	25	60	55	11	11	720	3		3	165	90	43	18		61	2	1		1	2			1	33				10	
Marathon	[W. E. Shriver]	500	75	575	500	75	575		44	44	6	6	625	20		20	155	85	56	8		64	2	2		1	6	3	1	2	29				15	
Mason	W. E. Putt	800	150	950	816	150	966		61	65	10	10	1041	10		10	160	125	42	25		67	3	1		1	6		11				42	95	
Milford	M. LeSourd	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		111	111	12	12	1473	135		18	280	15	250	175		425	45		6	6	55	10	10	15	126	158	45	332	
Moscow	J. A. Winkler	600	72	672	600	72	672		50	54	8	8	734	25		25	292	124	68	14		82	5		2	1	5	2	18	5	5	5		6	
Mount Orab	T. G. Williams	750	15	900	570	150	72	180	63	65	10	7	788	5		5	250	125	12	4		16	2	1		1			10	1				15	
Mount Washington	C. T. Crum	535	7	6 0	535	75	610		45	45	5	5	660	5	5	10	150	50	21	32		53	8	1		3	8	5	5	3	1	1			8	
Mulberry	F. L. Hollingsworth	584	69	6 41	411	60	501	143	48	48	7	7	549				123	78	5	3		8	1	1	1	1				1					
New Richmond	W. J. Dunham	700	150	850	700	150	850		54	54	8	8	912	5		5	225	75	40	5		45	2	1		1	2	2	6	3	1	2			21	
Newtown	T. P. Walter	600	120	720	600	120	720		42	42	5	5	792	12		12	275	100	35	25		60	6		2	2	6		3	3	40			68	
Owensville	W. B. Brown	600	100	700	600	100	700		52	52	6	6	758	10		10	200	70	45	15	5	65	1	1		1	1		2	1					5	
Peebles	John Phillips	615	100	715	615	100	715		60	60	8	8	783	28		28	135	88	60	5		65	6	2		2	6	2	3	3	10				31	
Ripley	H. W. Bailey	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		74	74	10	10	1184	13		13	300	100	50	30		80	2	1		1	2	2	4	5	11	10			14	
Summerside	A. G. Newton	550	75	625	550	75	625		45	45	7	7	677	10		10	180	100	50	30		80	5	2		1	5	2	3	3					10	
West Union	W. C. Mitchell	700	100	800	702	100	802		60	60	5	5	867	17		17	160	100	90	10		100	10	2		2	10		5	2	14	42			58	
Williamsburg	T. W. Salt	700	100	800	700	100	800		52	52	10	10	862	27		27	150	100	75	30		105	8	2		3	10	4	10	4	118	18			162	
Williamsburg Circuit	J. E. H. Sentman	500		5 0	420		420	80	40	38	6	4	462	10		10	185	80	8			8	1				1			2	1					
Winchester-Seaman	J. M. Bailey	700	100	8 0	700	100	800		58	58	10	7	858	5		5	182	98	40	10		50	4	1	3		4		4	2	1					
Totals		20787	3113	23850	20298	3113	23411	438	1745	1740	214	208	25850	560	8	577	6089	2881	1880	607	35	2621	208		48	12	289	64	178	97	690	615		1400	

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT — CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	PASTOR'S SUPPORT — RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOP. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support Pastor, Presiding Elder, and Bishop	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. SOCIETY. (a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses
Arcanum	S. W. Campbell	$700	$100	$800	$725	$100	$825	Ex 25	$65	$65	$10	$10	$900	$5	.....	$5	$200	$100	$44	$18	.....	$62	$5	$2	.....	$1	$5	.....	$5	$1	$65	.....	$45	$100	$10
Brandt	H. Anderson	475	75	550	455	75	530	20	35	33	12	6	569	10	.....	10	66	70	21	1	$8	30	4	2	.....	2	4	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawba	J. L. Dalbey	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	65	65	12	12	927	85	.....	35	225	100	71	30	.....	101	7	3	.....	2	8	$3	12	3	2	.....	.....	7	5
Cedarville	H. C. Middleton	750	100	850	715	100	815	35	44	44	11	11	870	20	.....	20	200	90	6	34	.....	40	5	.....	2	1	5	2	14	3	.....	.....	.....	9	.....
Christiansburg	W. Wiant	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	35	35	17	7	602	4	.....	4	120	95	22	11	.....	33	1	1	.....	.....	1	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	14	.....
Concord	J. C. Eckles	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	45	45	10	3	898	6	.....	6	175	75	70	8	.....	78	14	1	.....	1	8	2	3	2	42	.....	.....	20	.....
Covington	O. L. Seward	600	120	720	600	120	720	.....	30	30	11	11	761	20	.....	20	220	84	28	13	.....	41	5	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	72	.....	.....	85	.....
Dialton	J. F. Laird	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	50	50	10	10	810	40	.....	40	105	75	126	9	.....	135	10	1	.....	1	10	1	.....	5	28	.....	.....	57	.....
Greenville	A. B. Austin	1200	250	1450	1200	250	1150	.....	115	115	21	21	1586	29	.....	29	344	257	90	20	.....	110	12	3	.....	3	12	7	6	3	131	$151	141	49	.....
King's Creek	R. M. Mitchell	500	60	560	383	50	443	117	35	22	10	.....	465	.....	.....	.....	145	145	12	7	.....	19	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	C. H. Haines	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	80	80	17	17	1197	30	.....	30	540	79	121	104	.....	225	10	3	.....	3	10	3	4	5	60	92	15	87	.....
Mutual	T. Cundy	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	40	40	8	8	748	.....	.....	.....	150	75	35	15	.....	50	4	1	.....	1	3	.....	7	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
New Carlisle	H. E. Armacost	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	48	48	15	15	888	40	.....	40	125	100	34	36	.....	70	5	2	2	3	5	2	7	5	115	.....	.....	100	4
New Moorefield	R. S. McColm	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	60	60	14	11	821	10	.....	10	350	150	40	40	.....	80	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	A. W. Leonard	900	300	1200	900	300	1200	.....	50	50	17	17	1207	72	.....	72	265	100	208	51	.....	259	15	4	.....	4	15	4	12	12	58	24	.....	107	.....
Greene Street	R. J. Wyckoff	1800	400	2200	1800	400	2200	.....	140	140	28	28	2368	.....	.....	.....	1400	200	505	185	.....	640	55	5	.....	5	63	.....	20	65	305	107	109	194	4
South Charleston	A. T. Cowgill	825	175	1000	825	175	1000	.....	60	60	18	18	1078	40	.....	40	200	150	120	50	.....	170	13	2	.....	5	15	3	7	12	20	8	.....	240	.....
Springfield Central	C. L. Conger	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	22	22	2157	112	.....	112	712	166	35	802	22	859	22	.....	5	4	21	.....	8	11	156	42	44	428	.....
Clifton Avenue	H. G. Curless	800	.....	800	800	.....	800	.....	35	35	9	5	840	10	.....	10	200	100	60	.....	.....	60	4	1	.....	2	5	.....	8	3	.....	.....	.....	29	.....
Grace	J. L. Duckwall	725	.....	725	675	.....	675	50	35	32	7	6	713	.....	.....	.....	110	47	20	5	.....	25	3	.....	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....
High Street	J. A. Story	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	135	135	28	28	2368	128	.....	128	2007	150	200	100	25	325	20	5	.....	5	20	.....	18	515	191	199	112	1942	28
St. Paul	J. W. Peters	1200	400	1600	1400	400	1800	Ex200	123	123	20	20	1943	40	.....	40	550	200	58	51	.....	109	1	1	.....	1	15	5	5	5	112	54	12	143	.....
Tippecanoe City	G. P. Austin	650	150	800	650	150	800	.....	40	40	13	13	853	30	.....	30	200	150	25	25	.....	50	5	2	.....	1	5	.....	9	2	.....	.....	.....	56	2
Tremont City	A. Taylor	390	.....	390	440	.....	440	Ex 50	30	30	6	6	476	7	.....	7	158	80	82	3	.....	35	6	2	.....	2	9	4	2	4	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
Troy	W. H. Wehrly	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	120	120	20	20	1940	120	.....	120	850	200	296	155	.....	391	45	4	4	8	45	5	80	45	86	187	79	270	.....
Troy Circuit	W. F. Clark	650	150	800	650	150	800	.....	40	40	10	11	851	.....	.....	.....	200	80	75	25	.....	100	8	.....	.....	2	8	2	46	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Urbana: First Church	J. E. Abrams	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	130	130	22	18	1648	100	.....	100	860	125	244	230	26	500	5	4	.....	.....	50	.....	7	10	135	151	.....	109	.....
Grace	C. W. Sullivan	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	120	120	12	12	1682	40	.....	40	700	180	450	.....	.....	450	20	.....	2	2	100	.....	12	3	87	132	.....	244	.....
Vienna Cross Roads	J. D. Trout	125	.....	125	68	.....	68	57	10	5	5	1	74	1	.....	1	75	20	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Springs	B. D. Hypes	850	150	1000	880	150	1030	Ex 30	60	60	15	15	1111	15	.....	15	200	200	60	40	.....	100	11	.....	1	1	2	1	5	1	81	28	.....	62	.....
Totals		25690	5265	30955	25732	5255	30987	Ex 32	2010	1987	430	382	33359	961	.....	961	12071	3649	3019	2018	81	5148	329	.....	69	64	461	51	297	728	1955	1750	.....	3258	55

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

DISTRICTS	PRESIDING ELDER	PASTOR'S SUPPORT: CLAIMS: Salary	CLAIMS: House Rent	CLAIMS: Total	RECEIPTS: Salary	RECEIPTS: House Rent	RECEIPTS: Total	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS: Amount Appor-tioned	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS: Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOPS: Amount Apportioned	SUPP'T OF BISHOPS: Amount Paid	Total Support Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS: RECD. FROM: Collections	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS: RECD. FROM: Other Sources	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS: Total	CURRENT EXPENSES: Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	CURRENT EXPENSES: S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses
Cincinnati	D. W. Clark	47227	7030	52257	45874	7030	52401	Ex 147	2535	2535	454	419	5355	1050	33	1092	23834	5338	6896	2252	.....	9288	1003	151	145	1300	240	215	469	7731	5798	37488	3
Dayton	H. D. Ketcham	31999	4557	36556	32021	4957	36978	Ex 22	2679	2644	386	348	39671	218	.....	1218	12326	5013	3909	1696	9	5614	502	83	74	557	257	296	220	1874	2458	4671	
Hillsboro	D. L. Aultman	22562	3648	26210	22225	3648	25873	337	1868	1849	291	288	28010	632	3	635	10709	3380	3051	1370	934	5354	246	54	49	305	60	183	117	1310	1032	6185	
Milford	A. N. Spahr	20787	3113	23850	20298	3113	23411	439	1745	1740	231	208	25358	569	8	577	6089	2031	1889	097	35	2021	203	48	42	269	64	178	97	660	615	1406	
Springfield	G. W. Dubois	25000	5265	30955	25732	5255	30987	Ex 32	2010	1987	430	382	33357	961	.....	961	12051	3649	3019	2018	81	5148	322	69	64	461	51	297	728	1955	1750	3258	55
Totals, 1905		146215	24013	170228	145650	24003	169653	575	9837	10755	1799	1638	189106	3612	44	5686	64959	20311	18881	8133	1058	28025	2276	405	374	2802	672	1159	1631	13580	11658	52053	67
Totals, 1904		138845	22972	161817	137931	22972	160903	914	10516	10501	1647	1562	172969	3873	.....	5873	58300	19308	16399	7700	.....	24060	2191	377	338	2063	671	1097	1218	14424	9840	23093	710
Increase		7370	1041	8411	7719	1031	8750	.....	221	254	158	76	9098	.....	44	.....	6659	943	2474	433	1058	3965	85	28	36	229	1	62	413	.....	1813	30960	.....
Decrease		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	339	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231	.....	187	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	894	.....	.....	643

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COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

If the world is to be evangelized, the Word must be supplied. The Gospel alone is the "power of God unto salvation." God has commanded that we sow the seed, and He has promised to bless and make it fruitful. God will keep His promises; we must meet His requirements. There are a few things to be carefully remembered about the Bible Society:

1. It is our only source of supply of the indispensable Book in all our mission-fields.

2. As the missionary work expands, the demands upon this society increase, and these demands must be met, or our missionary work be crippled.

3. For many years our contributions for this society were from one-sixth to one-fourth the amount given for missions; but lately it has been but one fortieth. This is probably because of the mistaken idea that the Bible Society is rich and increased in goods and in need of but little, thus placing it on a level with our smallest collections. As a matter of fact, with its present income this society is not able to meet one-fourth of the calls that are made upon it. Therefore, believing that the claims of this society are of the highest order, and in every way worthy the confidence of the whole Church,—

(1) We indorse an apportionment for this work equal to one-eighth of the amount asked for missions, and request the Presiding Elders to, in the usual way, apportion this amount to the several pastoral charges.

(2) In view of the urgency of this work and the remarkable opportunity for getting the Bible into Japan through the Japanese army, an opportunity creating a demand which we dare not ignore nor fail in our response to it, we recommend that this cause be presented to the people as early in the Conference year as possible, and the collections be forwarded at once to the proper authorities.

(3) That we heartily indorse the splendid work being done in behalf of this great work by the Rev. John Pearson, D. D., Field Agent, and request the Presiding Bishop to reappoint him to that position.

J. D. Darling, *Secretary.* W. J. Baker, *President.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, having examined the following accounts, believe them correct: Treasurer of Publishing Committee account, Conference Treasurer's account, Treasurer of Board of Stewards, and statement of Mears Bequest.

J. F. Laird, *Secretary.* O. D. Becker, *Chairman.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The work accomplished by the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church places an interesting chapter in the history of American Methodism. The aid it gives to needy congregations has

made it possible for fourteen thousand places to have a permanent Church home. The steady growth of the society, its readiness to help in time of need, the increasing annual contributions toward its support, promises for it a long life and a permanent place among the working forces which our Methodism utilizes in her effort to "evangelize this continent and spread Scriptural holiness over these lands."

In every State in the Union, as well as on the islands of the sea, the influence of the society is felt. We find one-half of all our Churches in this United States have been aided by its treasury.

We rejoice in the great work it does in the good cheer it brings to the church-building pastor and people, in the practical form of its earnest Christianity.

That our people love and approve the purpose, design, and work of the Board of Church Extension is shown from the large amount they have committed to its trust and administration. The combined working capital of its various funds has reached the enormous sum of $8,379,793.

Of this amount we find our Conference has contributed $75,783, and in return has received as aid for forty-nine churches the amount of $39,795.

Notwithstanding the great work the society has done, the calls made upon its treasury are unceasing, were never more urgent nor numerous than now.

Our enlarging territory and the declared purpose of the Board to follow the flag and the Federal Constitution, makes a hearty, constant, liberal financial support a serious responsibility. As an expression of the good feeling this Conference cherishes for this benevolence, we submit for your adoption in its behalf,—

1. The Cincinnati Conference pledges an earnest effort to raise a special collection in every Church.

2. We pledge a large circulation of the Board's free literature, such as maps for the Sunday-school and Epworth League rooms and other useful helps, furnished for the asking, especially its magazine, whose subscription price is so low as to make its introduction into every home a possibility, and its information a necessity.

3. We approve the policy of the Board in rigidly protecting the annuities and loans, and we do most earnestly appeal to all our Churches which may have long or overdue loans, to return the same as by agreement when made, that said loans may enable the Loan Fund to accomplish the work for which it was instituted, and the Board be saved the painful duty of using extreme measures in recovering the fund, which is a sacred trust.

4. We promise the Board a determined effort to raise the apportionment asked of our Conference.

A. T. Cowgill, *President.*

S. G. Pollard, *Secretary.*

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE INSURANCE.

During the year ending January 1, 1905, our Insurance Company continued to extend its usefulness in a gratifying manner. There have occurred 170 losses, bringing the total number since the business began to 745, and the total damage for which our members have been reimbursed to $150,916.69. The Secretary informs us that not a single dollar of losses has ever been due and unpaid. During 1904 the amount of new business and renewals of policies expiring aggregated $7,945,482, being a net increase, after deducting all canceled and unrenewed policies, of $2,635,467, making the total amount of policies in force $23,913,926, in which every State and Territory in the Union is represented.

At the last annual meeting the usual 10 per cent dividend was declared for the year just closed, leaving a conservative surplus in the treasury

to provide for emergencies. It should be remembered that, in spite of the fact that our company is free from the serious conflagration hazard that constantly menaces those doing a general business, our members are protected by the same reserve as is required by law of the stock companies. The Annual Report which has been submitted to your Committee indicates that this reserve is invested in high-class bonds and mortgages that could be realized upon promptly in case of need.

The financial condition of the corporation concisely stated is as follows:

RESOURCES.—Net cash assets, $65,646.31; premium notes not due, $227,266.15; total, not including furniture and fixtures and other accounts not recognized by the Insurance Department, $292,912.46.

LIABILITIES.—Losses due and unpaid, none; losses in process of settlement, including all reported losses, $8,604.34; sundry accounts payable, $3,839.97. Total indebtedness, $12,444.31. Reserve, $34,718.91, leaving a surplus of, cash, $18,483.09, and notes not due, $227,266.15. Total surplus, $245,749.24.

We urge all members of this Conference to help their official brethren to remember that the National Mutual Church Insurance Company is an official organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is under the supervision of the General Conference, and as such is entitled to the co-operation of all of our Church societies; not only because of the saving effected under its terms and the convenience of meeting its annual payments, but also—and this we wish to particulary emphasize—because it is the only insurance organization that stands between thousands of our churches and serious disaster. Let us help in this work of protecting Methodism, for it is only by reason of the co-operation of those more fortunately situated financially that safe business can be done and help extended to those dependent upon our company.

For further information write to the secretary, HENRY P. MAGILL, No. 184 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

J. W. PETERS, *Secretary.* GEORGE H. DART, *Chairman.*
F. G. MITCHELL.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

THE Board has licensed six deaconesses: Blanche M. Fuller, Edythe L. Nevitt, Francis Saunders, Mary V. Cameron, Harriet Malott, Nellie I. Young.

The Board has made the following transfers during the year: Miss Ida Hoer to the Alabama Conference; Miss Lina Terrell to the Ohio Conference; and has received by transfer Miss Clara V. Potter from the Ohio Conference; Miss Pluma C. Scott from the Rock River Conference.

The Board recommends for continuance in office the following forty-two deaconesses: Miss Effie Austen, Miss Lucy Banting, Miss Anna Bassett, Miss Felicia Black, Miss Willa Cassell, Miss Cara Close, Miss Mary V. Cameron, Miss Addie Day, Miss Florence Deaver, Miss Anna Dwinnell, Miss Emma Enders, Miss Mary Eyre, Miss Blanche M. Fuller, Miss Edith Golay, Miss Dora Haines, Miss Anna Hare, Miss Nettie Hathorn, Mrs. Kate Rawles Haynes, Miss Lucelia House, Miss Sarah Ireland, Miss Vanluah Jacques, Miss Lela Lybarger, Miss Mary McEwen, Miss Harriet Malott, Miss Olive Marshall, Mrs. S. M. Martin, Miss Edythe L. Nevitt, Mrs. India Paff, Miss Mary Pickett, Miss H. M. Pierce, Miss Clara V. Potter, Miss Frances Saunders, Miss Lottie Sinnett, Miss Ella Slear, Miss Bessie Smith, Miss Clora Solomon, Miss Alice Thatcher, Miss Carrie Thompson, Miss Sadie Williams, Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Lula White, Miss Nellie I. Young.

There have been no changes in the charter or deeds of property of the

deaconess institutions under our care. The insurance upon the building and furniture of the Christ Hospital has been increased until it is now $100,000, in addition to which $4,000 insurance is maintained upon the furniture in the Deaconess Home on Wesley Avenue.

The following report has been received from the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association:

"This Association comprises, under one Board of Trustees, a Deaconess Home, a Deaconess Training-school, and the Christ Hospital. There are sixteen deaconesses under the direction of the superintendent of the Home, Mrs. Kate Rawles Haynes. Five of these are pastoral helpers, at Trinity (Lima), Bellefontaine, Greenfield, Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, and Trinity, Cincinnati. One is in attendance at the Central Depot as 'Traveler's Aid.' It is the desire of the Association to assign several others to this important work in the near future. Two are in the kindergarten work of the Association; two are instructors in the Training-school; two are on sick leave; two absent on leave of absence on account of duties in their families; two are in management of the Home, and of these one is the business manager of *Labors of Love*, the monthly publication of the Association. This paper is edited as a labor of love by a deaconess, Miss Lucretia A. Gaddis.

"During the year death has invaded the deaconess ranks, taking one of our most valuable and trusty workers. After an illness of almost a year, on May 15th, Emma Huston passed out from us, in answer to the summons, 'Come up higher.' Her connection with the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home dates back to 1891. She was one of the pioneers in deaconess work in this country. For six years preceding her illness she had served as 'travelers' aid' at the Union Central Railway Station in this city. Discreet in her actions, wise in her judgment, pleasing in her manner, she was well fitted for this position, and the traveling public came to recognize in her a true benefactor.

"The Training-school, of which Mrs. Katharine Clark Mullikin is the president, and Miss Margaret Wilson, a classical graduate, is the principal, is the field of activity of other of our deaconesses as teachers. The school has had an enrollment of sixteen at the beginning of the year; after three months' trial three of the students were discontinued on account of physical disability. The school has done most excellent work. The prospect for the coming year is most flattering, as the matriculation of students is sufficient to occupy all the rooms. But if others wish to enter, rooms will be provided. It is worthy of special note, that the advantages of the Training-school, including room, board, and laundry in the Home, are furnished deaconess students for three dollars per week, and those who are not able to pay, by corresponding with the superintendent, can be provided for regardless of their inability.

"As to the great work being done at the Christ Hospital, the chief activity of this Association, it is difficult to tabulate it in so brief a report as this must necessarily be. We submit a few statistics, which are merely suggestive. There are over fifty nurses, who, during many months of the year, have again and again been called upon to minister to one hundred patients a day. There have been at one time twenty-five children in the children's ward. Two trained nurses have been kept in the field, who have devoted all their time, under the call of the Associated Charities, to persons needing a trained nurse and too straitened to pay. The result has been that they have had from fifteen to twenty children at a time in the hospital, whom they have found in homes of squalor where they could not be treated successfully.

"The maternity ward has been a haven of refuge to many a derelict young woman adrift on the ocean of life, fast being driven upon a lee shore. In the hospital they have been rallied about by a Christian sisterhood, which has reached out sympathetic hands to save, and the result

has been not only their safe recovery, but also their personal salvation. Some remarkable cases of this kind have been reported. But not only here, but throughout the hospital, the evangelistic spirit is kept alive, and the work of conversion often goes forward with the work of healing. More than fifty have been born into the kingdom among the patients, while in all its departments the Association reports over three hundred conversions during the year. There have been 1,098 patients treated in the hospital since the last report; over six hundred of these have been surgical cases. The expense of the Association aggregates during the year $50,000, of which $20,000 have been for persons unable to pay for the service given them. There have been in training nine deaconesses; nurses from other cities—one from Chicago, one from St. Louis, one from Lake Bluff, and six from Toronto.

"The patients of the hospital have come to it during the year from one hundred and fifty towns in Ohio, and from various towns in fourteen other different States, and from Asia, Africa, and Canada. The Association needs to have its endowment fund increased from $52,000 to $500,000, to enable it to do its free work unembarrassed. The friends of humanity and the Church—for the hospital stands for humanity, regardless of creed or sect—can help this work by sending fruit or vegetables, towels and sheets and blankets, by the payment of an annual membership fee of $10, or by caring for a free bed for a child for a year by the payment of $250, or by caring for an adult bed by the payment of $300 a year; or can care for a free patient for a day by the payment of $1, or of a child for a week by the payment of $5. The Association asks especially to be remembered in the prayers of the people, and then it feels certain that it will be remembered in their wills. The importance of this will be the more apparent when it is remembered that, including patients, nurses, helpers, deaconesses, and students, the Association is responsible for the care of two hundred people daily, and that, to meet this expense, it is dependent upon those who sympathize with such a benevolent work.

"The demand for deaconesses to help pastors is greater than the supply. 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.'

"In consequence of the failure of the Annual Conference to elect three members of the Deaconess Board at its last meeting, it will be necessary this year to elect three members for two years, and three for three years. The term of office of the following members expires at this time: James N. Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. L. McLean, Greenfield, Ohio; Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Madisonville, Ohio; and Rev. J. A. Story, Springfield, Ohio; Robert Johnson, Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. J. M. Walden, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"We are informed that the Annual Report of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association will be issued at the time of its annual meeting in October, and a copy will be forwarded to each member of the Annual Conference.

"The Board would recommend the reappointment of Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association."

GERVAISE ROUGHTON, *President.*

EDUCATION.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WE most heartily commend the excellent work for higher education which is being accomplished for the Church through the Board of Education. We especially approve the emphasis which is being laid upon Christian ideals. We would urge the observance of Children's Day and

that a collection be taken in every charge according to the Discipline. During the past year the Board of Education has assisted 1,957 young people to pursue their studies in our institutions of learning. More than 13,000 have been aided by this Board since its inception. This work can readily be seen to be very vital to the present and future welfare of the Church.

We commend the *Christian Student* to all our people as a very useful publication touching the questions of educational interests and methods.

We earnestly commend all our Christian institutions to our people of means. The Christian college was never more of a necessity than it is to-day. Its work is most essential, not alone to the Church, but to the very perpetuity of our Republic. There is no finer investment than that afforded by Christian schools.

We are pleased to note that the work of the Board has been helpful within the territory of our own Conference. During the past year twenty-six students residing in our own territory were assisted to the amount of $1,818. Our contribution to the work of the Board amounted to $1,101.61. We therefore received $716.39 more than we gave. We urge every charge within our Conference to become a regular contributor to this fund.

Theological Schools.

More and more our theological schools justify themselves before the Church and the world. Our preachers to-day, whatever may be said of other lines, are face to face with problems that demand the keenest intellectual and spiritual perception for their solution. As they go forth they face an educated laity that demands an intelligent leadership. The need is for a trained ministry able to cope with society's problems, and to direct the thought as well as the heart of the Church. The Church appreciates the service rendered by our schools of theology in the providing of a trained and adequately equipped ministry. Our Conference is on record. It not only needs men of the highest intellectual training and schooled in the best methods of work, but stands ready to welcome such men. We are coming to see that a call to preach means a call to preparation, and we have less faith than formerly in the plea that the man expecting only humble appointments should be admitted with inadequate preparation. There are no humble appointments in the Methodist ministry. Every pulpit presents a boundless opportunity, and every charge, however weak, has a right to demand one who can both preach and teach. The purpose of our theological schools is to furnish the Church with this type of man, and to furnish him with such vision of the work of the kingdom as will lead him, not only to a perfect consecration, but to an honest, lifelong effort to increase that which he has consecrated.

We note with pleasure the broadening of the work at Boston, the new city and Sociological Department at Drew, and the Summer School of Theology at Garrett.

We congratulate Garrett upon fifty years of splendid service to the Church and the world, and rejoice with her in the fiftieth anniversary so soon to be celebrated.

The Woman's College of Baltimore.

The Woman's College of Baltimore offers as adequate provision for the higher education of young women as any school in America. We would therefore commend all the interests of this school to our Churches, and would urge our pastors to be alert in guiding the young women of the Church, whose choice is for a Woman's College, to this institution.

The loss occasioned to this college through the Baltimore fire has greatly crippled the financial resources of the school, but has not inter-

fered with the highest efficiency in the conduct of the school and the splendid work hitherto accomplished. This school deserves our largest commendation and most liberal support.

Hillsboro College.

The Conference Board of Trustees leased Hillsboro College to the Hillsboro Public School District. This action has occasioned litigation. As a result, the property has not, as yet, come into the possession of the School Board of Hillsboro. This city now faces the necessity of a new building for school purposes, and this fact makes it imperative that some definite and speedy action be taken on this problem. We would therefore recommend, as men worthy to represent the interests of the Church in this matter, the following persons for election as Trustees for Hillsboro College for the ensuing year: John A. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, W. C. Duckwall, James F. Brown, C. H. Haynes, J. W. Watts, W. N. Bean, and Jos. H. Head, said Trustees to have the power to fill all vacancies that may occur.

We would also recommend the appointment of a Commission to cooperate with said Trustees and to be composed as follows: The Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, Rev. M. P. Zink, Rev. V. F. Brown, Rev. W. A. Deaton, and George B. Gardiner.

The Ohio Wesleyan University.

In 1844 the Ohio Wesleyan University was formally opened as a college, with 29 students in attendance. In 1904, sixty years later, 1,472 students thronged the halls of this university. Nearly 30,000 students have attended the university since its organization, and nearly 5,000 have completed established courses of study and received degrees. The godly influence of the school has greatly blessed the Church and the world. The annual report made to the Trustees on the 19th of last June by Dr. William F. Whitlock, then acting president, presents many facts that should cause thanksgiving and hope. The inauguration, at the recent Commencement, of Dr. Herbert Welch as president of the university is not our least ground for continued faith in and hope for this cherished institution. His inaugural address shows him to properly appreciate the need for and opportunities of a Christian college. We welcome him to the presidency of the university and to the membership of the Cincinnati Conference, and hereby pledge him our most cordial support in his every effort for the advancement of the cause of education in our Church and State.

We rejoice in the fact that the policy of the institution is to secure the culture of the whole man to the neglect of no sacred interest nor inherent right of the human soul. There is no fear of the truth in the Ohio Wesleyan University, nor is there any attempt to cheaply broaden the education offered at the expense of a thorough training of all the powers of the individual soul for actual service both in and for the world.

We are glad for material advancement, such as the new gymnasium, now in process of construction; the addition of nearly 4,000 volumes to the library; the founding of a new professorship, and many other evidences of material growth and equipment. All these admit of expression in terms educational and spiritual.

The rank the graduates of the university are taking in post graduate work in other universities, the continued success of the university in intercollegiate debates and oratorical contests, the fact that again the university is honored by the successful competing of one of her graduates for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship, combined with other achievements and honors won by students and graduates, are evidence to the thorough intellectual training afforded the young people of the Church, and clearly show that the school is worthy of our support. Our laymen desirous of affording

their children the best intellectual advantages can make no mistake in sending them to the Ohio Wesleyan.

The report of Dr. Whitlock calls attention to the fact that, though the university has, in grounds and endowment, $1,792,806, the actual endowment working for the institution and contributing to the current expenses is only $225,000. This is accounted for by the fact that nearly one-half the assets of the university is represented by the value of the grounds and equipments, and that $538,116 of the endowment fund is, as yet, compelled to pay an annuity to the donors, and thus affords no income to the university. This condition of affairs gives the university a very slender income outside of tuition fees for the current expenses of the school. So slender, indeed, is this income that the strictest economy consistent with the proper conduct of the school has not been able, and will not, for awhile at least, be able to save the university from an annual deficit in the current expense fund. We therefore recommend that this year's collection for public education be devoted to the current expense fund of the university.

We further recommend that, in view of the deficiency now existing and which promises to increase, that we systematically set ourselves to the assisting of the university in this embarrassment by setting apart Sunday, November 26th, as Ohio Wesleyan Day, on which day, in so far as is possible, we will present the cause of the university to our people, and take up a collection known as the Collection for Public Education for this specific purpose of assisting the university to meet current obligations.

We recommend the election of Mr. Richard Dymond to succeed himself as Trustee of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Appointments.

We nominate Visitors to our educational institutions as follows:

Ohio Wesleyan University: J. B. Young, W. H. Wehrly; alternate, D. G. Latshaw.

Drew Theological Seminary: J. G. Vaughan, A. B. Austin; alternate, W. E. Hammaker.

Boston Theological Seminary: A. W. Leonard, H. D. Ketcham; alternate, S. A. Stephan.

Garrett Biblical Institute: G. W. Dubois, J. E. Abrams; alternate, Guy P. Benton.

We would recommend the following persons for election as officers and members of the Conference Educational Society: President, Guy P. Benton; Vice-President, J. A. Story; Secretary, C. L. Conger; Treasurer, James M. DeCamp; Additional members, W. R. Warnock, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble, Robert W. Burns.

C. E. Schenk, *Secretary.* W. H. Wehrly, *President*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

With pleasure we record the continued prosperity and usefulness of the Epworth League. We especially rejoice that the mission of the League is to "lift up" to God the hosts of young people, and that its leavening, unifying, and conservative power in the Church is so helpful. We therefore recommend the following:

1. That the pledge be used in all Leagues, committing out young people to seek, and to help others attain, the highest New Testament standard of experience and life. Also as a safeguard against undisciplinary amusements.

2. We enjoin all Leaguers to emphasize, both by practice and precept, the importance of deep spirituality, non-conformity to the world, and earnest effort for the coming of the kingdom.

3. We deplore any and all tendency toward independence of interests, apart from the Church proper. Their interests are one, and demand that the former be auxiliary to the latter.

4. We recommend the Missionary Study Course as most fruitful of wholesome knowledge, conviction, and activity in the interest of missions.

5. We commend the Mercy and Help Department as an agency of Samaritan-like blessings to God's own, and an avenue of true Christian charity.

6. We would particularly urge the maintenance of the Junior Epworth League as the best forerunner of the Senior League, and as a just obligation we owe to the children.

7. We praise the *Epworth Herald* as the best paper available for young people, and urge its widest possible circulation.

H. E. ARMACOST, *Secretary.* W. M. COFFMAN, *Chairman.*

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE work of this Society is great and of vast importance. For thirty-nine years it has been moving steadily forward, and there has been a remarkable advance along all lines.

In all the schools some form of instruction in industrial and manual training is given. Last year there were 3,520 students given instruction in twenty-six industries. Many of these students have not only engaged in some line of industrial work after graduation, but are themselves teachers in industrial schools.

An important phase of the work is that of preparing Christian teachers for the South. Twelve thousand colored teachers and a great number of whites, mainly from the mountain regions of the South, have been prepared by this society as Christian teachers.

Of the more than five hundred teachers in these schools, three hundred are graduates from our own institutions, and thousands are teaching in the public schools and other institutions under Christian auspices.

It is important that we call attention to the observance of our Lincoln Birthday Sunday. The day is more widely observed than ever before, and we trust the time is not far distant when every Church throughout the entire connection will observe the day.

Both among the white and colored people self-help has been insisted upon from the very beginning. The results already achieved are far beyond expectation. Total received from students last year was $149,581.95.

South Carolina Conference, composed entirely of Negro ministers, reported in cash for this society last year $3,547, making it fifth in the number of Conferences as to the amount contributed in the entire connection.

Our schools are centers of religious power. There were eight hundred conversions reported last year.

Fresh interesting tracts and leaflets have been issued, and will be furnished free of charge to pastors applying for them.

The *Christian Educator* will be sent free for one year to every one giving one dollar or more.

The apportionment to the Cincinnati Conference for this society is $6,000. We earnestly insist that every member of the Conference do his utmost to help make up the apportionment.

D. S. EWRY, *Secretary.* J. F. DALBY, *Chairman.*

LAKESIDE.

YOUR Committee appointed to consider the interests of Lakeside Camp-meeting Association respectfully report: The Trustees state to the patronizing Conferences that "the spirit of harmony and good will which prevailed this year was apparent to all who attended, and this, added to the financial success achieved, is great cause for rejoicing and thankfulness.

"For the first time in years there is a sufficient balance on hand to assure the payment of the $1,000 in bonds due and the $1,500 of interest, and this has been accomplished only by exercising the strictest economy. The season being not yet over, a complete report can not be given; but from the facts and figures furnished, we feel sure that the actual cash balance, after all running expenses are paid, will be in the neighborhood of the above-mentioned sum, $2,500, not including the profits which the hotel will show, and which we are at this time unable to safely estimate.

"The Assembly was a grand success, both in numbers and interest, and the program furnished gave general satisfaction. As never before the people remained for the camp-meeting, which had a large attendance and much interest manifested. Under the leadership of Rev. C. F. Johnson, of Sandusky, the camp-meeting proved a spiritual blessing to many. The assistants from the various Conferences who aided in the work will give to their respective Conferences a more detailed report.

"The German camp-meeting had the largest attendance in its history, and it is almost needless to assure any one of the success of the work.

"We believe a new era has opened for Lakeside, and the present management deserves great credit for such an auspicious beginning."

We recommend the election as Trustees: For one year, S. B. LeSourd, H. C. Jameson; for two years, B. R. Cowen, C. C. Peale.

F. G. MITCHELL,
J. S. PUMPHREY,
C. C. PEALE.

METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED.

THE primary mission of the Home is to provide for the class of unfortunates who have no one whose natural duty it is to care for them, *not to make it easy for kins-people to neglect their own.* There is a surprising willingness on the part of some families and individuals to unload their natural burdens on such institutions. We aim to vigilantly protect this institution from such imposition, always requiring aid proportionate to their ability, and decline applicants whose rich relatives refuse to pay. The Church and the benevolent public should understand that this Board of Managers, representative men and women, appointed by the five Ohio Annual Conferences, have a high appreciation of the importance, magnitude, and gravity of their work, and plan for a just, wise, economical, and safe administration of the trust committed to them.

Grateful for Divine guidance and blessing in the larger matters, we have accepted the unavoidable delays in the erection of the building patiently, remembering that a general providence includes permissions as well as allotments. After a delay of months, caused by the strike of the structural iron workers in Pittsburg, our contractors, L. P. Hazen & Co., are at last able to proceed energetically with the building on College Hill, near Cincinnati. They promise as speedy construction as is consistent with high-grade work. At this writing everything is progressing satisfactorily. The corner-stones were laid July 5th. (For full account see *The Western Christian Advocate*, July 12, 1905.) The grading and the vast retaining wall are about finished, and add a stateliness to the whole

property that is in keeping with the superb site, extended views, and the dignity and magnitude of this entire enterprise.

Experience, intelligence, and conscience control to an exceptional degree in the erection of this house of mercy. All is under the watchful eye of our well-known architect, Samuel Hannaford, Esq. He could not

MRS. JOHN L. WHETSTONE.

be more interested if it were his personal property. The stone work stood the severe test of last winter without injury.

The M. H. Crane estate generously install the Beck System of hot water heating at net cost to them. The Thomas Gibson Plumbing Company have charge of that branch of the work. Architects and contractor urge the importance of a power house separate from the building. It will

cost $10,000; so we are praying that some one may be led to offer to pay for this much desired feature of the great plant, so that all may be in harmony with the entire construction; namely, on the best plan, of the best material and the best outfit. It appears that $70,000, in addition to what we now have, will be needed to complete and equip these great buildings in process of erection.

If Through the liberality of Mr. and Mrs. Obed J. Wilson, of Cincinnati, we are now enabled to erect the building north of the central structure to be known as "The Preachers' Retreat." Both of these esteemed friends grew up in a Methodist parsonage, Mr. Wilson in Maine and Mrs. Wilson in Kentucky. They also gave the superb site of twenty acres for this purpose. Mrs. Wilson has had large experience on the Board of Managers of a similar institution in Cincinnati, and represents the Cincinnati Conference on the board managing this Home. She has been active for years in philanthropic work, and is in the fullest sympathy with her husband in establishing this foundation. Mr. Asbury and other founders of Methodism in America were frequent guests in the home of her grandfather, Francis Landrum, of the Virginia Conference. The names of Wilson and Landrum will fittingly and permanently identify a building and a hall in this latest expression of Methodism in the Ohio Valley.

Mrs. Sarah M. Y. Whetstone, of Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the principal founders of this Home, a daughter of William Young, of the Indiana—then of the Ohio—Conference, and his wife, Angelina S. Lloyd, a descendant of Peregrine White, of *Mayflower* fame. Miss Lloyd came to Ohio in 1831 as a missionary. From girlhood Mrs. Whetstone knew the leaders of Methodist forces in this country. She helped to organize the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the West, and was one of its Board of Managers until long after her health forbid her attendance. She advanced the money needed to send Miss Thoburn, the first missionary to the foreign field, before this society had a treasury. She also helped to organize the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and has been on its Board of Managers from then till now. She received training in Wilbraham Academy, near Boston, and has always kept in touch with the advance movements of her Church. On coming to Cincinnati, as the bride of a prosperous manufacturer, forty-two years ago, she immediately sought work in the Union Bethel, as a teacher in both the sewing and Sabbath schools. Filled with the spirit of helpfulness and dominated by a purpose of usefulness, she has since been a power for good in Cincinnati and distant parts.

The managers, founders, and friends of this Home highly appreciate the interest taken and generous co-operation given by these well-informed good people.

John LaFayette Whetstone, Esq., a prince in our Israel, in whose memory the Whetstone Memorial is being erected, came from *Mayflower* stock, and one of the oldest and best Cincinnati families. As a boy, at his father's home, he met the great men of Methodism, and he was one of the best men produced by his Church, to which he was exceptionally devoted. A man of sterling qualities of mind and heart, of great simplicity and strength of character, worthy in every way of such a memorial, erected by the one who best knew his worth, as an expression of her undying love for him and her desire for usefulness.

We remain at Granville, Ohio, until our new buildings on College Hill are completed. The same working force, in the same spirit, with the same devotion and tireless energy, looks after the family. Death invaded the Home circle, and the following named persons were called to the upper home: Mrs. Harriet Babcock, of Ravenna, homeless at eighty-six, found shelter here for nearly five years. This gentle soul died in her ninety-second year as peacefully as she had lived. Mrs. Mary Trevitt, of Alex-

andria, came helpless from a broken hip at the same age, and lived five years, grateful to be cared for like an infant; yet it was a pleasure to minister to her, she was so cheerful and appreciative. At our last interview she declared: "I believe God sent me here, and that he sent Sister Hawes to nurse me. No one knows how faithful and kind she has been to me by day and by night all these years." Mrs. Leah Morris, at eighty-six, had given many years to the care of the helpless, then became so herself, and for years received such care here as a mother gives a sick child.

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Mrs. Eliza McKinney, of Ridgeway, died at eighty-five, was a good woman and deserved the care, sadly needed, given here. Mrs. Phebe Allen, of Columbus, eighty-seven, was a blessing to the Home, and died as she lived, triumphantly. Mrs. Christiana Meek, of Shiloh, only sixty-eight, here less than three months, died suddenly but peacefully.

We deeply regret and are distressed because so many worthy applicants must be declined. Friends have been sorely disappointed because their friends were not promptly admitted. "Our case" is always the one needing immediate and favorable action. But this will have to go until the Church is aroused to a sense of the importance of this work, and gives the money needed to support it on a larger scale; for we dare not enlarge

our usefulness, if that means a big debt. Soon we will have plenty of room. Let the friends of this Home remember we will need much help; large gifts and small gifts. General co-operation guarantees success; five cents from each member of Ohio Sabbath schools annually would support one hundred persons. We entreat the superintendents throughout Ohio to help and to begin early this fall.

Epworthians are cordial in their co-operation, having furnished the family with canned fruit from the start, and are sending vegetables now. Let this continue with years.

Financial statement of the Methodist Home for the Aged Corporation to June 1, 1905, at the close of the sixth fiscal year:

BALANCE SHEET.

Resources.

Home Building (Expended on)	$27,580 10
Home Grounds	20,000 00
Home Equipment	1,889 40
Investments—Real Estate	14,200 00
Investments—Bills Receivable	49,134 50
Investments—Securities	12,200 00
Bills Receivable—Notes	59,025 00
Accounts Receivable	680 39
Cash on hand	10,440 98
Deficit in Budget Account for six years	5,753 31
Total	$200,903 68

Liabilities.

Home Building Fund (Trust)	$126,970 70
Home Fund—Land only (Trust)	20,000 00
Endowment Fund (Trust)	31,100 00
Annuity Fund (Trust)	10,800 00
Admission Fund (Trust)	10,232 98
Bills Payable	1,200 00
Accounts Payable	600 00
Total	$200,903 68

Statement relative to Home Building Fund and the Building now in process of erection:

Original gifts invested in property at Yellow Springs	$5,500 00
Gifts and subscriptions paid	62,445 70
Subscription Notes	59,025 00
Total	$126,970 70

Accounted for as follows:

Expended on Building	$27,580 10
Subscription notes not collected	59,025 00
Investments—Call Loan	21,000 00
Investments—Securities	10,000 00
Cash in Bank	9,365 60
Total	$126,970 70

BUDGET ACCOUNT FOR 1904-1905

General Funds—Receipts from all sources	$12,476 13
Disbursements, including annuities paid	11,381 85
Surplus for the year	$1,094 28

Respectfully submitted.
A. H. NORCROSS, *Treasurer.*

H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*
A. J. LYON, *Secretary.*

MISSIONS.

We rejoice in the revival of the missionary spirit in our Church, which is making possible the advance of the army of the Lord in the conquest of the world. There is a more widespread and better developed interest in missions than ever before. More of our people have the cause upon their hearts. Many who formerly had little knowledge of the work and less concern for its success, now possess an intelligent understanding of the field, and are praying as never before, "Thy kingdom come." Ears that heretofore have been deaf to the Macedonian cry are straining to catch the faintest whisper for help, or the earliest shout of triumph. Hands that were useless are lending needed assistance. Voices formerly silent are heard in encouragement or pleading for the helpless.

The complete arousement of the Church is not yet accomplished, but the awakening is going on, and we believe the time near when she will increase her activities, in sacrifice and service, for the world's redemption. Results are already seen. The quadrennium closing in 1904 saw placed in the treasury of the Missionary Society $566,029 more than in the quadrennium just preceding, while in our own Conference the increase in collections of this year over last is $3,945. We devoutly thank God and are encouraged.

This has not come by chance. It is the product of agencies under Divine guidance. One that has had much to do with it is that educational and inspirational scheme known as the "Open-Door Emergency Movement," by which the Missionary Society placed upon wheels has gone into many sections of our country, and, by conventions and exhibits, has attracted the eye, arrested attention, touched the heart, reached persons of all classes, and scattered information. We are glad to learn the movement will continue, and hail with delight the announcement of a coming National Convention.

Three hundred thousand copies of *World-Wide Missions* are sent to Methodist homes every month. We most heartily commend this excellent paper as helpful in disseminating information, creating interest, and arousing enthusiasm. It should be in every home in our Church. A missionary subscription of one dollar or more entitles a person to receive the paper for one year, provided that not more than one copy shall go to one family.

Our missionary literature is of the very best, and contains the information and inspiration needed. In the hands of our people it will be instrumental in planting seed-thoughts that can not fail to produce fruit.

Our Sunday-schools are great missionary centers. They not only contribute largely to support the cause, but they train the young to have knowledge of, and to believe in, the missionary work. We recommend that every school be organized into a Missionary Society according to the Discipline, and that one Sabbath in each month be observed as Sunday-school Missionary Day, thirty minutes of the session being given to a program of suitable songs, recitations, and addresses, and a collection for missions.

One missionary prayer-meeting each month in every charge, carefully and thoughtfully planned, prayerfully and enthusiastically conducted, we believe, would give an impetus to the cause that would be felt at home and abroad.

We heartily indorse the proposal to observe, in 1906, the jubilee of the founding of our first mission in India. Its history for this half-century is marvelous, and reads like a romance. The man still lives who baptized the first convert. But the small seed, planted in India's soil under difficulties, cared for and nourished through hardships and sacrifices, watered by God's grace, and smiled upon by the sunshine of His love, has grown to be a magnificent, towering, widespreading tree of eight Annual Conferences, while just outside its shade, upon soil over which

floats the Stars and Stripes, has appeared a shoot which is rapidly assuming goodly proportions.

We approve of the plan of Bishop Thoburn to raise a Jubilee Fund of $250,000, to be used in broadening and strengthening the work, and pledge to him and his co laborers our hearty support and assistance.

We congratulate the Church upon the wise selection of our earnest, energetic, and enthusiastic Brother J. G. Vaughan as Field Agent of the Indian Jubliee Commission.

Not in India alone, but in other foreign fields, our missionaries are having marked success, while at home we are striving that all people, of whatever race or nationality within our borders, may be under the influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are no longer confined to circumscribed limits. There are no closed doors. The field is the world, and in the soil of every part of that field the seed of the Gospel may be planted. May God help the Cincinnati Conference to do her full share of the planting!

We are pleased to have with us at this session of our Conference Dr. J. C. Floyd, Field Agent of the Missionary Society. We have heard him with delight and profit, and will welcome him to our pulpits in the interest of the cause he presents.

The dove of peace, universal peace, is hovering over the world. The disastrous conflict of two great nations of the Orient has come to an end. Within the borders of our land, from which go so many missionaries with the Gospel of Peace, came their representatives to seek the way. The wise counsel and kindly offices of our own Christian President had a large part in bringing about the desired result. These nations came to our land of Peace, under our flag which stands for Peace, to enter upon this great compact. But we know, and they are fast learning that there can be no lasting peace, only through the Prince of Peace. Therefore His conquest of the world must go on by us until all the nations of the earth shall come to bow before Him as King of kings.

J. R. HILL, *Secretary.* H. W. BAILEY, *Chairman.*

PARSONAGES.

THE laity of the Cincinnati Conference have generously invested $551,000 in one hundred and twenty-five homes for use by their pastors. If these servants of the Master are to maintain the highest standard of usefulness, a comfortable, modernly equipped house is a necessity to them; and we believe that the Scripture injunction and example is that the people should thus provide for their ministers.

Your Committee, therefore, offers for your adoption:

1. That the pastors living in the parsonages of the Conference be held responsible for the attractiveness, neatness, and cleanliness of the property, and also that they use their best efforts to keep these homes in good repair.

2. That the Trustees of all such property take special interest in the same, securing the necessary funds to either rebuild, repair, or, where there is no parsonage, to provide one, as the Book of Discipline directs.

3. In all cases where the parsonage is to be refitted, the friends who make such provision shall study uniformity in their furnishings.

S. A. STEPHAN, *Secretary.* C. L. MYERS, *Chairman.*

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN.

GREAT interests of our Church are committed to the editors of our periodicals and the Agents of our Book Concern. Our people do not fully appreciate their importance. We are pleased to note the general prosperity that has attended these interests.

The sales of the New York Concern for the past year have amounted to $1,025,792, and those of the Western Concern to $1,467,068, making a total of $2,492,860. It is of first importance that thus the Church has been furnished with a supply of safe and valuable denominational literature. But it has also furnished as a dividend to the Annual Conferences $65,000.

We would call attention to the improved appearance and attractiveness of the *Western Christian Advocate*, and commend the able editorial management of Rev. Levi Gilbert, D. D. We indorse his positive position on moral reforms and outspoken utterances upon matters of immediate interest in civic affairs.

In the *Epworth Herald* we have a periodical second to none of its class and of great value to our young people and in the home.

The unique field covered by the *Methodist Review* commends it to all our pastors and thoughtful laymen.

We congratulate the Church upon its large publishing interests, and pledge thereto our hearty support.

J. E. ABRAMS, *President.* H. C. WEAKLEY,
J. A. EASTON, *Secretary.* J. R. COLLEY.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

For Year 1904-1905.

RECEIPTS:		
For Advertisements	$366 13	
Sale of Minutes	229 87	
Total		$596 00
PAYMENTS:		
For Conference Expenses	$16 52	
For Printing Minutes	500 64	
Publishing Committee Expenses	11 04	
Total		528 20
Profits		$67 80
Still due		20 55
Prospective Profits for Publishing Fund		$83 35

PUBLIC MORALS.

IN making our annual survey of the ethical standards and conduct in vogue in our time, we are neither cynics nor pessimists. We recognize the fact that most of the evils which confront us are old, while the intelligence which discerns and the spirit which seeks to remedy them are new. Old evils, however, now and then are stirred into fresh activity, and new forms of transgression and new public perils at times arise. Against the evils and dangers, therefore, which are peculiar to our time we are moved once more to deliver our testimony.

1. The immigration problem is one of these. Although we are a composite nation, and owe a great debt to the foreign elements which have been inwrought into our body politic, yet we are appalled at the amount of paupery, vice, crime, ignorance, and superstition which immigrants, coming from strange lands at the rate of a million a year, are bringing to our shores. We must not neglect these many-tongued foreigners, nor allow our city slums, our mining and manufacturing com-

munities to be given over, by our neglect, to the perils which these immigrants plant among us. Let us encourage in every possible way the raising of money and the planting of missions for the evangelization of these alien and threatening elements of our national life.

2. Municipal misgovernment is another frightful evil. It would seem that those who know most of the political life of our cities are least hopeful of civic regeneration. The corruption and graft which recent investigations in Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis have uncovered, are in smaller measure prevalent in scores of our cities. Great franchises pertaining to public utilities are thrown away; votes and voters are bought and sold by the thousand; and the people's money is wasted in countless millions. We urge ministers to master the new publications devoted to municipal reform; to study the problem of our cities; to preach frequently on city evangelization, and to ally themselves with the various regenerating agencies which are seeking to renew the moral life of our cities. In this connection we rejoice that men like Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia; Governor Folk, of Missouri; and District Attorney Jerome, of New York, are exhibiting courage, skill, conscience, and statesmanship in battling with boodleism. May their examples be manifolded!

3. Political bossism, as differentiated from wise and zealous political leadership, is an evil which has become intolerable. Are we willing, as citizens of Ohio, for example, that any one man shall be a dictator in either of the parties, bossing without question political conventions, choosing candidates for the leading offices, and in many ways defying, ignoring and trampling under foot the protests, opinions, and demands of a vast patriotic citizenship?

4. Other evils confront us,—the Divorce Evil, the desecration of the Sabbath, increasing numbers of crimes against human life, the gambling mania, the demoralizations wrought by coarse and vicious theatrical displays,—which are undermining morals, destroying character, and hindering all forms of Christian work. Against them we pledge our earnest efforts, by voice and pen and prayer, to the end that the work of the Gospel may be speedily pressed to its final victories.

5. We commend the action of the Governor of Ohio in vetoing the Chisholm Bill which made pool-selling on race tracks legal in the Commonwealth. We make record of this commendation all the more gladly in view of the fact that we have found occasion in other matters to condemn his official course.

6. Finally, we rejoice in the current triumphs wrought by industrial and international arbitration, and in the victories wrought by Peace. We specially record our admiration and affection for Theodore Roosevelt, our President, in view particularly of the courage, the wisdom, the foresight, the humaneness, and the large statesmanship which have been chief factors in consummating peace between Russia and Japan. He is to-day, in a greater sense than was Julius Cæsar, "the foremost man in all this world." We are grateful for the providential events which have given him world-wide prestige, and at the same time made our Nation one of the great world Powers. We pray that God may bless the Nation under his guidance. God bless and keep Theodore Roosevelt!

A. K. STABLER, *Secretary.* JESSE BOWMAN YOUNG, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The presidency of Bishop Cranston has made the session more like the enjoyment of a holiday festival than the privations incident to parliamentary routine, and the business to roll on so smoothly that its wheels have bowled, as it were, on ball-bearing axles, rubber tires,

and a pave of asphalt,—no rattling rails, no hot boxes, no screeching whistle; and

WHEREAS, Several times the docket was cleared, leaving time to burn while waiting on Committees, so that fiery orators had to be called upon to light the flames of eloquence; therefore,

Resolved, That we thank Bishop Earl Cranston for the celerity, gentleness, and grace with which he has conducted the routine of minute business, and for the strong and strengthening words with which he has re-enforced our intellects and fortified our purposes.

Resolved, That we lavish our grateful appreciation on our imperial Secretary, S. O. Royal, in name and nature as to win, by the divine right of kings of the pencil and Calligraph, the sobriquet of the Mikado of Conference scribes, and in the hour of his triumph we greet him with our Banzai!

Resolved, That our thanks are due to C. W. Horn, our Treasurer, and are hereby rendered him for his tireless fidelity in tabulating our finances.

Resolved, That we tender our Statistical Secretary, George H. Hammell, merited praise for the facility and accuracy with which he has marshaled figures, and assure him of our confidence in him as a mathematician, a man, and a minister, without a loose joint in his harness in which an ambuscaded foe can plant a poisoned arrow.

Resolved, That all who have diligently and expertly assisted in the record of our minutes and statistics are deserving of our exhaustive commendation.

Resolved, That the swiftness of business dispatch under the Chairmanship of Bishop Cranston is only moderated by the shortening of our stay in Springfield, and, therefore, of the curtailing of the exquisite enjoyment of the hospitalities of its bountiful and beautiful homes, and we tender our generous hosts and their queenly wives our hearty thanks for the good cheer of groaning boards and the soft repose afforded by downy beds, and the sweet amenities of social life, and a welcome which for warmth is only equaled by the bright and balmy weather which has distinguished most of our stay, the two consorting to make our session beatific in the memory as it has been blessed in the pleasure of the sunny days as they have flitted by on silken wings.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the loyalty of Dr. A. B. Leonard to his home Conference, and assure him that his presence affords one of the greatest pleasures of our annual reunion, and we hope that he will always be able to so arrange the vast work the General Conference has committed to his charge as to be with us at each recurring Conference.

Resolved, That we part with sincere regret with Rev. C. W. Blodgett, D. D., whose five years' pastorate at St. Paul has been marked with signal success, and commend him to the fellowship of his new relation as one who will give wisdom and zest to his work and cheer to, and co-operation with, his brethren in social life and Church enterprise. We would be pleased to welcome Dr. Blodgett back if Providence should open the door for his return.

Resolved, That the untiring attention of Dr. J. A. Story, with associate pastors, as the ministerial host of the Conference, deserves and is hereby accorded the thanks of his guests.

HOWARD A. M. HENDERSON, *Secretary*. E. W. SERL, *Chairman*.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

THE Sabbath was made for man. The wisdom and authority instituting the Sabbath are divine. The command and obligation to observe the Sabbath is co-extensive with universal humanity. Sabbath observance

is essential to individual and national prosperity, and can not be disregarded with impunity. Obedience and blessing, disobedience and a curse are ever related and inseparable. We commend the Fourth Commandment, as well as the other nine, to the careful and conscientious consideration of all sane people. Who sins against God sins also against himself and humanity. The Church is the light-bearer for mankind, and the salt of the earth only when she remembers the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Let this be our watchword amidst prevailing desecrations. To this end be it

Resolved, 1. That we will diligently use the abundant literature on the subject of Sabbath observance, now easily obtainable from such organizations as the American Sabbath Union, the New England Sabbath Protective League, the International Bureau of Reforms, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the Sabbath Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the International Rest Day Federation (Rev. Alexander Jackson, Secretary, Cleveland, Ohio), and the publications of the religious press. By the use of such publications we may secure an awakening and a deeper conviction in regard to the authority and usefulness of Sabbath observance in the public mind.

2. That the appeals which are being made by employees in nearly every department of labor for assistance in their efforts to secure release from the slavery of work imposed upon them to be done on the Sabbath day deserve an answer in the best help and co-operation we can give them to secure release from secular labor on the day of weekly rest, and that we call the attention of those who have charge of public institutions to the importance and duty of reducing to the minimum the necessary Sunday labors of those who are under them.

3. That we protest against Sunday excursions and Sunday traffic, and urge that all secular business and secular exhibitions be closed upon the Sabbath day, to the end that the people may enjoy the benefit of needed quiet and rest and the privileges of worship.

4. That we heartily approve of the organization of a Federation of the Sunday Rest Societies of the world, formed at the Sunday Rest Day Congress held at St. Louis last October, at which this body was represented. The Rev. Dr. Alexander Jackson is the Secretary of this Federation, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, where he may be addressed on the interests of Sabbath observance.

5. That we recommend that each pastor during the year will preach at least one sermon in favor of Sabbath observance.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary.* S. B. SMITH, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

IF our Church is to continue to prosper and to increase in efficiency, her Sunday-schools must receive special care. The children belong to God, and must be trained for Him in the Sunday-school. The young people must be reached and instructed, and the older ones should be stirred to a more earnest study of the Word of God. Sunday-school evangelism is essential. If we are to have a stronger Church to-morrow, we must get the boys and girls of to-day, from home and street, into the Sunday-school. We note with pleasure that the Conference Report for 1904 shows an increase of nearly one thousand members in our Sunday-schools; but what are they among so many? There should be, there must be a greater advance. This is possible; therefore we recommend:

1. That the income of the Sunday-school Union should be largely increased, so that this department of our great Church, now doing such splendid work under the able leadership of Dr. J. T. McFarland, may accomplish yet greater results in the home and foreign fields.

2. That the apportionment to the Churches for this cause be not less than one-twentieth of the amount asked for Missions.

3. That every school carefully plan for and observe Rally Day, asking for a special offering by classes for this work.

4. That we urge that every Methodist school use our excellent Sunday-school publications—than which there are none better—and use nothing else. We urge also the careful working of the Home Department, thus stimulating Bible study in the home.

5. That we heartily commend Dr. McFarland's plans for a more thorough training of the teachers of our Sunday-schools. We therefore urge our pastors to secure, if possible, for them "The Teachers' Library," recommended by him. We rejoice in the announcement that arrangements have been made for an Advanced Course of Bible Study, in which the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church of Canada are to join with us.

6. That the Rev. J. D. Darling be appointed Sunday-school Secretary of this Conference, to co-operate with the Secretary of the Sunday-school Union in all matters pertaining to our Sunday schools.

WM. C. MITCHELL, *Secretary.* D. C. WASHBURN, *Chairman.*

TRACT SOCIETY.

1. WE recognize in the Tract Society one of the important agencies of our Church for the promotion of its spiritual life. It aids in the circulation of religious literature in many languages. The Society gave away some 15,000,000 pages last year. This Society needs the sum of $55,000 per annum, in order to carry on its great work through the entire world.

2. We, your Committee, would recommend to the pastors that they avail themselves of the offer of the Tract Society, which provides that each pastor who will make application can receive from the Society an amount of tracts equal in price to one-half of the last collection of his charge to the Tract Society.

We urge our pastors to make a liberal use of tracts in their work of every-day evangelism. J. G. BLACK, *Chairman.*

WM. B. BROWN, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE.

EVERY year our Temperance Committee pronounces against the curse of strong drink, and urges the people to a forward movement in the crusade for its extinction. Our Church is squarely, decisively, irrevocably committed to total abstinence for the individual and the legal annihilation of the saloon. From the days of John Wesley, in the Discipline, in our standard Church literature, everywhere, we have sounded the trumpets, as with one continuous blast, for the destruction of the whole accursed system of the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Beginning with John Wesley, in his characterization, "The price of blood," we have reached the culmination, "It can never be legalized without sin." True to our common Methodism, in her historical, traditional, organic, fundamental attitude to this "sum of all villainies," the American saloon, we offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That our first duty to the Church and the State is the solution of the drink problem by the legal overthrow of the saloon at the ballot-box.

2. *Resolved,* That in harmony with our Discipline, *"We are in sympathy with and bid a hearty Godspeed to all organizations of every name*

and nature that seek to promote the cause of total abstinence and accomplish the overthrow of the liquor-traffic," we will co-operate with all these associations for the speedy outlawry of the saloon by Constitutional Prohibition.

3. *Resolved,* That we will proclaim from our pulpits the duty of Civic Righteousness as commended by the General Conference: *"Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church can not consistently contribute by voice, vote, or influence, to the perpetuation and protection of the liquor-traffic."*

4. We are in hearty accord with the action of our last General Conference in organizing a Church Temperance Society, and we recommend that the Cincinnati Conference Temperance Society be made auxiliary to the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As far as practicable, we will co-operate with that society in a special effort to have our congregations and Sunday-schools observe the 4th of July of each year as a day consecrated to the promotion of temperance reform.

5. We rejoice at the continued success of the temperance people in the local option elections during the past year. Four-fifths of the elections held within the bounds of our Conference during the past twelve months have resulted in driving out the saloon, and through local officials the laws are being enforced with increasing stringency.

6. We note with joy the activity of all temperance organizations which have as their aim the overthrow of the liquor-traffic, and regard such activity as the index of the rising tide of public sentiment. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was never more efficient than at the present time. We recognize the Ohio Anti saloon League as a powerful agency in the work of temperance reform. Its work during the past twelve years entitles it to a high place in our esteem and confidence. Its aim is the destruction of the liquor-traffic. Its methods are wise and honorable, and have drawn into close and friendly relation the many enemies of the drinking saloon. Its watchwords, "Agitate, educate, organize," are well chosen and inspiring. Its ideals of government and of public office are high and pure. Its great conventions have stirred thousands to action. Its printed organ, *The American Issue,* is a paper of which any organization might be proud, and its editorial management gives constant evidence of rare skill and a fearlessness that challenges our admiration. The personnel of the League is a body of men of integrity and courage, and we most heartily commend the League to our own Church people and all others interested in the welfare of our State.

7. Conceding that it is not the province of the Church to give affirmative direction to or assume to control the franchise of the citizen, it by no means follows that the Church must be silent concerning great wrongs because they have intrenched themselves in law, or have become potent in influencing and controlling political action. One of the greatest dangers to our country's welfare is the tremendous power which the organized liquor-traffic wields in political affairs, a power so great and so promptly applied that, with rare exceptions, candidates for public office dare not speak their honest sentiments concerning that traffic, while office-holders ambitious to secure re-election realize that the faithful performance of their duty in the enforcement of law against the saloon will be fatal to their hopes for promotion. When the Christian citizen is as prompt with his political rewards and punishments as is the supporter of the saloon, the cause of civic righteousness will have made a noble advance. Quoting and reaffirming the action of the General Conference of 1892, we record our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought it to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon. But the foregoing must not be considered as in the interest of any political party.

8. One year ago this Conference said: "We also express our regret that the Governor of Ohio allied himself with the liquor interests in his persistent efforts, by his threatened use of his veto prerogative, to compel the Legislature to modify its action in the interest of the saloon against the expressed wish of the people through their representatives." We earnestly protested against the renomination of the present governor. Similar action was taken by the Synod Conferences, Conventions, both State and district, of all the great Protestant denominations of Ohio. The political bosses paid no attention to this voice of the Christian organizations, but deliberately renominated for governor the man against whom we protested. We do, therefore, now express our indignation at this utter disregard of the wishes of the Christian manhood of Ohio, and in view of said action we reiterate our convictions in the case, and propose to register those convictions at the polls.

9. We wish to record our disapproval of the course of that part of the partisan press which is closing its columns to temperance news, and refuses to give the temperance people an opportunity to deny the false and misleading interviews and contributions that it has given wide publicity.

10. We nominate as delegates to the National Convention of the Anti-saloon League, to be held in Indianapolis in November, W. H. Wehrly and W. A. Wiant. FRANK C. ENGLISH, *President.*

OWEN M. SELLERS, *Secretary.*

VI.

Miscellany.

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society has just completed fourteen years of city missionary work at the Glenn Home. Auxiliary to the Home are the Glenn Home Mission at Front and Fifth Streets, and the Cottage at rear of the distillery, Riverside.

Seven workers have been employed during the past year, three missionaries, three kindergartners, and one deaconess.

The Boarding Department, where young women find a Christian home at three dollars a week, has had every bed and cot filled throughout the year. Daily we receive testimonies of the influence the Home is exerting upon the hearts and lives of our girls.

Three kindergartens are sustained. The names of one hundred and twenty-one children appear upon the record. Average attendance has been good.

The Glenn Home Mission Sunday-school has an enrollment of one hundred and fifty, and the Riverside Sunday-school one hundred.

Besides the Sunday-school and Kindergarten at the Riverside Cottage, we also have a sewing class of fifty children, meeting Saturday morning, a prayer-meeting on Thursday evenings in charge of Rev. J. D. Darling, and an occasional concert. The sewing class, which meets Saturday mornings at the Mission, numbers eighty.

We hold weekly two Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society with 53 members, a Band of Home Guards numbering 42 members, and a Mothers' Jewels Band of 250 members. One hundred copies of *Children's Home Missions* are distributed monthly by the kindness of Mrs. O. J. Wilson. The children read them eagerly, and enter most heartily into the missionary work, some of them expressing a desire to be missionaries or deaconesses when "they get big."

The Boys' Brigade has been in charge of Miss Delia Herron.

Kitchengarten classes, Mothers' Meetings, Reading Circles, "The Glenn Home Cheerful Workers," have met regularly. The Savings Bank is teaching the children thrift and economy.

About four thousand visits have been made by the workers during the year, five thousand papers distributed, and two hundred and sixty-three Bibles presented to men and women after securing a promise that they will read them regularly.

The Treasurer reports total receipts $5,672.85; expenditures $5,295.55; cash on hand, August, 1905, $377.30.

Supplies valued at $1,185.40 have been received during this year.

The Glenn Home Board most cordially extends an invitation to the members of Cincinnati Conference to visit the Home, and most heartily thanks all who have helped in any way to carry on the good work.

Most respectfully. MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman.*

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Resources.

Real Estate	$24,692 24	
Bills Receivable	24,170 10	
Cash on hand	1,860 60	
		$50,722 94

Liabilities.

Capital Account	$47,651 38	
Income Account	1,571 56	
Annuity Account	1,000 00	
Bequest	500 00	
		$50,722 94

Receipts.

Cash on hand, September 1, 1904	$1,170 92	
Rents	737 03	
Interest	1,052 45	
Donations	57 00	
Membership Fees	145 00	
Loans paid	4,018 30	
		$7,180 70

Expenditures.

Donations	$1,080 00	
Expenses	344 35	
Loans on Notes	3,700 00	
Interest—Annuity Gift	75 00	
Interest Loan	30 75	
Bills payable	90 00	
Cash on hand	1,860 60	
		$7,180 70

Analysis of Expense Account.

Taxes and Repairs		$245 10
Bond of Treasurer		19 60
Certificate of Secretary of State		1 00
Book-keeper		30 00
Committee Work—		
Meetings of Board	$32 20	
Bill paid Book Concern	6 10	
Expenses of Treasurer	10 35	
		48 65
		$344 35

Respectfully submitted. S. O. ROYAL, *Treasurer.*

JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church,

In session at Springfield, Ohio, September 5, 1905:

Your Trustees of the John Mears Bequest respectfully report as follows:

Total investment	$8,000 00

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To balance cash on hand, September 1, 1904	$119 05
To interest collected on notes and bonds	455 65
Total	$574 70

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By cash to Ohio Wesleyan University	$75 00
By cash to Illinois Wesleyan University	75 00
By cash to A. D. Maddox for Cincinnati Conference Claimants	150 00
By cash to Mrs. William V. Ebersole for Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society	150 00
By cash to Fifth National Bank of Cincinnati for box	4 00
By cash on hand, September 1, 1905	120 70
Total	$574 70

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Boyd, *Treasurer.*
William A. Robinson,
John Pearson,
Trustees.

VII.

Historical.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

DIRECTORS.

Term expires 1906.—F. G. Mitchell, S. O. Royal, A. B. Austin.
Term expires 1907.—D. J. Starr, C. H. Haines, C. L. Conger.
Term expires 1908.—W. H. Wehrly, Geo. Vorhis.

OFFICERS.

President.—F. G. Mitchell.
Vice-President.—C. L. Conger.
Secretary.—W. H. Wehrly.
Treasurer.—C. H. Haines.
Custodian.—S. O. Royal.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Members of the Conference who pay $5 or more to the Society.

*Asbury Lowrey, D. D.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those who pay $3 or more to the Society, or make valuable and approved contributions to the Society.

Mrs. Asbury Lowrey.
Joseph Eichelberger.
*Lewis C. Smith.
Miss Vina Dickey.
Rev. C. W. Rishell.
Elijah M. Fitch.
Rev. T. F. Royal.
*John W. Dale.
Rev. Geo. W. Vorhis.
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*Rev. Wm. Runyan.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston.
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Agnes Duckwall.
Mrs. A. W. Musgrove.
Rev. Merrick E. Ketcham.
Mrs. John F. Wright.
J. A. Easton.
Mrs. R. K. Deem.

MEMBERS.

All members of the Conference are members of the Historical Society, and are entitled to a voice and vote in all meetings.

Received this year:

From Mrs. R. K. Deem: The Saddle-bags used by Rev. Moses Crum; one Volume of Sermons by Rev. Geo. Whitfield, 1788; one Methodist Discipline, 1784.

*Deceased.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . . and Richard Whatcoat.	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	Francis Asbury, . . and W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . . and W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky., ...	W. McKendree, . . and Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and Enoch George, .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . and R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O., ...	Enoch George, . . and W. McKendree, .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . . and J. Soule, ...	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. Hedding, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . and W. McKendree. .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	J. Emory, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., ...	O. J. Andrew, . . and J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27.	Xenia, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., ...	B. Waugh, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., ...	E. Hedding, . . . and J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.

OHIO CONFERENCE.—Continued.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841 .	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842 .	September 28,	Hamilton, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1843 .	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1844 .	September 4, .	Marietta, O., ...	B. Waugh, J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1845 .	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O , ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1847 .	September 1, .	Columbus, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1848 .	September 27,	Newark, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849 .	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	B. Waugh, L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1850 .	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	E. S. Janes, T. A. Morris, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1851 .	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . .	T. A. Morris.	J. M. Trimble.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1852 .	September 22,	Xenia, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1853 .	September 28,	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1854 .	September 23,	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1855 .	September 26,	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1856 .	October 1, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1857 .	September 9, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1858 .	September 8, .	Lebanon, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1859 .	September 7, .	Dayton, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1860 .	September 5, .	Oxford, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1861 .	September 4, .	Springfield, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1862 .	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1863 .	September 2, .	Xenia, O., ...	O. C. Baker, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1864 .	September 8, .	Greenfield, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1865 .	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1866 .	August 29, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. Thomson, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1867 .	August 28, . .	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1868 .	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1869 .	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1870 .	August 24, . .	Piqua, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1871 .	August 30, . .	Dayton, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1872 .	August 28, . .	Eaton, O., ...	I. W. Wiley, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1873 .	August 27, . .	Springfield, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1874 .	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O , ...	R. S. Foster, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1875 .	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. G. Andrews, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1876 .	August 30, . .	Oxford, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1877 .	September 5, .	Xenia, O., ...	G. Haven, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1878 .	September 4, .	Piqua, O., ...	W. L. Harris, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1879 .	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	David Judson Starr.
1880 .	September 1, .	Middletown, O., ...	Jesse T. Peck, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1881 .	September 7, .	Springfield, O., ...	Isaac W. Wiley, . .	David Judson Starr.
1882 .	September 6, .	Dayton, O., ...	T. Bowman, ...	David Judson Starr.
1883 .	September 5, .	Hamilton, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	David Judson Starr.
1884 .	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885 .	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O	W. L. Harris, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	J. M. Walden, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887 .	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1888 .	September 5, .	Jamestown, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1889 .	September 4, .	Xenia, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1890 .	August 27, . .	Greenville, O., ...	I. W. Joyce, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1891 .	September 2, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1892 .	August 31, . .	Middletown, O., ...	W. X. Ninde, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1893 .	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	J. F. Hurst.	Stanley O. Royal.
1894 .	September 5, .	Wilmington, O., ...	D. A. Goodsell. . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1895 .	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	C. D. Foss, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1896 .	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1897 .	September 1, .	Springfield, O., ...	W. F. Mallalieu, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1898 .	August 31, . .	Xenia, O., ...	John H. Vincent, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1899 .	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., . .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1900 .	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1901 .	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O., . . .	Jas. N. FitzGerald,	Stanley O. Royal.
1902 .	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1903 .	September 2, .	Wesley, Cin'ti, O	C. H. Fowler, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1904 .	August 31, . .	Miamisburg, O., ...	J. W. Bashford, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1905 .	September 6, .	High St., Springfield, O.	Earl Cranston, . .	Stanley O. Royal.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

OF THE

REV. GEORGE W. MALEY.

(Written about the year 1852.)

I WAS born in Western Pennsylvania, January 11, 1799. My father was a native of Baden, near Heidelberg, Germany, trained in the Lutheran Church, and educated respectably—a saddler by trade. I acquired a partial knowledge of the business, working with him in the shop. My mother was a native of Pennsylvania. Her father's name was Davies, from the principality of Wales, and my grandmother was from Ireland. Neither form nor power of godliness was taught me by precept or example, yet a divine light early overshadowed my dark mind. I remember well this day the first impression made upon my youthful heart of my mortality. I was seated in the school room in Union Town, Pa., when I saw a funeral procession moving along the street. Hitherto I had witnessed the same, but considered death as accidental. On that occasion I saw and felt that it was appointed unto all, and I suddenly drew this conclusion: "What is the use of seeking to be great or rich in this world, as life is short and uncertain?" My thoughts were so fixed for the time on eternal things and their superior importance. I was almost converted by the Spirit's power operating upon me at seven or eight years of age. Then followed a dark interregnum for several years (except some promptings to pray, from the example of a Presbyterian elder, whom I had seen engaged in secret prayer in his barn) until the harvest of 1816, when I had a solemn dream of the great day of God. I beheld the rising of the dead, small and great, "obsequious to the call, self-moved, advance" from every point of earth and underneath the ground, by numbers which no man could number, to meet the Judge, the Lord Jesus, whose throne was fixed in sight of the point where I stood with consternation; His appearance the finest, the divinest, and most beautiful of human forms. Unnumbered millions were gathering around Him to undergo an examination, and then to be rewarded or punished accordingly. I understood. I felt remorse for having neglected to retain and practice the duties of the Catechism. In my shock, from the terror and glory of the scene, I awoke, to sleep no more that night.

So indelible were the impressions left that I named the dream to my acquaintances, and finally committed it to paper by writing it down in detail. That paper is long since missing, but that which I saw and felt in that "vision of the night" is fresh in my memory, although forty-two years have gone since, with "the years beyond the flood." This dream had a good influence upon my youthful passions, and increased my credibility in the blessed doctrine "that God shall raise the dead." I had now spent about a year in the academy in Butler, Pa., and teaching a country school in the neighborhood. I felt tired of the sterile country, and the prospect of poverty ahead. I believed there was a better country for me. I had heard much of Ohio, and in November, 1817, I took leave of those who were near to me by the ties of kindred. I set off to seek a home in a stranger land. I was young; I had not the love, but I had the fear of God, and sometimes I made my prayer to Him, and believed He would protect me, and supply my wants.

After passing through Beaver, Columbiana, Stark, Wayne, and Tuscarawas Counties, the weather growing cold, the roads bad, and that which makes a stranger welcome (money) scarce, I determined on halting until spring, and then prosecute my journey to the Miami Valley. At

New Philadelphia I inquired of the principal hotel-keeper if there was a vacancy for a schoolteacher. He answered, "None," but informed me that five miles below town, old Mr. C—— lived, and he was well acquainted with the county. I found a kind rural home for three months, and, as St. Luke wrote of the Tyrians, that they "made Blastus, the king's chamberlain, their friend," so I made the old gentleman, who was a county officer, my firm friend, and in the spring I was introduced to a school for six months in the county-seat. I was boarded by the cashier of the New Philadelphia bank, Mr. B——, whose son has recently been a member of the Board of Public Works in Ohio. Here I was tempted and enticed by sinners; but I felt something like a noble young man of old, who said, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

While I sojourned here I was loudly called again to remember my Creator. In company, one afternoon, with a student of medicine, we were bathing in the lake. The doctor could not swim. I was instructing him in the art. At the end of our innocent amusement, as we supposed, he proposed to wade to the deep water, and, in stumbling around me, he lost bottom, clasped me with a death embrace, and, binding both my arms, drew me with himself under water over our heads. I was conscious of my perilous condition, and while we both were speechless, floating down the stream, standing erect, side by side, occasionally touching bottom, I would give a spring and raise our heads above water, thus preventing drowning immediately after being submerged. As we were thus passing down the river, borne by the slow current, the good Lord kept us alive until we reached shoal water. After regaining our breath and strength, we waded to shore, sat down, and gave vent to tears of gratitude for our deliverance. I had not indulged in such acts on Sabbath before, and felt it to be a solemn warning, and there promised the Lord to sin no more.

A beautiful young lady at New Philadelphia was one of my scholars. I indulged in my first thoughts of marriage, and Miss B——, I judged, had corresponding and reciprocal feelings; for she often presented her pen to be mended when the penknife was not necessary. In the midst of all this mental exercise—for not an act or word had indicated such intention—I opened my Bible, and the first sentence attracting my sight was, "Thou shalt have neither sons nor daughters in this land." I looked upon it as a direction from God, not to localize myself in a place where Christianity was hardly known or respected, except by a Moravian congregation at Gnadenhutten. What little knowledge of the German language I have, I acquired in this place from the Rev. Mr. S——, of the Lutheran Church. Old Dr. Espid, a minister of the same Church, resided here in those days, and many years ago he removed to Germantown, Montgomery County, and died there full of years, and I trust full of hopes of immortality. I felt, I believe, a call of Providence to leave this people, and in October, 1818, I came to Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio.

How endeared is this county in the subsequent history of my life! At this date I had no personal knowledge of the Methodist Church, neither of her people nor her ecclesiastical polity. While I tarried a week at Colonel R——'s hotel, a general service was announced. I attended. The Rev. Mr. G——, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated. I noticed two fine-looking gentlemen standing outside the window, near the stand of the preacher within. They led the singing, and it was well done. On inquiry afterward, I found that one was J. R. and the other N. McL., both prominent men in the Methodist Church in Lebanon. If the Methodist Church embraced such men, she must have a reputation not unworthy of older Churches claiming more learning and orthodoxy. This town, though small in population, was in those days the residence of many leading men in Church and State,—Judge Collett, Judge Dunlevy, Judge Corwin, Judge Hansberger, Judge Brown, Colonel Van Horn, Judge McLean, then on the Supreme bench, and his sainted brother, Colonel William McLean, who in

October, 1839, went home to heaven; Jacob Miller, a colonel, a lawyer, and a local preacher; Thomas R. Ross, then representative in Congress; P. Ross, and William D. Ross. John Wood I heard make his first speech at the bar in 1818. What intellectual and moral strength the Methodist Church possessed in those days, in the names of Fogelsong, Nixon, Bretney, Hackney, Harrison, Clarke, Wood, Brown, Reeves, Rev. Eli Truitt, Mitchell (brother to Professor O. M. Mitchell), Mathias Corwin (brother to Thomas), and John, Nat., and William McLean, with many others; also the honorable women not a few! But O, how many of the above sleep in their graves!

"The graves of all His saints He blessed,
And softened every bed."

After a few days I found my friend and patron, J. R——. I accompanied him to the western part of the county, and in a few days I was the young schoolmaster, as they called me, with a house full of scholars, and several older than myself; yet all were subordinate. Although the people were strangers, they were kind, and I felt at home, and thankful for the mercies of my life. I soon made the acquaintance in the neighborhood of Rev. P. Montfort, pastor of the Unity and Pisgah congregations. I resumed the study of Latin, which I had commenced in Beaver Academy, Pennsylvania; recited to Mr. M——, lived retired, and devoted to my school and my studies. I attended Mr. M——'s ministry regularly, and had the form of, but was a stranger to, experimental religion. Still I practiced private prayer, and opened my school with prayer in the mornings, and sometimes I was invited to pray in families and in prayer-meetings, which I did a few times; but it was hard work, not having the spirit to help my infirmities. When my quarter was out, I engaged for six months.

During the second term, on Saturday, August 31, 1819, in company with the family with whom I was boarding, I set off for the great Union Camp-meeting, near Bedell's Station, some three miles distant. When I arrived within the circle of tents, and in full view of the crowding thousands, I was astonished at the strange sight. While looking in innocent curiosity, Mr. J. V——, an elder in Mr. M——'s congregation, was entering at the same avenue, and in an audible voice quoted a passage from the Acts, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," with an emphasis which I construed as unfavorable to Methodist camp-meetings. Here I heard the Gospel preached with a power and fluency I was unaccustomed to. Here I heard the weeping Bishop George, G. C. Light, Russel Bigelow, Joseph Mitchell, A. W. Elliott, Hector Sanford, William Lambdin, C. Waddle—"equal to the task,"—William Swayzee, Moses Crume, William Westlake, and others; for there were about fifty traveling preachers on their way to the Cincinnati Conference. Here I saw and heard the first-fruits of the Wyandotte Mission. They sang in their own tongue

"By the grace of God I'll meet you
On Canaan's happy shore.
There we'll shout and give Him glory,
For glory is His own."

Then they prayed in Wyandotte, and such fire and power! O, it was a little heaven! Moses Henkle, Jr., now of Tennessee, conducted the exercises. I think he was connected with the mission.

On Sabbath there was preaching in each corner of the open space, and at the stand in the center at the same time. I suppose it bore some resemblance to the day of Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem, when the apostles, fresh from the upper chamber in the temple, where Christ had made them linguists without a lexicon, were let loose on the multitude on that festival occasion, and preached the Gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. Three thousand were the gleanings of that day, converted, baptized, and added to the New Testament Church. Such preach-

ing, exhortations, and prayers, I suppose, were never equaled since the days when the first teachers were sent out by two and two to evangelize the world.

On Sabbath evening, a young man, a teacher and a member of Mr. M——'s congregation, came to me and asked me if I was going home, adding, "I must go to meet my school in the morning." I replied that I had adjourned mine over until Tuesday morning, and that I wanted to see more of this wonderful movement. On Monday, I felt a conviction for sin which I had not felt for many years. I left the ground, and penetrated a distant and sequestered thicket for the purpose of private prayer. I had seen multitudes go forward to the altar,—indeed the altar for mourners was coextensive with the encampment. But I was desirous to obtain the Crown without the Cross; so just as I had selected a little bower of prayer, and was bending my body in contact with its original, I espied the Wyandottes close by, weeping and praying like Jacob with the Angel of the Covenant, the God-Man. Satan withstood me; I was foiled, and returned, seeking rest, and finding none. I sat down in the congregation, and heard a sermon and exhortation in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. My heart was broken and melting. The preacher, in closing his exhortation, invited all who desired to flee from the wrath to come, to flock to the altar like doves to the windows. Said he, "Let fathers hunt up their sons, and mothers their daughters." O, what a sight it was! The weeping parents and children, with locked arms, and arms flung around each other's necks, wended their way from every part of the vast assembly, and from the tents, prostrating themselves on the benches and on the ground,—and such scenes of lamentation, such singing, and praying, and shouting! Lord, it does me good in my soul even now to record it! But there I stood with a sick heart. No parents to invite me to the mercy-seat! A stranger—who cared for my soul? Old Jacob Metzger, of Greene County, cared. God sent him to me where I was standing between two men, my hands resting on their shoulders for support, weeping and brushing the tears from my cheeks. "Young man," said he, "I know what ails you. Come forward, and we will pray for you. You need religion," etc. My heart was full; I could not converse; I only objected by shaking my proud head. The dear old man withdrew, but shortly returned, and renewed and urged his invitation. I felt, as Dr. Dodd in his "Prison Thoughts" expressed it, "pursued like some poor deer, which from the hunter's aim has received the deathly wound." The arrows of the Lord were deep infixed in my heart, and I felt like offering it "upon true contrition's altar." The terrors of death got hold of my spirit. I found sorrow and trouble. I now felt the sinner must be born again or drink the wrath of God. I mentally said:

"I yield, I yield, I yield,
I can hold out no more;
I sink by loving power compelled,
And own Thee conqueror."

Just here the adversary presented a fresh barrier in my way, suggesting, "If you go to the altar in such a crowd, you will lose your hat;" and it was a brand-new one, purchased for the occasion. As the dew-drop on the tiny leaf bends the future tree, and as a pebble may change the course of a stream, so this little circumstance at first had some weight and produced a pause. But as the doctor who wrote "Thoughts" in the night inquired, "Knowest thou the importance of a soul immortal?" etc., I knew if I could gain a world and lose my soul, I should be bankrupt, undone, my soul in danger of being lost to all eternity. I was impressed that it was my last call. Then I said to the old gentleman, "I'll go," and took my hat by the brim, and cast it away, started to walk, but sunk to the ground, and finished the balance of the distance from the outside to the inside of the altar traveling on my hands and knees, where I threw

myself on the ground, and recollected very little of what transpired around me: only I heard two or three pray for me. One of them, as I afterward learned, was Brother John Morehead, of Rossville, a man of God. Years ago he died suddenly, and sudden glory I have no doubt was his reward.

My soul was absorbed and abstracted from the world. For a part of the period I thought the day of grace was past, and God's mercy clean gone forever. All my sins were presented, though forgotten by me, in a dark panorama; all the calls I had received, and rejected, rushed up before my vision, accusing and condemning me; and if "the double death should prove my lot, I might not blame the bowels of the Deity."

"Man shall be blest as far as man permits;
Heaven wills our happiness, but allows our doom,
Ardently entreats, but don't compel."

I resolved if I was sent from that awful spot to hell, I would make my way thither vocal with cries and prayers to the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy. I abhorred sin, I abhorred myself; I believed in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I promised, with the validity of an oath, that if the Lord would save me, forgive me all my sins, and own me for His child, I would honor Him and love Him and serve Him, with all my heart all the days of my life. By and by a cheering ray of hope sprung up; I remembered some of the promises God had given, pled them for Jesus's sake. While I was thus suspended in hope and despair alternately, a light shone from the Throne of the King immortal and invisible, and through that light I saw, I thought, the glory which the first Christian martyr saw, blessed Stephen. Instantaneously I left my bed in the dust where I had spent hours in agony, and seemed to be floating about in heaven's own circumambient air, using a phraseology unused by me before; a happiness, a heaven was mine, indescribable; sweet peace, joy ecstatic, love divine to God and man, overflowed my new heart. "Father, Abba, father," I cried with the Spirit of adoption witnessing to my spirit that I was born of Him, I loved saints and sinners, and sang and shouted with justified and sanctified hundreds the balance of the night. Next morning my hat was restored. I felt a fellowship with the followers of the Lamb of every nation, with whom I anticipated everlasting companionship in that sunbright clime.

With a joyful heart I left the place where I found Him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets did write, to resume my duties in school. When I drew near I found the lawn around the house alive with sporting youth, the future material to build up Church and State. Soon the New Testament class of readers, composed of pleasant little girls, was on the floor. One of them, in reading, pronounced the name of Jesus. The sound of that blessed name filled my soul with music, and uncontrolled, in the new tongue which I had just learned, I praised the Lord, reclining my chair against the door, which prevented some of the grown young women from escaping, as they would have done as they afterward told me.

While I was thus crying, laughing, and shouting all together, Brother R—— rode up. I had gone with the family on Saturday previously to the camp-meeting. They had left on Sabbath evening, but had heard of the happy change which had been wrought in me. The old brother assumed the responsibility of dismissing the school until next morning, adding: "George, you are incapable of doing anything to-day. Get on my horse, and let's go home." Walk I could not, so powerless was my frame. As we passed along, occasionally such a heaven on earth would flash upon me that my hands were called into requisition, clapping them for joy. Then the horse would start with fright, and I was in danger of being cast to the ground. But no fear,—clap, clap, went my happy hands, and singing what I had learned the night before: "Shout, shout, we're gaining ground," etc. Brother R—— ran up and caught the horse, and led him

by the reins home, and called to his wife (whose funeral I preached many years after), "Harriet, Harriet, come out and see George."

It was not long after this that a revival spirit pervaded the elder class of the school. I spent my noon hours in the woods reading the Scriptures, committing hymns to memory, and in solemn prayer. What struggles and conflicts I had there with Satan in the maintenance of uninterrupted communion with my Father, the Father of my spirit! How the days glided over my head, made up of innocence and love!

Soon after my return from camp-meeting, I went over to P. V——, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, to attend a prayer-meeting. Many of the young people of the congregation had been awakened at the camp-meeting, and a good influence had been exerted on some of the old people. The meeting was opened by the pastor, and then one or two of the elders were invited to come forward, and, in their turn, gave out a hymn and prayed, standing. I conformed to the order, but found I was losing ground, and resolved, the next prayer I would kneel and pray myself. Accordingly, while engaged at the foot of the bed on my knees, the Lord blessed me. The next hymn was sung without lining, and that suited my feelings, for I wanted to move faster. I clapped my hands, and said "glory" a few times. Before the singing ended, it appeared like a mighty wave of Divine power passed through the room, and the slain of the Lord strewed the floor. Three young men were converted that night, and, after receiving the training the custom of the Presbyterian Church required, entered the ministry. One of them, the Rev. J. R——, died a few years since; the other two are yet upon the walls of Zion, one of whom is settled over a congregation in Hamilton County, near Cincinnati. The prayer-meeting closed about midnight. It made a great talk in the neighborhood. It was a resurrection era in the congregation. There was light and life and power, and the noise could be heard afar off. The next prayer-meeting was of the same spirit, and the preacher's wife became happy, and praised the Lord, I understood. Some of the old men of renown, after a few weeks, put their veto upon the work, and they have had a quiet day from that time until now.

I began to feel it my duty to identify myself with the visible Church, for as yet I had not taken the step. Conference had adjourned, and William Dixon and Rob. Dunlap were appointed to Miami Circuit. I heard them a few times, was pleased and encouraged. Yet it seemed that I should be a Methodist. But the more I attended their meetings, and became acquainted with their mode of worship, the way they preached and what they preached, how they prayed and sang, and their union and love and care for each other, I felt like being a Methodist. In September, a few weeks after my conversion, that good man, W. D——, whose body is sleeping in the Wabash Valley, had a Sabbath evening appointment to preach at Father Tullis's. At the close, in a most tender manner, he gave an invitation for those who wished to join the Church to come forward. A clever brother sitting at my side (Daniel M——, yet alive, soul and body, in the city of Piqua) turned around and said, "Brother George, will you go?" I was ready and fully decided, and he walked up with me. I gave my name to the Methodist Episcopal Church; my head and heart and tongue and all I had given to God in a perpetual covenant. I have often wished, since, that I had preserved that ancient class-book and pen which inscribed my name among the lovely band of classmates. When asked, "Where are they?" History answers, they are gone to the grave, except two or three out of forty in number.

I attended quarterly-meeting in Lebanon. I had to go some four miles to the place of preaching and class, but every Sabbath brought us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Also, every Thursday evening a prayer-meeting was held of great usefulness in building up young and old in the most Holy Faith. The revival spirit pervaded all

the country. Mourners were at the altar, and souls were added to the Church for the space of a year, "washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." We opened our old schoolhouse for prayer; hundreds came, some to mock, and some to pray. The long benches (two made out of one cut of a young sapling, by splitting in twain, dressing the face a little, then boring and putting in dogwood legs) were filled from end to end with kneeling and weeping sinners. Some aged and long hardened in sin, the melting power of grace subdued them to the cross. How that aged widow and mother in Israel would labor on such occasions!—Mother Cassatt, grandmother of John W. Cassatt, of the Cincinnati Conference. At one of our dear prayer meetings, Captain See, father of Burns See, of the Ohio Conference, came to the bench to seek salvation; and not long after, praying in his family one night, the Lord pardoned his sins, and set his soul free. He is yet walking in the light, with his good wife, who was in Christ a few months before him.

Certain members of the society sometimes remarked to me that they believed that the Lord had a work for me to do in His vineyard. This revived an impression, which I had had for several years, that I should one day be a preacher of the Gospel. I had such views of the sacred office and of the nature of the work, that a Divine call to it was essential. Often, in secret prayer, I prayed to be taught what was the will of God concerning me, and, as an answer to satisfy me, looked for some visible sign from heaven. But no sign came, and I gave it up as a mistake of the people, and of myself; and, after this decision, concluded to marry and settle down permanently in that place in my vocation, serve the Lord as a class-leader and exhorter, do all the good I could, and get to heaven when I died. The days of June of this year, another camp-meeting, in connection with the fourth quarterly meeting, was held in this neighborhood—a glorious meeting, a heaven almost on earth! Besides the circuit preachers, Dixon and Dunlap, there were present Joseph Mitchell, A. W. Elliott, Lambdin, Strange, Dr. Truman Bishop. That prince among the heralds of the Gospel, J. P. Durbin, then quite a youth, came down from the wilderness of Greenville Circuit to see his brethren, and they parleyed for some time whether he should preach on the occasion. But one of the preachers said he would be Durbin's security. This was his first sermon among the *literati* of Warren County. He never needed security from that morning onward. If any failure he made the preceding winter in the judgment of some *old fogies*, he fully redeemed himself here, and preached until the thousands here assembled were "almost [and many altogether] persuaded to be Christians."

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT YEAR.)

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Elected	Consecrated	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.			
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778		1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766		1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769		1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788		1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790		1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore	1802		1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York	1799		1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801		1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813		1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Phila	1810		1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore	1809		1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816		1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874,
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1833		1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Phila	1830		1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila	1825		1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834		1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839		1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830		1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838		1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York	1843		1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832		1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841		1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838		1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837		1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila	1851		1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851		1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832		1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York	1848		1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848		1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856		1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont	1857		1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843		1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837		1872	Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859		1880	Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, '03.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind.	1859		1888	Died in Minneapolis, Minn., July 28, '05.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1804, Kentucky,	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.,	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 31, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28. 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Faruandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	 1864	63	31
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	W. N. Williams,	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
W. Simmons,	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	J. P. Bishop,	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
N. C. Parrish,	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
W. Routledge,	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	D. H. Sargent,	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
M. G. Purkiser,	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	T. S. Cowden,	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	Henry Stokes,	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
J. C. Bontecou,	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	Benj. Glascock,	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
N. Callender,	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	W. B. Jackson,	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
P. A. Ogden,	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	W. R. Webster,	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
Samuel Brown,	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	Jas. Murray,	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Wm. H. Lawder,	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Mighill Dustin,	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
Elijah H. Field,	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	W. L. Hypes,	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
Alex. Meharry,	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	E. C. Smith,	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Jos. A. Reeder,	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	Henry Miller,	1870	Oct 25, 1896	50	26
John C. Deem,	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	W. J. Quarry,	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
John F. Wright,	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	J. L. Grover,	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
Wm. H. Miesse,	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	L. D. McCabe,	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
John Barton,	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	Geo. T. Perry,	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Herman Lüders,	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	Silas Bennett,	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
David Warnock,	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
James Kendall,	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	Timothy Wones,	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
George C. Crum,	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	Asbury Lowrey,	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	Jas. Stephenson,	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
Charles Kalbfus,	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	F. W. Hypes,	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19	Patrick Carland,	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
Willis M. Boyer,	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	M. Kauffman,	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
David Kemper,	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	John W. Cassatt,	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	Chas. H. Payne,	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	Wm. B. Moler,	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	A. M. Griffith,	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48	Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	.	59
John N. Irvin,	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
Joseph J. Hill,	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	William I. Fee,	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
John C. Maddy,	1852	Dec 12, 1885	63	33	James P. Shultz,	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38	David C. Vance,	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
J. W. Stone,	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49	J. H. Middleton,	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52	John F. Marlay,	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
David Whitmer,	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41	T. H. Pearne,	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64	Thomas Collett,	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Wm. Young,	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55	Adam Miller,	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
I. S. Peregrine,	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37	Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	65	26
S. F. Conrey,	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51	M. A. Richards,	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
M. P. Gaddis,	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50	C. W. Gullette,	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51	George B. Shanor,	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43	Adam Bowers,	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35	Wm Runyan,	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 20, 1889	68	39	John F. Loyd,	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
William Mahon,	1850	July 1, 1889	53	21	J. L. Gregg,	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Jer'h H. Bayliss,	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30	Wm. T. McMullen,	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36	L. E. Prentiss,	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	29	55
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36	R. K. Deem,	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	39	69
Thomas Lee,	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40	J. W. Mason,	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	46	68
J. W. Keely,	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48	G. W. Fee,	1858	Oct. 19, 1904	78	46
J. F. Conrey,	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52	D. A. McColm,	1880	Jan. 8, 1905	65	24
L. F. Van Cleve,	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44	A. C. Turrell,	1889	Feb. 6, 1905	15	40
G. W. Kelley,	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37	J. P. Porter,	1864	May 9, 1905	68	41
W. E. Hines,	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37	W. N. Maxey,	1855	May 13, 1905	76	49

Memorial Sermon.

By Rev. A. D. Maddox.

"FRIEND, GO UP HIGHER."

Luke xiv, 10.

I. The right way is higher than the wrong; the righteous life is higher than the sinful. To every penitent one who confesses his sins and accepts Christ as his Savior, He says, "Friend, go up higher." God said to Satan, "On thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." God made man to stand perpendicular, but when he disobeyed he fell to the horizontal. Jesus said of the Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil," because they did the work of the devil. In a spiritual sense, man is on all-fours. When he complies with the conditions, Jesus puts him on his feet. There is in the kingdom of nature the spiritual kingdom—the "kingdom of God." Jesus brought to us the kingdom of grace and glory. In this world there are kingdoms rising one above the other. The vegetable above the mineral, the animal above the vegetable, the intellectual above the animal, the spiritual above the intellectual. The lower kingdom, to get into the one above it, must have assistance from above. Jesus says to every one, "Ye must be born again," "from above." All argument is precluded. Jesus does not say, "Ye ought to be born again; it would be better for you to be born again," but, "Ye must be born again." When Jesus says, "Ye must," it is foolish to discuss the subject. He does not say this is the sense that He has all power and has shut every other way, and you must go this way or not at all, but He says it in the sense that there is no other way; that it is a spiritual law, and there is absolutely no other way. Getting into the "kingdom of God" is a translation. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." (Col. i, 13.) Here is where soul-food is obtained, spiritual supplies stored. There are blessings here for the soul as real and definite as there are for the body in the natural world. But "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the *things* which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the *things* of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the *things* that are freely given to us of God. . . . But the natural man receiveth not the *things* of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. ii, 9-14.)

II. To those who constitute His people there are some specially called to be His messengers. A call to the ministry is as clear and definite as a call to be a disciple of our Lord. It is as plainly taught in the Word as any other doctrine. Paul so understood. To Timothy (2 Tim. i, 8-11): "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel accord-

ing to the power of God; who hath saved us, and called us with an *holy calling*, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel: whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles." Again to First Timothy i, 12: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." It is said of Nathan Bangs that John Wesley called him into the ranks of the Gospel ministry. He seemed to see in a dream the great leader passing with great velocity in a chariot of light, throwing out to him a shining sword, and saying, "Take this, and conquer." All down along the ages God has called men to special work. Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Gideon, Samuel, Saul, and David are some we would mention of the Old Testament; and Matthew, John, Peter, Paul, and Timothy are a few of the New Testament. To every such an one as Jesus calls to the ranks of the Gospel ministry He says, "Friend, go up higher." So far as we know, God has no more important work, and no more honorable work, than carrying the Gospel to a sin-cursed and sorrowing world.

"'T is not a cause of small import
The pastor's case demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Savior's hands."

1. Consider the cause for the giving the Gospel. When God placed our representative heads in the Garden of Eden they were in His image and likeness. They were absolutely free from every taint of sin, as pure and holy as their Creator. There was no sin in them, for all they had was from God, and He had no sin to give them. If there had been any taint, they would not have been in the "image and likeness" of God. From that exaltation they fell, by disobedience, and brought a deep and impassable gulf between the human race and the great Father, over which neither could pass. Man had severed himself from God's protection and care. All the curses that could result from sin were let loose upon man. Destruction, certain and awful and sudden, was in store.

2. Consider Him who brought us the Gospel, and at what amazing cost! 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten *Son*, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." Paul calls it "The glorious Gospel of the blessed God." (1 Tim. i, 11.) Jesus Christ, the Author, is in every particular one with the Father; "Thought is not robbery to be equal with God;" was "The Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." (2 Cor. viii, 9.) What a spectacle! What tongue can describe it? The eternal Son of God leaving the throne of the universe, and disrobing Himself of honors due Him, descending into the darkness, sin, and sorrow of this world of crime and wretchedness, wounded, bruised, rejected, insulted, hanged upon the cross in disgrace, for no other purpose in the world but to make a way whereby the farthest wanderer from the Father's house may be saved from the uttermost to the uttermost, and made like unto Himself, holy, harmless, undefiled, and fitted one day to stand with the purest and holiest of God's family.

3. Consider, again, what the Gospel is. Paul says, "The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

It is indestructible. If the paper and leather are destroyed, the Gospel remains. It is more than system, doctrine, Bible, or Church: the real Gospel in the world is He who sits on the white horse going forth, "conquering and to conquer." In speaking of the Gospel, there must be the consideration of a person. It is well to make much of system, doctrine, Bible, and Church, but we are not to make so much of them as to bury out of sight the person. The Gospel, so far as it embodies spiritual force and motive; so far as it meets man in his sin, weakness, sorrow, and despair, is Christ. The Gospel has a personal voice, the voice of one person, to another, the voice of the "man Christ Jesus." The Gospel declares itself to be God's greatest answer to man's greatest want. There are questions that come right up out of the heart of man that can not be answered anywhere else. The Gospel does not profess to be one answer among many, but claims to be the only answer.

(1) I am told that there is a God, the Creator and Preserver of the universe. My heart asks, "Who is He? What kind of a being is He?" In nature I see the workings of a mighty power. The world about me is in the throes of a mighty storm; the trees bend themselves to its power; animals and men fall dead at the flash of the lightning; the mighty flood sweeps along, carrying death and devastation to human life and property; the epidemic keeps the hearses on the way to the cemetery continually. I see a God whom I can fear, but not love. I look into the old Word, and I read of a flood that swept away into a watery grave, not only guilty men and women, but multitudes of innocent children; of fire and brimstone falling down out of heaven and destroying cities of men, women, and children; where the earth opens and receives into its awful chasm a multitude of men, women, and children. Again, I see a God whom I can fear, but not love. I finally come to this Gospel, and read of Him who was rich, and for my sake became poor, entered human flesh, fed the hungry, healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, raised the dead, wept with the bereaved; into no home did He ever go to bring sickness, sorrow, or death, but health, joy, and life. I hear Him say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father also." Then it is God that I see. Then Jesus in the Holy Land is a manifestation of God's attitude toward man. The great question of my heart is answered. I have found One whom I can love with all my heart. My heart grips Him. He says, "Neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him."

(2) I find myself in the hands of a power that enslaves me. That which I do, I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. The good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that do I. I find, then, a law that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. I delight in the law of God; I want to please Him; but I find in my members a law warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into the captivity of the law of sin. I don't want this idolatry, hatred, variance, envy, jealousy. My soul in its anguish cries out, O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the awful condition?"

"O where shall rest be found,
Rest for the weary soul?
'T were vain the ocean's depth to sound,
Or pierce to either pole.
The world can never give
The bliss for which we sigh."

"The glorious Gospel of the blessed God" settles it, when Jesus says to my sin-enslaved soul, "Thy sins which were many are all forgiven thee."

"Now rest, my long divided heart,
Fixed on this blissful center, rest."

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(3) Once more my heart asks, "What of the future?" My friends are passing away. I see them still and cold in the casket, and consigned to the grave. Shall I see or know them no more? Where are the companions of my early life, I go back to the scenes of my youth; I am a stranger. The associates are gone. Some are dead; the fathers and mothers of the Church are dead. I go into the graveyard near by, and I find their names on the headstones, and their familiar faces are in fancy before me. My loved ones, many of them, are gone, to come no more. My brethren of the Conference—the fathers, where are they? They do not answer at roll-call. Men who were giants in the ministry when I entered this Conference are nearly all gone. My heart cries out, Where are my Presiding Elders who were so kind and patient—Clayton, Moody, Fee, Van Cleve, Pearne, Marlay, Ketcham, and many other brethren: Runyan, Deem, Mason, Middleton, Hypes, etc.? A year ago I grasped the hand of D. A. McColm, A. C. Turrell, and J. P. Porter. But they do not answer at roll call. I am told they are dead. Nature gives back no answer to my heart's question. Job asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" and there is no satisfactory answer. This Gospel answers. A personal voice says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live again." "Because I live, ye shall live also." That answer is satisfactory.

These are some of the questions which the personal voice of the Gospel answers to the heart-questions of the sin-burdened race. These incomparable messages Jesus has committed to the Christian ministry. We are teachers to teach the lost world a definite lesson,—of sin, holiness, and future blessedness, the reward of holy living. We are to consecrate all our resources of power to these things. We are not to concern ourselves about whether there was one or more writers of the Pentateuch; whether Isaiah wrote all the book or had an assistant. We are to preach the Word. No sinner ever was convicted for sin, mourner converted, character developed, bereaved comforted, by hearing a discussion as to how many men wrote the Pentateuch. Jesus sets the example by using familiar objects and scenes. A sower went forth to sow; the kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard-seed, etc.; the leaven hid in the meal; the finding of the pearl; and many others. He shows us our attitude toward the sinner, in His preaching to the Samaritan woman. There are examples of sympathy, helpfulness, comforting, and self-sacrifice. This, God's greatest message to man, that cost so much pain and sacrifice, that is so unspeakably necessary to the enlightenment, ennobling, uplifting, and sanctifying of the world,—for which the great, hungry world thirsts,—is committed to the ministry as a sacred trust.

III. Once more there comes to the minister the invitation to "Go up higher," but this time I would say the language is changed a little. The Bishop of our souls, who has gone on before, says, "Friend, come up higher." It is when the battles are fought, the victories are won, the seed is sown, and the harvests are garnered, that the Lord invites us to the highest place.

1. Heaven is a place: I do not know where. But Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." When He ascended the angel said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." I am not so particular about the exact locality, but I would like to know how it looks. Jesus says, "I go to prepare," etc. It is then a "prepared" place. John, the beloved disciple, was allowed to see it, and he has tried to describe it. How well he has succeeded I am not able to tell, but am assured that he has not overdrawn it. He says: "There is no curse there, no death, no sorrow, nor crying. The city lieth foursquare; the wall is an hundred and forty and four cubits, built of jasper; the city is of pure gold, like unto clear glass; the foundations of the wall were garnished with all manner of

precious stones. The first foundation is jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emera'd; the fifth, a sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chryoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl; and the street of the city pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

2. Higher in associations. "There the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are forever at rest." "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie." Our associations will be with a'l who have come up through great tribulation, have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Patriarchs, prophets, priests, kings, martyrs, loved ones, Conference companions, and the "man Christ Jesus."

3. Higher in position. Jesus, in His prayer for His disciples and for all who should believe on Him through them and their successors, said, "Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory." Where is Jesus, the son of Mary, who was crucified, dead, and buried? He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above a'l principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." (Eph. i, 20, 21.)

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame and am sat down with My Father in His throne." (Rev. iii, 4.)

Up into these unspeakable glories and immeasurable exaltations the great Head of the Church has called some from our ranks since last we met. The call came to the parsonages at Eaton and at Loveland, and two who have wrought well and faithfu'ly—characters lovely by nature and beautified by grace—without a murmur or fear, stepped from the sides of their faithful husbands to a place "higher." To D. A. McColm, twenty-seven years a member of the Conference, hard and courageous worker; A. C. Turrell, consecrated, enthusiastic, fourteen years of service; J. P. Porter, eloquent, scholarly, gentle, kind, forty-one years of labor; G. W. Fee, forty-seven years a member, twenty-eight years effective, and W. N. Maxey, fifty years a member, nine years effective, both superannuates; Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Meredith, widows; and our honorary member, Bishop Isaac Wilson Joyce, D. D., LL. D., sweet-spirited, silver-tongued, evangelical, forty-six years of service,—the Master has opened the gates of pearl and said, "Friends, come up higher."

"Servants of God, we'l done!
Your glorious warfare 's past;
The battle 's fought, the race is won,
And ye art crowned at last."

Memoirs.

BISHOP ISAAC W. JOYCE, D. D., LL. D.

Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D., came to the Cincinnati Conference in 1880 as the successor of the lamented Dr. Charles H. Payne in the pastorate of St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati. He was a delegate to the General Conference from the Northwest Indiana Conference held in Cincinnati, May, 1880. During the session of the General Conference he occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's one Sabbath morning, and made so favorable an impression as to receive an invitation to its pastorate, upon which he entered in the autumn of the same year. During the winter of 1881 and 1882 he was assisted by Rev. Thomas Harrison, an evangelist still living, and known at that time as the "Boy Preacher," in a series of revival meetings lasting about three months, which for sustained interest, widespread influence, and spiritual results probably were never surpassed in the history of Cincinnati Methodism. This series of revival meetings marked a new epoch in the life and ministry of Dr. Joyce. Previously his ministry had not been marked by any unusual revival efforts, but from that period to the end of his life he seldom preached without calling upon unsaved men and women to immediately surrender their hearts and lives to the Master he served. At the close of his first pastorate at St. Paul's he became pastor of Trinity, Cincinati, where he served with large success a full term of three years, at the end of which he returned to the pastorate of St. Paul's. He was chosen a delegate by the Cincinnati Conference to the General Conference of 1888, held in the city of New York, when he was elected to the office of Bishop, in which he served with distinguished ability and success to the close of his life. He was stricken with paralysis while preaching at Red Rock, Minn., July 2, 1905, and lingered until July 28th in a semi-conscious condition, when he passed quietly and peacefully to the companionship of that innumerable company who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. He was a brother beloved by us all, and as a mark of affection and esteem we have retained his name upon the roll of our Conference as an honorary member, which has been called annually since his election to the episcopacy, and which we now regretfully drop since he has already answered to the roll-call above.

BISHOP ISAAC W. JOYCE.

We tender to his bereaved wife and family our deepest sympathy in their great bereavement, and commend them to the care of the Heavenly Father, who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

REV. GEORGE W. FEE.

GEORGE W. FEE was born in Clermont County, Ohio, February 11, 1826. He was educated in the common schools, such as the country afforded at that day. He was converted in his youth, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1858 entered the Cincinnati Conference. His first circuit was West Union, Dennis Calahan preacher in charge. Brother Fee's appointments afterwards were: Hamersville, in 1859; North Bend, in 1860; Port Union, in 1861 1862; Venice, in 1863-1864; Fletcher, in 1865; supernumerary in 1856-1858; Feesburg, in 1869-1870; Sardinia, in 1871; Lynchburg, in 1872; Laurel, in 1873-1874; Supernumerary in 1875-1878; Bantam, in 1879; Mt. Orab and Sardinia, in 1880-1882; Williamsburg, in 1883; Marathon, in 1884-1885; Supernumerary in 1886-1888; Superannuated in 1889-1904.

REV. GEORGE W. FEE.

Brother Fee's life was consecrated to the work of saving souls. He was a preacher of more than ordinary ability. He was true and constant in friendship, safe and wise in counsel.

He married Jennie F. McKibben, February 20, 1861. Four children were born of this union,—Annie, Bettie, Ed, and George. The mother died July 17, 1869. He married Mary Richards, August 3, 1871, and four children were born of the second marriage,—Charles, Robert, Fred, and Luther. For many years ill-health prevented Brother Fee from attending the sessions of his Conference, and for this reason he was unknown to most of the younger members. But his pastors found in him a steadfast friend and helper, and, when health permitted, he was in his place at the services of the Church.

He died at his home in Mt. Orab, Ohio, on the night of October 19, 1904, at a little past midnight. An "overcoming faith cheered his dying hours." The end was peace. The funeral and burial service took place on October 20th, and was conducted by J. F. McCo'm, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. T. G. Williams.

REV. DAVID A. McCOLM.

THE death of Rev. David Asher McColm, which occurred on Sunday night, January 8th, was a shock to all who knew him. No one was more highly respected by all classes, or more beloved by those privileged to know

him intimately. He was returning to his home between the hours of nine and ten o'clock in the evening, after a full day's service at Cable, and when within sight of his home his buggy was struck by the engine of an Erie train, and he was instantly killed. The sermon he had just preached a few minutes previous to the accident was a most forceful and convincing one, and was certainly a most appropriate closing to a long and useful ministerial life.

REV. DAVID A. McCOLM.

David Asher, son of David B. and Margaret McColm, was born at Wrightsville, Adams County, Ohio, October 25, 1839. He was descended from noble Methodist ancestry. Born and brought up in a Christian home and surrounded by the most spiritual influences of the Church, David very early in life learned to know Jesus as his Savior. He was converted at the age of thirteen, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He obtained his education in the public schools of his native county, and at the age of eighteen began teaching, and for twelve years was a sucessful teacher.

Feeling his need of an advanced education, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. With heroic devotion he mastered his studies, and commenced laying the foundation for his future usefulness. July 21, 1861, he married Narcissa Jane, daughter of Nathan and Rhoda Foster, both of whom were of genuine Methodist stock. "Till death us do part," found in this union a singularly beautiful fulfillment. In the joy and gladness of youth and in the steady ongoing of maturer years they lived and toiled together in the ministry; she sharing the toils and trials, the prayers and efforts for the upbuilding of the Church wherever her husband was appointed. In early manhood he received license to preach, and served as a supply for several years. His conviction that the ministry was to be his life-work was profound, and led him to apply himself for admission into the Cincinnati Conference, being admitted into full membership in 1880. He served the following charges: Marshall, Sinking Spring, Sabina, New Burlington, Aberdeen, Port Union, Camden, New Moorefield, Fort Jefferson, Osborn, Lewisburg, Belfast, Sugar Tree Ridge, Martinsville, Brandt, King's Creek. To all these charges he gave the strength of his manhood years in faithful, earnest, honest, successful, and sometimes unrequited toil.

On many of the charges he served, remarkable revivals attended his labors, and all were strengthened and built up. His piety was genuine; his integrity unquestioned. He was true to his convictions, and was never known to do anything his conscience did not approve. His genuine piety and his genial social qualities were such as won him the confidence and love of the people he served, both of the younger and older members of the congregation. He was a good, efficient preacher and a wise and safe administrator. Modest, unassuming, reticent, he gave the Church his best service. He asked no favors, sought no honors, was soured by no worldly and unmet ambitions.

Brother McColm was serving King's Creek charge for the second year, and was returning from his second quarterly meeting, when he met his awful

fate in sight of his dear ones at home, the place he loved so well, being overtaken by an Erie train, and in an instant "the weary wheels of life stood still," and he was not, for God had taken him. His wife, with two daughters, Willamina and Minnie, and their three sons, Arza, Homer, and Charles, remain to sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. Brother McColm leaves one sister, Ann N. Woodworth, of Agricola, Kansas; four brothers, three of whom are Methodist preachers, J. F. and R. S., of the Cincinnati Conference, and D. C., of Pocatello, Idaho, and C. D., builder and contractor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

His life was one of faithful service—"one of high and holy reward." The end of life was peace. With him the Scripture was fulfilled: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

"Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful goal with race well run,
Beautiful rest with work well done."

Funeral services were held in the King's Creek Church, on Wednesday, January 11th, at 2 P. M., in charge of Presiding Elders G. W. Dubois and H. D. Ketcham, assisted by Brothers J. E. Abrams, —— Sullivan, and W. A. Wiant, and attended by quite a number of his ministerial brethren and a large concourse of people.

The body was then taken to Dayton, Ohio, where services were again held in Raper Church on Thursday, at 2.30 P. M., in charge of Dr. Dubois, assisted by Revs. Brown, Vaughan, Jameson, McCabe, Sellers, Wiant, Bell, and other ministerial brethren. The burial was in the family lot at Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Our treasure is not lost, only transferred.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last."

REV. W. N. MAXEY.

Rev. William Nicholas Maxey was born in Green County, near Xenia, Ohio, March 12, 1828. He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Union, on the Spring Valley Charge, when a lad of eleven years, under the ministry of Rev. Joseph Newson. The experience of a change of heart was very clear, and in this experience he remained until his death, May 13, 1905. He was admitted on trial in the Cincinnati Conference in 1855, and served the following charges: 1855, New Lexington; 1856, New Market; 1857-8, Lynchburg; 1859, Sinking Springs; 1860-61, Winchester; 1862, Clarksville; 1863, Bowersville; 1864, superannuated on account of impaired health. He was united in marriage with Miss Angeline Woolas by Rev. J. M. Gatch, September 21, 1858. Five children were given them, four sons and one daughter. Two of the sons in infancy went to be with the Lord; but John, William, and Mary, with their invalid mother and one sister, Mrs. J. P. Marsh, of Indiana, are mourning the loss of a kind Christian father, husband, and brother.

God has been honored in the home and life of Brother Maxey. He believed in Jesus as a personal Savior, and rich experiences of Divine favor have been woven into his character, making him a man of God in his daily ministrations; but in the past two years he experienced some of the richest blessings of his life. Affections have been great, but the comfort of the Lord was "a very present help in trouble."

He mentioned two promises of our Savior as of special significance: "All things work together for good to them that love God," and "Lo, I

am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." His reliance on these and other promises, as the human burdens became heavy, crowned and sealed the unspeakable truth herein contained as no knowledge or experience in previous years had done. Brother Maxey was not known by many of the members of the Cincinnati Conference because of his long superannuated relation; but in the village and community of Russell he will be greatly missed; here he lived and toiled for the Master for more than thirty years, molding and fashioning the character of those who knew him and were brought in touch with him, both in the Church and neighborhood, as a teacher and citizen, and it can be truthfully said of him:

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

The writer was assisted at the funeral by the following brethren of the Conference: Rev. A. N. Spahr, Rev. John Wilson, and Rev. L. M. Davis.

CHARLES W. BRIGGS.

REV. JAMES P. PORTER.

JAMES PALMER PORTER, D. D., was born near Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, September 3, 1837. He came of good blood. His parents were pioneers in that region of country. His father, James B. Porter, was a native of Pennsylvania. When a lad of ten years his father emigrated from Lycoming County with his family, the young boy driving a four-horse team in the caravan making its tedious, toilsome, dangerous way through the almost unbroken wilderness for hundreds of miles. This was in 1810. The caravan, after many hardships, reached the place on the southern branch of the Ohio where Maysville, Ky., now stands. When this lad reached manhood he married Mary Pettijohn, a daughter of good Virginia stock. They began the battle of life, encountering all the difficulties of that early period, and in time succeeded in clearing a large tract of land a few miles back of Ripley, Ohio, where they lived and prospered. Here their family grew up, honored for their integrity and great worth.

REV. JAMES P. PORTER.

Of their children we speak only of James Palmer in this sketch. His early years were spent on the farm in honest, honorable toil, with a few months each year in such schools as those early years afforded. An insatiable thirst for knowledge had seized him, and he gave himself with unstinted toil to its acquisition. He was no recluse, but the frivolities and dissipations of the times had no charms for him. In September, 1859, he entered the preparatory class of the university at Delaware, Ohio, and spent

five years at this great school. He was a hard student, and attained high distinction in his classes, and graduated with honor July 3, 1864. It had been his desire to become a college professor. It was ordered otherwise. His love for souls led him, at God's call, to the ministry, and he entered the Cincinnati Conference at its session at Greenfield in September, 1864.

During his college life he became acquainted with the accomplished organist of St. Paul's Church in Delaware, in whose choir he himself was leader. She was a high-bred girl of culture and refinement, the youngest child of Peter and Sarah Parker, who came to Delaware from the State of Maine in 1859.

Martha Eva Parker graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan Female College in 1862. She spent two years in teaching a private school in Newark, Ohio. She was married to Brother Porter, July 5, 1864, in St. Paul's Church, Dr. L. D. McCabe officiating. She was the faithful companion of our brother for a little more than thirty-five years, dying suddenly at the parsonage in Oxford, Ohio, December 28, 1899.

Their first appointment in the Conference was West Union Circuit, in Adams County. There were ten preaching places. The roads were rough, and for months each year almost impassable from deep mud. There were only five miles of pike on the whole circuit. The field was hard, the times were strenuous, the toil severe; but glorious victories were achieved, the Church was built up, and her every interest faithfully guarded. He then served the following charges: New Lexington (now the Highland), Leesburg and New Vienna Charges; East Pearl Street, Cincinnati; Laurel, Manchester, Georgetown, Wilmington, Centerville, Avondale, Greenfield, Ripley District; First Church, Urbana; Lebanon, Oxford, Jamestown.

Dr. Porter was of medium build and good form. His voice was flexible and tender, possessing remarkable carrying power. His speech was very distinct and easily heard. He rarely, if ever, used a word that was not grammatically correct. Not a rapid talker, he was never tedious. His mind was of the finest texture and distinctly logical. This enabled him to reach right conclusions, which he could state clearly and cause the hearer to see plainly. His religious experience was clear, definite, profound. He was very sensitive to spiritual things. He was a Godlike soul. He lived and endured as seeing Him that is invisible.

He was a scholar, but he never went into the pulpit, or anywhere else for that matter, to parade scholarship. He was a preacher of the Gospel of the Son of God. Having the "word of the Lord," he spake that "word faithfully."

His sermons were prepared with great care, but were neither stiff nor stilted. In his early ministry he preached extemporaneously. Later he wrote his sermons, and read them, reading with the same ease and freedom as marked his extemporaneous sermons. He excelled as a reader. Indeed, few men could equal him in reading a Scripture lesson or a hymn. Dr. Porter could not preach a poor sermon. In his rebuking of sin there was a directness that at times was startling, and on occasions terrific. He never abused men, he never insulted them.

Dr. Porter was no common man. He was a charming companion. The home life of Dr. and Mrs. Porter was ideal.

He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1900. For several years he was President of the Preachers' Relief Society. He had the love and esteem of his brethren of the Conference and of the people he served. He had been in failing health for a year. He preached his last sermon April 30th, and died at Jamestown, Ohio, May 9, 1905, and was buried by the side of his devoted wife in the beautiful cemetery near Oxford, Ohio.

Three children survive,—William M., of Cincinnati; Mrs. George Lewis, of Urbana; and Bosworth, of Jamestown.

REV. ALBERT C. TURRELL.

On Monday afternoon, February 6, 1905; at 2.20 o'clock, God waved aside the limitations of earthly life, and Albert C. Turrell leaped into immortality. And why not? The wheat when it is ready to be gathered, if gathered then, brings most to the husbandman. Albert C. Turrell was ready for heaven's harvest,—not whitened with length of years, but perfected in devotion to his fellow-man, in fidelity to the Church of Jesus Christ, and in faith in the living God. Why should there be further waiting? The Lord of the harvest thrust in His sickle; the willing grain yielded itself, and the harvesters of God shouted a "Harvest Home."

REV. ALBERT C. TURRELL.

The subject of this memoir was born in New Jersey, April 3, 1864. When he was but a few weeks old his parents moved into Pennsylvania. A year or two later they moved to Longmont, Colo., at which place the family home remained until the death of the parents, the mother dying in 1892, the father about five years later. Young Turrell remained at home till his eighteenth year, and in these years, as a pupil in the public schools, he so mastered the courses of study that he was able in after years, without further special preparation, to take high rank as a teacher in Ohio. In these years, also, through the freedom and out-of-door's life of the West, he developed an extraordinary love for nature, and to this is due much of the fact that in his preaching there was a charm of thought and vividness of expression that rendered him peculiarly interesting and instructive, and then, re-enforced as these qualities were by the spirit of Christly earnestness, his preaching, many times, was in the highest sense, truly inspiring. The last four or five years in his boyhood home were spent as a clerk in a drugstore, with the view of entering the vocation of druggist, for which he was especially fitted, and in the struggle to give up all for the ministry the giving up of pharmacy was the hardest and last.

Converted at the age of seven years—as he has often been heard to testify—he lived the ordinary Christian life till his sixteenth year, at which time, during a revival of unusual intensity, he felt himself called to a more vigorous service. For two years he wrestled with the call, hours at a time, in a secluded place overhung by a great rock, being spent in prayer and in closest reading of his Bible, when, in a degree not to be doubted, the conviction prevailed that he must enter the ministry. There were two great facts in this man's life concerning which he never for a moment entertained a dissenting thought—his conversion and his call of God to the Christian ministry. Many times he has been heard to exclaim, when harassed by doubts about other things, "Two things I know: I know I was converted, and I know I was called to preach." Though a Baptist child when he was "converted," "called" during a Congregational revival, he decided his life-work could best be accomplished as a Methodist. In the choice of a school in which to make adequate preparation for his min-

istry he always felt himself Divinely aided, and in conformity with this choice he entered, in the fall of 1882, the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Entering the university with but little financial means, the struggle to remain in the institution, to keep up with his class, to attain to true scholarship began, and the success that crowned the end proves the struggle not only heroic, but also in many points sublime. Many others, who had fewer difficulties in their way, fell out of the institution, seeking other vocations, but this heroic soul met all difficulties with such perseverance and consecrated common sense that every hindrance, one by one, was placed behind him. By teaching school, canvassing for books, and working in the harvest-fields, he met the financial need of student life, so that in June, 1889, he was graduated with his class, one of its most deserving as well as one of its most beloved. The spirit of the man for strenuous service for God is recognized in the fact that, even while doing overwork in the university, made necessary by his absence in teaching school, he, in connection with a classmate who is now working in the foreign field, conducted in South Delaware, for several years, a most successful mission.

Entering Drew Seminary in the fall of 1889, the same earnest fidelity to his studies characterized his seminary life, that had marked his college life, and the same honored success was as meritoriously won. Also, the same devotion to the Kingdom of the Master asserted itself; for in addition to his seminary work, he, again with a classmate, undertook to establish a mission in Bayonne. At the close of two years of assiduous labor, "Bergen Point" was admitted into the Newark Conference, promising the support of $800 to whomsoever the Bishop might send her.

Receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in the spring of 1891, the young preacher, just as he had supplied the pulpit of First Church, Urbana, Ohio, during the summer of 1889, now supplied Center Street Church, Springfield, Ohio, till the meeting of Conference, and it is to his credit that he rendered admirable service. Having already been admitted into Conference in the fall of 1889, he came to the Conference convening in First Church, Urbana, September 2, 1891. Here he received ordination as deacon at the hands of Bishop Foster, and was given as his appointment Grace Church, Springfield, Ohio. He remained at Grace Church for three years, and though, in a worldly sense, it was the smallest Church ever given him by a Bishop, yet no Church was ever given more faithful service. At the session of 1893 he was sent to Price Hill, Cincinnati. A happy and successful pastorate of five years marked this appointment—happy for both pastor and people, successful in a large measure in the upbuilding of the Church. In November, 1893, the young pastor was happily married to Miss Caroline Reynolds, of Bayonne, New Jersey, whose efficiency as a teacher in the public schools of Jersey City, and whose successful service in the several departments of Church work, showed her to be a worthy helpmate for this ardent devotee of the Gospel of Christ. His happy home, his increased usefulness, are witnesses that his hopes were fully realized in her whom he called wife. In September, 1898, Bishop Vincent appointed A. C. Turrell to First Church, Xenia, and God sanctioned the appointment. Under the leadership of their pastor, First Church enjoyed one of the greatest, if not the greatest, revivals in her history. And during the six years' term a heavy debt was raised and the membership of the Church almost doubled. However, probably the most signal service rendered by this devoted man was his leadership of the temperance forces under the Beal Law in their campaign against the saloons. In the study of his life it would seem that all that had preceded was meant of God as a preparation for this great struggle. And God was not disappointed in his man. The same courage, the unyielding determination, the constancy of purpose, the unfaltering faith in the right, the alert, resourceful, masterful man, the hold on Omnipotence,—it was but the repetition of the story of his earlier days. God was not disappointed in the man whom he had raised up for this

hour; neither were the people of Xenia, for he marshaled them to a splendid victory. At the Confernce of 1904, Bishop Bashford appointed Brother Turrell to the Presiding Eldership of the Hillsboro District, and till within a few days of his death he gave himself far beyond his strength to his difficult work. Not till we have entered into the bliss of immortality, and have beheld the glories of the upper world, can we know the recompense that has come to this faithful servant of God. On the above-named date, owing to nervous prostration, to the astonishment and deepest sorrow of his many friends, Albert Clark Turrell fell peacefully asleep in Christ Jesus. His devoted wife and three children, notwithstanding their grief, are comforted by the hope of a reunion beyond the stars.

Funeral services were held in the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church before a large congregation of citizens, former parishioners from Price Hill and Xenia, and ministerial brethren of the Conference. The following day, February 9th, at two o'clock, the services were continued in First Church, Xenia, in the presence of a congregation of fifteen hundred friends, parishioners from every charge he had served, and brethren of the ministry from each of the districts of the Conference. As an evidence of their love for the life that had been so freely spent in their midst for them and theirs, the people of First Church generously provided the last resting-place for the body of their once pastor, comrade, and friend.

W. A. D.

MRS. D. H. SARGENT.

On April 7, 1905, Elizabeth Shaw Sargent passed from this life to meet her loved ones who had gone before.

Since the death of her husband, Rev. David N. Sargent, who was a member of the Cincinnati Conference for many years, she has made her home with her son, C. W. Sargent, in St. Louis, Mo., where she died. Sister Sargent was born in Alexandria, Ky., December 19, 1819. In 1859 she became the wife of a Methodist itinerant, and assumed the responsibility of mother to three small children. In 1869 Brother Sargent retired from the active work of the ministry, and they lived on a small farm three miles south of Lebanon thirty-five years, until the time of her husband's death. During these years she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lebanon. Her religious life was quiet and not expressive, yet of that kind loved by all. Those who speak of her recall her model life.

The remains were placed beside her husband in South Lebanon.

MRS. W. A. WIANT.

Loretta Hoak, daughter of Lemuel and Lucretia Hoak, the youngest of the seven children in her father's home, was born near Westville, Ohio, March 6, 1864. Her early life was spent amidst the surroundings of the farm home. One of her childhood playmates proved afterward to be her life companion. June 7, 1883, she was united in marriage to W. A. Wiant. Nine children graced their home—three daughters and six sons. Two of them are with the mother, seven with the father, and through the beautiful devotion of their Christian love they are "one family in heaven and in earth." She united with the Church in her eleventh year under Rev. C. Kalbfus. Two years later she was converted; in 1901 entered into a deeper "rest of faith," and Christmas eve of 1904 entered into faith's final reward. She was possessed of that fine sense of the fitness of things that made her always the agreeable friend; was emotional, but always self-

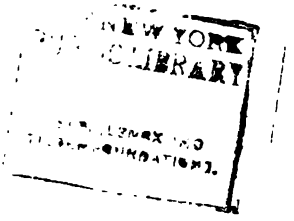
controlled; never given to anger, governing her home with the firmness of love. She was devoted to the Church in every line of its labor, even to thoughts for her home department Sunday school work the very last day of her life. She was deeply interested in the Woman's Missionary work in the Church, was identified actively in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and was in sympathy with every line that would aid her husband's work and improve the spiritual life of the Church. Two days before her death, in answer to her husband's question whether she was afraid to die, she said, "O, I 'm not afraid, but I do n't want to die; I want to live for you and the children." Then, as if fearing a wrong impression, added: "I afraid to die! How could I fear when my Savior loved me so He came all the way from glory to save me. He 'll not forsake me nor leave me behind,' and with still more emphasis, "I shall be with Him."

Everything that medical skill could afford was summoned to her aid. But uremic poisoning, the result of acute Bright's disease, soon brought the end. For a few hours before her death she was unconscious, and convulsions were feared, as so often proves the case in such disease. But the prayer, which she herself at the family altar had so often offered, "Give us a tranquil hour in which to die," was answered. The end was perfect peace. Saturday evening, December 24, 1905, just before the coming of the anniversary day of the Savior's advent, she ascended to meet her Lord.

HEBER D. KETCHAM.

MRS. L. M. DAVIS.

MRS. MARGARET L. DAVIS, wife of Rev. L. M. Davis, of the Cincinnati Conference, was born December 6, 1848, in Clermont County, Ohio, near the village of Amelia. While yet in her teens she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the labors of Revs. A. N. Spahr and Homer Middleton. In the fall of 1875 she was united in marriage with Rev. L. M. Davis, then stationed at Amelia, where she and her husband had been known from their earliest childhood. She went with her husband to the following charges: New Richmond, Bantam, Moscow, New Boston, and Lynchburg. On the last-mentioned charge she and Brother Davis found a pleasant and useful field in which to labor. In this field her gentle and kind spirit did much good. She and her husband were then sent to Sabina. It was here that she found a congenial field for labor, and quickly entered into the hearts of the people. Her friendship and love was of that type that took in many. She was happy as a hostess, giving her hand of greeting and a smile of glad welcome to the many who came to her home. After toiling here five years she went with her husband to New Moorefield, and from there to Newtown, where she lived and wrought for six happy years. Her last field of labor was at Loveland. She was connected with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, and teacher in the Sunday-school when the Master called for her. She passed to her rest March 19, 1905.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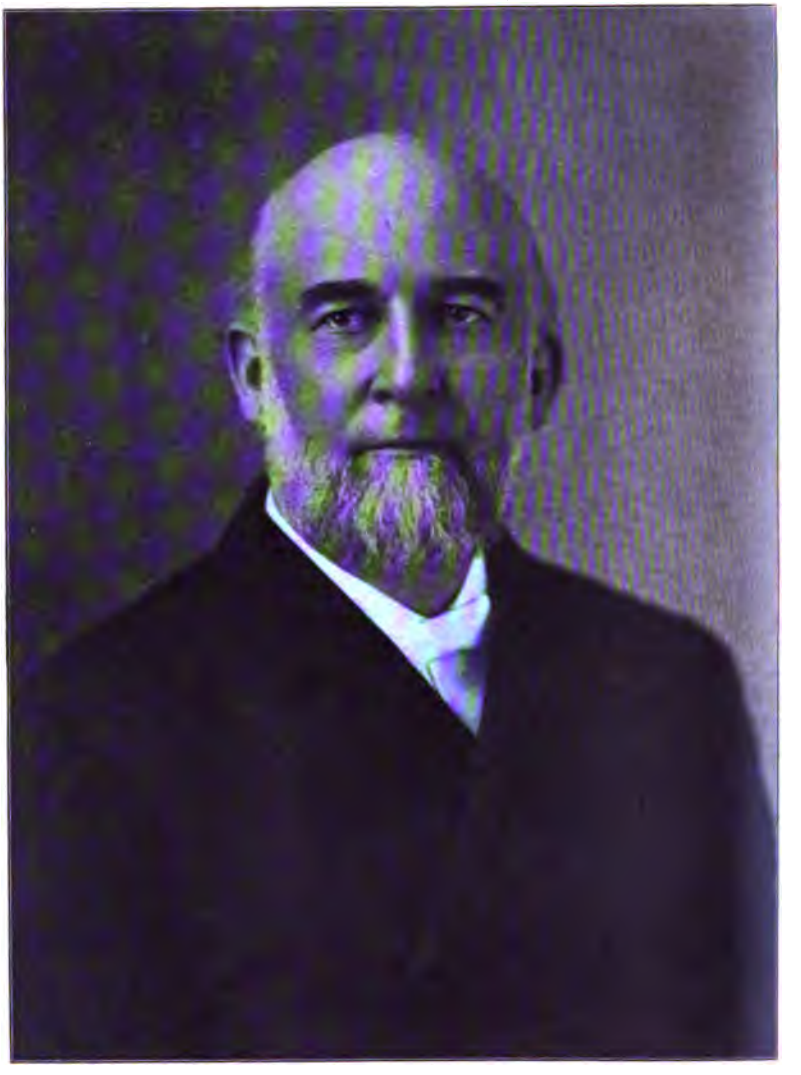

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1. THE **elective officers** of the Conference shall be chosen annually by such method as the Conference may adopt, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

2. After the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor.**

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order,** and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division,** upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors,** unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question,** and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman,** unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

15. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence.**

16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President, on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes,** upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question,** or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes,** to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The Presiding Elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial,** and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

25. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

26. The annual **memorial service** shall be held at the opening session of each Conference, and shall consist of a memorial sermon not exceeding thirty minutes in length, followed by a memorial not exceeding three minutes in length concerning each minister or minister's wife deceased during the year. The fuller Memoir shall be printed in the Minutes.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1906.

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"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	John C. Eckles,	P.
1858	Evan P. James,	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
"	George H. Dart,	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	.....
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	Edward McHugh,*	.....	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
"	John G. Black,	.....	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	James S. Ruggles,	.....
"	William K. Brown,	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	"	James W. Bashford,†	.....
1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	.....	"	Davis W. Clark	P.
1860	John M. Walden,†	P.	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
"	John H. Lease,	P.	"	Charles W. Rishell,	.....
"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	.....	"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.
1862	Thomas J. Harris,	.....	"	John A. White,	P.
"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	"	John A. Story,	P.
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	"	Eugene P. Edmonds,	P.
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	1880	Charles L. Conger,	P.
1865	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	.....
"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.
"	William W. Ramsay,	.....	"	Benjamin. D. Hypes,	P.
1866	John F. Hull,	.....	"	Edward T. Lane,	P.
1867	William P. Jackson,	.....	"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.
"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	P.
"	John Pearson,	P.	1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.
1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.	"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	.....
"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.	"	Charles H. Haines.	P.
"	John W. Peters,	P.	1883	Marion LeSourd,	P.
"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.	"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
1869	Edward T. Wells,	.....	"	George S. Easton,	P.
"	Carey T. Crum,	P.	1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.	"	James L. Glascock,	P.
1870	J. Raper Hunter,	.....	"	Creighton Wones,	P.
"	Richard H. Rust,	P.	"	John G. Vaughan,	P.
"	Jesse B. Young,	P.	1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	.....
1871	Seren N. Marsh,	.....	"	John L. Dalbey,	P.
"	William A. Robinson,	P.	"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.
1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.	"	Willis A. Cooper,	P.
"	John Wilson,	.....	1886	George M. Fulton,	P.
1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.	"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.
"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.	"	Jacob L. Shively,	.....
"	Charles J. Wells,	.....	"	Thomas W. Salt,	P.
"	Lafayette Young,	.....	"	Henry C. Jameson,	P.
"	Thomas Cundy,	P.	1887	John F. Laird,	P.
"	William M. West,	.....	"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.
"	James E. Gilbert,	.....	"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.
1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.	1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members. ‡ Withdrawn.

	MEMBERS.	
1888	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.
"	Edward J. Moore,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.
"	William B. Brown,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.
"	Charles Hartley,*	.....
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.
"	Elmer E. Powell,	P.
1891	James E. Abrams,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.
"	James E. McGee,	P.
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.
"	John P. Ninde,	P.
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.
"	James R. Hill,	P.
"	William E. Spurrier,	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.
"	Philip Trout,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.
"	William H. Spybey,	P.
"	William E. Putt,	P.
"	James P. Gilliland,	.....
"	Herbert Welch,	P.
"	Walter D. Cole,	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	.....
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.
"	William M. Coffman,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.
"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
"	John E. Beery,	P.
"	Alvin K. Stabler,	.....
"	John Phillips,	P.
1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	James D. Darling,	P.
"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.
"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
"	William M. Patton,	P.
"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	William C. Mitchell	P.
"	John E. Thomas,	P.
1895	George R. Frenger,	P.
"	James S. Young,	.....
1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,‡	.....
"	George H. Smith,	P.
"	Harrison H. Compton,	P.
1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P
"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	William D. English,	P.
"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
"	J. R. Troxell,	P.
1898	James A. Geissinger,	P.
"	Charles W. Sullivan	P.
1899	Howard L. Torbet,‡	.....
"	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
"	William F. Martin,	P.
1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	P.
"	Samuel A. Keen	.....
"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
1902	George Gable,	P.
1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
"	John F. Chenoweth,	P.
"	Asa J. Kestle,	.....
"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
"	Hugh G. Scudday,	P.
"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.
1904	James M. Bailey,	P.
"	Wm. E. Verity,	P.
"	Jacob J. Hawk,	P.
1905	Fred. J. Reinbarth,	P.
"	William T. Gilliland,	P.
"	Lewis O. Hartman,	P.
"	John Loyd,	P.
1906	Dudley Matthews,	P.
"	Hasse O. Enwall,	P.
"	Charles J. Moore,	P.
"	Jesse L. Corley,	P.
"	Clarke L. Gowdy,	P.
"	Benjamin H. Lewis,	P.
"	Bert E. Smith,	P.
"	Purdy L. Van Wicklen,	P.
"	George F. Barber,	P.
"	William L. Boicourt,	P.
"	George W. Keen,	P.

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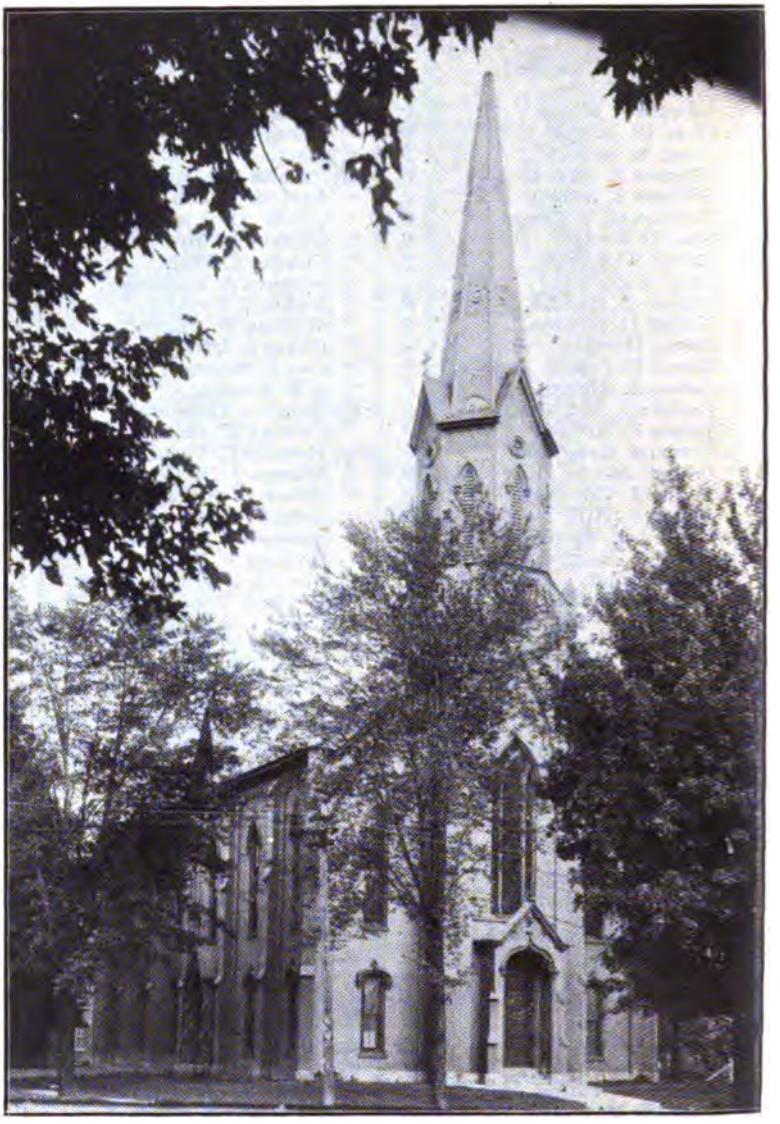


EATON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EATON, OHIO.

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

EATON, OHIO, *August* 29, 1906.

Opening.—After thirty-four years, the city of Eaton, Ohio, welcomed the Cincinnati Annual Conference for the second time. At nine o'clock this morning, Bishop Joseph F. Berry, D. D., opened the Conference for its fifty-fifth session. He read the Twelfth chapter of the epistle of Paul to the Romans, led in an impressive prayer, and called for the Memorial service.

Memorial Sermon.—Chas. H. Haines preached a very tender sermon from the words of St. Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, etc." 2 Timothy, iv, 7.

Memoirs.—The names of three deceased ministers were called by the Secretary as follows: Samuel B. Smith, Edward McHugh, and Chas. Hartley, and a memoir of each was read. The names of seven deceased wives of ministers were announced as follows: Mrs. J. W. Mason, Mrs. Jesse R. Hall, Mrs. David Whitmer, Mrs. Eli Kirk, Mrs. D. Callahan, Mrs. J. W. Keeley and Mrs. W. E. Verity. A brief memorial of each was read. All memoirs were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

Roll-Call.—The Secretary called the roll in Chronological order and one hundred and twenty-two members responded to their names.

Officers Elected.—Dr. A. B. Leonard nominated as Secretary of the Conference, Stanley O. Royal, and he was elected to serve for the twentieth year. As assistants he nominated Valorous F. Brown, C. C. Peale, J. R. Colley, and C. L. Conger. The nominations were confirmed.

T. W. Salt was elected Statistical Secretary, and he named as his assistants: H. E. Armacost, J. F. Chenoweth, Bert E. Smith, and Dudley Matthews.

C. W. Horn was re-elected Conference Treasurer, and he selected as assistants, W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, and L. A. Washburn.

Committees.—The list of standing Committees as nominated last year was read, necessary changes were noted, and the Nominating Committee was instructed to fill vacancies, and report substitutes at this session. They soon presented their nominations, and they were approved as follows: Board of Stewards, C. L. Myers instead of G. W. Vorhis; Education, M. B. Fuller instead of G. P. Benton, and E. P. Edmonds in place of V. F. Brown. Ministerial Qualifications, Philip Trout and S. W. Bell instead of C. W. Elliott and S. B. Smith; Reforms, W. D. Cole instead of R. J. Wyckoff; Woman's Work, B. D. Hypes instead of R. J. Wyckoff; and on Young People's Work, J. E. Thomas instead of C. C. Peale.

Bar.—The time-honored custom of fixing a bar was followed; and on motion of D. J. Starr, this limit was placed at the west side of the third window from the front.

Introductions.—President Hughes, of DePauw University, was introduced and gave a few words of greeting. The following recent transfers were also introduced: John Loyd, W. D. Cole, and H. O. Enwall.

Bishop Berry spoke a few words concerning the Conference work, and of the program of services, and called for a meeting this afternoon, which he designated as "The Quiet Hour." R. E. Smith, O. M. Sellers, and C. P. Pumphrey were chosen to serve as door keepers for this private session.

Rules Amended.—On motion of H. D. Ketcham, the plan for annual Memorial services which had been followed with such satisfactory results for several years was made permanent by the adoption of an amendment to the Rules of Order, to be known as Rule 26, to read as follows:

RULE 26.—The annual memorial service shall be held at the opening session of each Conference, and shall consist of a memorial sermon not exceeding thirty minutes in length, followed by a memorial not exceed-

ing three minutes in length concerning each minister or minister's wife deceased during the year. The fuller Memoir shall be printed in the Minutes.

Missionary Sermon.—The following paper offered by A. B. Leonard was adopted:

Resolved, That we listened with deep interest and great profit to our annual missionary sermon, preached by Rev. H. W. Bailey, Ph. D. The sermon was broad in its scope, and inspiring and optimistic in its outlook.

Resolved second, That we request Dr. Bailey to put his sermon into print in the form he thinks best, that it may be preserved and prove useful and inspiring in missionary work.

A. B. LEONARD, J. G. VAUGHAN, R. E. SMITH.

Publication of Memorial Sermon.—On motion of H. D. Ketcham the memorial sermon delivered by Brother Haines was requested for publication in the Minutes.

Vouchers.—On motion of F. G. Mitchell the Conference Treasurer was authorized to accept as sufficient voucher for moneys paid during the year to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the pastor's written statement, only requiring that these statements, together with the cash paid to the Treasurer of the Conference, agree with the Statistical report.

W. S. Gray was appointed Post Master. On motion the time for adjourning the morning session each day was fixed at Twelve o'clock noon.

W. P. Thirkield.—On motion of D. W. Clark a committee consisting of Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, and Creighton Wones, the pastor at Franklin, was ordered for the purpose of framing resolutions in recognition of the recent election of Dr. W. P. Thirkield President of Howard University.

After announcement of committee meetings, and the distribution of documents and papers to the proper committees the session adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Berry.

AFTERNOON.

Statistical Session.—At two o'clock the Conference again assembled, and after devotional services, the roll was called and the statistical reports were gathered.

The Quiet Hour.—Bishop Berry then led the Conference in a most profitable service of devotion and self-examination. With prayers, songs, Bible readings, and remarks concerning the various phases of the minister's character and personal habits of devotion, a most profitable hour was spent.

Bishop Berry, with the assistance of the Presiding Elders, then administered the Lord's Supper to the members of the Conference.

By motion the afternoon session adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *August* 30, 1906.

THE Conference assembled at 8.30 o'clock this morning, with Bishop Berry in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop, and after a prayer he addressed the Conference on "The Minister's Self-Surrender."

The Journal of yesterday's sessions was read and approved. The roll of those absent yesterday was called, with twenty-seven responding to their names. On motion of D. J. Starr, the program as arranged by the Committee on Public Worship, and as printed in the Directory was approved.

Anti-Saloon Work.—U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Indiana, being compelled to be absent from the rest of the session, briefly spoke of the work in which he had been engaged. By vote the Conference requested his reappointment to the same work this year, and he was excused from further attendance.

Call for Missionaries.—Dr. Leonard announced that he needed a man for the work in Rangoon, Burmah, and with great urgency expressed a desire that such a man might be found in this Conference. Bishop Berry led in an earnest prayer that the Lord would send forth a laborer for that harvest field.

Leave of absence was granted J. P. Ninde and C. L. Conger, on account of funerals in their charges.

On motion of John Pearson, it was decided to publish in the Minutes on pages separate from the Statistical reports the amounts given for the India Jubilee Fund.

Thirteenth Question.—The examination of the character of preachers was taken up. D. W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the

Cincinnati District, was called, and read his report. Each of the Elders in this district was called, and those present reported their collections. The character of each passed.

H. D. Ketcham gave a report of the Dayton District, and the name of each preacher was called and the character of each passed. G. M. Hammell requested the privilege of withdrawing from the Church and the ministry, and there being nothing against his character, his request was granted. His parchments were surrendered to the Conference. It was ordered that they be duly endorsed and returned to him if he so desires.

Episcopal Fund.—A communication from the treasurers of the Episcopal Fund was read, announcing that the apportionment to this Conference is $2,275, and also, that the deficiency in the collections last year amounted to $550. The communication was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment among the charges.

Dividends.—The Bishop presented drafts in favor of the fund for Conference Claimants, as follows: From the Book Concern Dividend, $1,541; and from the Chartered Fund, $22. By vote the drafts were ordered.

The following visitors were introduced: John R. Shannon, of the New England Conference; J. O. Campbell, of the North Indiana Conference; Professor Powell, recently transferred to this Conference; President Smith, of the Ohio Northern University; and Bishop Walden.

Dr. Smith made an earnest address concerning the work under his direction, and Bishop Walden spoke concerning his long relations to this Conference. He also brought greetings from the veteran member of this Conference, Dr. R. S. Rust. On motion of Dr. Starr, a committee was appointed to prepare a letter of fraternal greetings to be sent to Dr. Rust. The committee named was D. J. Starr, A. B. Leonard, and J. T. Bail.

Thirteenth Question.—Under the Thirteenth Question the Hillsboro District was called. D. Lee Aultman read the report of his work.

On motion of A. B. Leonard the following was adopted:

We welcome most cordially Bishop and Mrs. Walden to our Conference, we have heard his words with great delight, and we urge them to come again, and again, as often as they can.

Correspondence.—On motion the following committee was appointed to correspond with the members who are necessarily absent: Frank G. Mitchell, John S. Pumphrey and John Pearson.

During the session the Treasurer and the Statistical Secretary called the list of those charges whose reports were deficient or delinquent.

The session adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *September* 1, 1906.

AT the appointed hour Bishop Berry opened the Conference, and conducted the devotional exercises. F. G. Mitchell led in prayer. The Bishop spoke on the theme, "The Minister Among His People."

Upon invitation of Bishop Berry, Bishop Walden took the chair.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Thirteenth Question.—The list of effective elders in the Hillsboro District was called, their collections were reported, and the character of each passed.

A. N. Spahr gave the report of his work as Presiding Elder of the Milford District.

Personal.—George H. Vorhis and C. W. Briggs were excused from attending Conference on account of sickness.

On motion of D. L. Aultman, the Board of Stewards was instructed to consider the necessities of J. H. Davis, superannuate.

Visitors.—Mr. Frank L. Hart, a representative of the Methodist Mutual Insurance Co., was introduced, and spoke concerning this work of fire protection for our church buildings. A committee consisting of L. O. Hartman, Creighton Wones, Edmund Burdsall, O. D. Becker and A. W. Leonard was appointed to confer with him concerning the relation of this Insurance Company to this Conference.

C.W. Eldredge, a superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was introduced, and spoke a brief word to the Conference.

Dr. Robert Forbes, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced. In a short and pithy address, he aroused much interest in the work of this Board.

The names of the effective elders of the Milford District were called, their collections were reported, and the character of each passed.

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question, "*Who have been continued on Trial?*" was taken up. Alfred Taylor and Edgar S. Jackson were continued on Trial in the Studies of the Second Year.

Howard Ganster was discontinued.

Wm. F. Clark and George H. Pettingell were continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year, and the Bishop was requested to leave them without appointment to attend school.

Norman O. Sweat was continued on Trial in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Seventh Question.—The Seventh Question, "*Who have been admitted into Full Membership?*" was taken up. Jesse L. Corley was admitted into Full Membership and passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year. The following were passed to the Studies of the Third Year, and were admitted into Full Membership: Clarke L. Gowdy, Benj. H. Lewis, Bert E. Smith and Purdy L. Van Wicklen. The following were passed in all their studies, and were admitted into Full Membership: George F. Barber, William L. Boicourt, George W. Keen, Dudley Matthews and Hasse O. Enwall.

Herbert R. Whiting was continued on Trial in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

John J. Giblin was continued on Trial, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend school. Chas. J. Moore was admitted into Full Membership and passed in all the Studies of the First and Second Years. The Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend school.

The preliminary report of the Board of Stewards was read by George S. Easton, Secretary of the Board.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell it was ordered that the Treasurer be not required to receive reports after this forenoon.

Bishop Berry resumed the chair.

A pleasant episode occurred at this point in the presentation of a handsome bouquet of asters from his ministerial friends to W. A. Wiant, the pastor of the Church, in recognition of his birthday anniversary.

Reception into Full Membership.—The following eleven men, candidates for admission to the Conference in Full Membership were called forward: Clark L. Gowdy, Bert E. Smith, P. L. Van Wicklen, Jesse L. Corley, George F. Barber, W. L. Boicourt, B. H. Lewis, George W. Keen, Chas. J. Moore, Dudley Matthews, Hasse O. Enwall. After the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung, Bishop Berry addresssed them concercerning the significance of membership in an Annual Conference, and concerning the various phases of duty involved in a consecration to ministry. The address produced a deep and lasting impression, was followed by the Disciplinary Questions and required pledges. The entire class was by vote elected to Full Membership. They knelt around the altar rail, and each led in a few words of prayer. The most impressive service of admission and consecration was closed with a prayer by A. B. Leonard, and the benediction by Bishop Hartzell.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September* 1, 1906.

AT eight and a half o'clock to-day Bishop Berry called the Conference to order. Dr. Levi Gilbert led in the devotional exercises.

The Journal was read and approved.

The Bishop announced the transfer of John J. Giblin to the Erie Conference.

Dr. Levi Gilbert, Editor of the Western Christian Advocate was introduced, and spoke concerning the interests of that publication.

The following, offered by D. J. Starr was adopted.

Resolved, That it will be the pleasure of the Cincinnati Conference to receive a visit from the Honorable A. L. Harris, Governor of Ohio, at 11 o'clock this morning, and to have him informally address the Conference, and that we request our presiding Bishop Joseph F. Berry to respond to the remarks of the governor on behalf of the Conference.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the Presiding Elder and the pastor of this Church, Dr. J. B. Young and Dr. F. G. Mitchell be appointed to wait upon Governor Harris and escort him to a seat on the platform in accordance with the above action.

D. J. STARR. DAVIS W. CLARK. W. A. ROBINSON.

Pike Chapel.—On motion of D. Lee Aultman, the Conference Trustees were instructed to pay to the Trustees of Pike Chapel in the Hillsboro District, the amount of money received for the sale of part of the church property a few years since. The money is to be applied to the improvement of their present church building.

Lakeside.—A committee of three was appointed on Lakeside Camp ground as follows: C. C. Peale, C. L. Conger and J. E. Abrams.

H. C. Jennings, agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read by H. C. Weakley, and it was adopted. (See page 369).

Dr. W. P. Thirkield, President of Howard University, briefly addressed the Conference, and made a plea for the Freedmen's Aid Society with whose work he had so long been identified, and which he is now leaving for another sphere of labor.

Advocate Subscibers.—Upon motion of G. W. Dubois, it was ordered that next year a column be provided in the statistical tables for reporting the number of subscribers in each charge.

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions regarding Dr. Thirkield's entrance into another field of educational labor, made their report, and it was adopted. (See page 373).

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference respecting the work of the

Missions. The following paper, offered by Dr. Starr, was approved:

WHEREAS, Our distinguished fellow-laborer, Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., the Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, is to go abroad to visit the world-wide missions of our Church in the near future, and

WHEREAS, We regard such a visit of great importance to the progress of the missions and to the interests of the whole Church, therefore

Resolved, That we rejoice in the great efficiency and usefulness of Dr. Leonard in his high office, and that recognizing the exacting labors of his mission abroad, and the unavoidable exposures of such a tour, we assure him that during his absence we shall pray for his safety, and for the preservation of his health, and that he may return well re-enforced for the continuance of his responsible work. D. J. STARR. V. F. BROWN.

Election to Orders.—Among those who have been received into full membership this year the following were elected to Deacons' Orders: Clarke L. Gowdy, Benj. H. Lewis, Bert E. Smith, Purdy Van Wicklen and Chas. J. Moore.

Tenth Question.—Under Question Ten, "*Who have completed the Conference Course of Studies?*" James M. Bailey was passed in all the studies of the course, and was elected to Elder's Orders. Wm. E. Verity was passed in all his studies, being already an Elder; and Hasse O. Enwall was passed in all the studies of the course.

Eleventh Question. — Under Question Eleven, "*What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*" Clarence Grauser was elected to Deacon's Orders as a local preacher, and Charles Harold Clerke was elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

Admission on Trial.—Under Question Four, "*Who have been received on Trial?*" the recommendations of C. Harold Clerke were presented from the Addyston Quarterly Conference. He was also recommended by the Examining Committee and the Committee on General Qualifications, and was received on trial.

Election to Elders' Orders.—Under Question Twelve, "*What others have been elected and ordained Elders?*" George F. Barber, W. L. Boicourt, Dudley Matthews, George W. Keen

and Hasse O. Enwall, were elected to Elders' Orders under the Seminary Rule.

Reception of Governor Harris.—The Conference enjoyed the privilege of a visit from the Honorable A. L. Harris, Governor of Ohio, and resident of Eaton. He was escorted to the platform amidst the applause of the congregation, was introduced by Bishop Berry, and gave a most pleasing and appropriate address.

Bishop Berry responded with equally fitting and inspiring words.

The following was offered by D. J. Starr, and was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we record our high appreciation of the visit of Governor Harris to our Conference, and of his encouraging and interesting address, and that we will give our moral support to him and to others in all measures for the advancement of civic righteousness and reform in the Commonwealth of Ohio. D. J. STARR. A. B. LEONARD.

Thirteenth Question.—The report of the Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, George W. Dubois was presented and the names of the effective Elders of his district were called and the character of each passed.

On motion of G. W. Dubois, the Bishop was requested to appoint W. K. Brown Dean of Twin Valley College, and member of St. Paul, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Elliott was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

The list of all effective Elders in special appointments was called, and the character of each passed. (See Appointments.)

Howard L. Torbet was allowed to withdraw from the membership and ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His parchments were surrendered with the desire that they be endorsed, and restored to him. It was so ordered.

Under extension of time the notices were given, and the following visitors were introduced: Chas. Roads, Field Secretary of the *Sunday-School Union*, and of the Philadelphia Conference; Dr. S. L. Beiler, of the Genesee Conference; Harry Compton, of South America; and Frank Larkin, of San Francisco.

The session then adjourned with a benediction by Dr. Beiler.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, *September* 3, 1906.

THE Conference was opened this morning at Eight thirty o'clock by Bishop Berry. After prayer and song, the Bishop gave an address upon "The Minister and the Mid-week meeting."

The Journal for Saturday was read and approved.

Seat of Conference.—The Thirtieth Question was called: "*Where shall the next Conference be held?*" J. A. Geissinger, pastor at Oxford, brought a hearty invitation from the Church at that place, and after remarks seconding the invitation from President Benton, the invitation was unamimously and gratefully accepted.

Mears Bequest.—The report of the Trustees of the Mears bequest was presented by John Pearson, and was ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 384.)

Preachers' Relief.—John Pearson also offered the following which was adopted:

The Preachers' Relief Society of the Conference, at a recent meeting, considered the pressing need of largely increasing the support of our Conference Claimants. Our Board of Stewards, year after year, hears distressing tales of suffering that they can only alleviate; but can never fully relieve the needs of our beloved claimants.

The Preachers' Relief Society also constantly hears these stories of distress, and always helps so far as it is able.

After carefully considering this great need, we are persuaded that if the facts in this case were properly placed before our people, they would contribute a permanent fund of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, the proceeds of which would be used to assist in furnishing a comfortable support to our Conference claimants. The question of the man for the work, and the means for his support we are not ready to answer. We therefore ask this Conference to lend its aid in this matter by appointing a committee that will carefully consider it during the year and report to this Conference at its next session a plan for the support of our representative, and such other information as its wisdom may suggest.

It was ordered that such a committee be appointed. (For committee see page 278.)

D. W. Clark moved that two persons be appointed Conference Evangelists. On motion the subject was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Stewards' Report.—The Board of Stewards made their final report, stating that the claims on the Conference Fund for the year was $12,440, and that the receipts had been but $9,467, on which account they were able to pay only seventy-six per cent of the claims. By vote the Stewards were allowed to make distribution of allowances in monthly installments in special cases, according to their judgment.

Bishop Thoburn spoke a few words of farewell.

Special Collections.—The Treasurer announced that the collection taken up for the India Jubilee Fund yesterday amounted to $50, and that for the Board of Church Extension was $6.25.

Lay Association.—A communication from the Lay Association was read. It presented a resolution concerning Conference Entertainment, which had been passed by that body with a request for joint adoption of this Conference. The communication was received, and action thereupon was postponed for future consideration.

Barbara Heck Monument.—A communication was presented from an association in Canada which has for its purpose the erection of a monument to Barbara Heck. The communication was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Burial Place of Ministers.—A motion was made by the Secretary that the members of Conference knowing the burial places of our sainted dead, be requested to furnish the information to the Secretary for insertion in the roll of our crowned brothers and fathers. The motion was adopted.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the Secretary was requested to print in the Minutes a report of the meeting at the cemetery yesterday, and of the services there held at the grave of James B. Finley.

H. W. Bailey presented the report of the Missionary Society and the report was accepted.

The Question, "*Who are continued on trial?*" was taken up. Herbert L. Whiting and Norman O. Sweat were continued on trial in the studies of the fourth year, and James M. Bennett and Edgar S. Jackson were continued on trial in the studies of the

second year, and George H. Pettingell was continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

On behalf of the preachers of the Cincinnati District Dr. Henderson read some resolutions of appreciation for the retiring Presiding Elder, D. W. Clark, and announced that a loving cup of Rookwood ware had been selected as a token of this esteem.

Dr. S. L. Beiler, from Boston University, and Dr. Herbert Welch, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, each made an address concerning the great work of education.

Supernumerary Preachers.—The Question, "*Who are the Snpernumerary Preachers?*" was called. The following were continued in that relation: E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, W. G. Warner, I. R. Marshall, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, and S. A. Keen.

E. L. Hollingsworth requested the privilege of withdrawing from the ministry. The request was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to endorse and return his credentials if he so desired.

The following requested a supernumerary relation, and their requests were granted: J. P. Gilliland, James S. Young, E. S. Gaddis, and J. A. Winkler.

Transfers.—On motion of A. B. Leonard, Bishop Neely was requested to consent to the transfer of Harry Compton from the Andes Mission Conference to this Conference.

Rev. W. B. Shiree, of the Presbyterian Church, Eaton, and Rev. C. W. Stephen, of the United Brethren Church, Eaton, were introduced.

Earthquake.—Dr. Frank Larkin, of the California Conference, was introduced and spoke fully of the fearful necessities of the Churches in that stricken city. On motion of John Pearson a committee of one from each district to formulate a plan, and especially to co-operate with the plan already projected by the Laymen for the relief of the suffering Churches of the Pacific coast, was ordered. The committee was named as follows: John Pearson, W. M. Hammaker, E. P. Edmonds, C. L. Conger, and M. LeSourd.

The List of the members of the Conference serving in detached work was read by the Bishop, and by vote he was requested to appoint them as follows:

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, Green Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, Central Church, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist.

J. L. Shively, Missionary to Mexico.

W. K. Brown, Twin Valley College, St. Paul, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

Elmer E. Powell, Professor in Miami University, Member of Oxford Quarterly Conference.

Herbert Welch, President Ohio Wesleyan University, High Street, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

Guy Potter Benton, President of Miami University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, President of Howard University, Washington, D. C., Franklin Quarterly Conference.

U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent for Indiana Anti-Saloon League, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

H. G. Scudday, Conference Evangelist.

J. G. Vaughan, Agent India Jubilee Fund.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Avondale Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, Asbury Quarterly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, Trinity Quarterly Conference.

M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Westwood Quarterly Conference.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital Association, Trinity Quarterly Conference.

E. J. Moore, Assistant Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference.

R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

G. H. Pettingell, Bert E. Smith, A. J. Kestle, Edgar S. Jackson and Charles J. Moore are left without appointment to attend school.

Dr. Roads, Field Agent of the Sunday-school Union, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

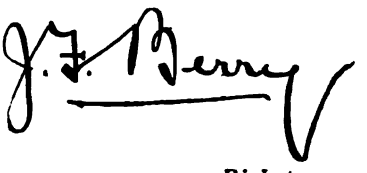
Under extension of time it was decided to meet this afternoon at two o'clock. Bishop Berry requested Bishop Walden to preside.

During the session the Bishop presented for record the following:

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies: *That on September 2, 1906, in Eaton, Ohio, I ordained Clark L. Gowdy, Benj. H. Lewis, Bert E. Smith, Purdy L. Van Wicklen, Chas J. Moore, Clarence Grauser, and Chas. Harold Clerke,* DEACONS;

And on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained George F. Barber, Wm. L. Boicourt, Dudley Matthews, George W. Keen, James M. Bailey, and Hasse O. Enwall, ELDERS, *according to the Ritual and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*



Bishop.

Eaton, Ohio, September 3, 1906.

Notices were given and the session adjourned with a benediction.

AFTERNOON,

At two o'clock to-day Bishop Walden called the Conference to order. J. S. Pumphrey conducted the devotional exercises.

Lakeside.—C. L. Conger presented the report of the Committee on Lakeside. On invitation, Mr. Otto H. Magley, of the Lakeside Campmeeting Association, addressed the body, fully explaining the state of Lakeside affairs. The report was then adopted. (See page 384.)

J. W. Patton presented the report of the Auditing Committee and it was adopted. (See page 362.)

The report on General Conference Benevolences was presented by J. D. Darling. It was read and adopted item by item, and also as a whole. (See page 362.)

Under the item relating to the work of the American Bible Society, John Pearson, Field Agent for the Society, spoke of its work.

The following resolution was adopted.

We congratulate the Rev. John Pearson, D. D. over the splendid service he has rendered as Field Agent of the American Bible Society, and note that of the gain in the collection for this Society from the one hundred and twenty Conferences, fifty three per cent of it comes from the twenty Conferences constituting Dr. Pearson's field. And while we welcome him back among us as a fellow pastor, we deeply regret that the radical change made by the Society in its method of reaching the public dispenses with the services of all its field agents, thus depriving the Society of such valuable services.

Under the item referring to the work of Missions, Harry Compton, missionary in South America, spoke of the work in Ecuador.

C. M. Van Pelt presented the report of the Committee on Education. It was adopted item by item and also as a whole. (See page 366.) The nominations for visitors to educational institutions, and officers of the Conference Educational Society were confirmed. (See page 278.)

The nomination of Bishop J. M. Walden to represent the Conference as Trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University was confirmed.

F. G. Mitchell presented the names of Conference Trustees as nominated by the cabinet, and they were elected.

J. A. Story read the report of the Deaconess Board and it was adopted. (See page 375.) The recommendations of the board for the licenses of new deaconesses and for renewal of license were adopted. (See page 375.)

T. W. Salt read the report of the Statistical Secretary by summary, and submitted the whole report for publication. (See Statistics.)

The report of the special committee on Church Insurance was read by A. W. Leonard, and adopted. (See page 371.)

J. B. Young read the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, and it was adopted. (See page 373.)

The report of the committee on Young People's Work was read by W. E. Putt, and it was adopted. (See page 374.)

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

On motion of A. B. Leonard the Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 this evening. The benediction was pronounced by W. H. Sutherland.

EVENING.

CONFERENCE assembled at 7:30 o'clock with Bishop Walden in the chair. The devotions were conducted by Edmund Burdsall.

The Journal of the Afternoon session was read and approved.

Reforms.—The report of the Standing Committee on Reforms was read by J. B. Young. The items on Sabbath Observance, Gambling, Congressional reforms, Divorce, State of the Church and Temperance were severally read and adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted. (See Page 369.)

H. D. Ketcham was confirmed as Trustee for the Conference in the Ohio Anti-Saloon League.

John Pearson and C. M. Van Pelt were elected delegates to the Convention of the Anti-Saloon League at St. Louis. C. W. Sullivan and O. M. Sellers were appointed alternates.

On motion of the Secretary, the Publishing Committee was authorized to pay the Travelling expenses of the two delegates to this convention.

Treasurer's Report.—C. W. Horn, Conference Treasurer, submitted his report and it was adopted. The sum of $9.92, the fractional amounts in the returns for benevolences was ordered paid to the Publishing Committee.

Trustees.—F. G. Mitchell presented the following and it was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish with the annual report of the Treasurer of the Conference the rules adopted in 1900 for the government of the Trustees of the Conference with the following changes and additions.

Add to Rule II, the words "Which officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

"In the intervals of the sessions of the Board of Trustees the Executive Committee shall be clothed with all the powers of the Board, except in the sale and transfer of property."

Omit Rule IV.

Amend Rule V by substituting the word "Executive" for the word "Finance" wherever it appears, so that the duties of the Finance Committee as formerly constituted shall be performed by the Executive Committee.

A collection which amounted to $18.00 was taken for the sexton of the Eaton church.

Superannuates.—Under the Twenty-Third Question the list of the superannuate preachers was called and all were continued in the same relation. Those who were present were called on for remarks, and J. T. Bail, E. P. James, H. A. M. Henderson and R. E. Smith responded.

Hospital and Deaconess Work.—The work of Christ's Hospital and Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home was presented by W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary. A collection was taken amounting to Fifty Dollars for the purpose of furnishing a room in the New Nurses' Home.

Home for the Aged.—H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged addressed the conference regarding this work.

General Conference Entertainment.– D. W. Clark moved that the action as taken one year ago be re-affirmed inviting the General Conference to Cincinnati in the year 1908, and the motion prevailed. The action is as follows:

WHEREAS, In May, 1908, it will be more than a quarter of a century since the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is the representative city of a wide and densely populated territory, commonly called the Ohio Valley, and to which it is said that thirteen States are tributary; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is unsurpassed in railroad, hall, and hostelry facilities, making it pre-eminently a Convention city; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is an important center of our denominational interests, being the seat of our Western Publishing-house, the birthplace of German Methodism, the headquarters of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is confessedly a key situation in the mooted matter of organic union with the Church South; and

WHEREAS, The coming of the General Conference to Cincinnati is enthusiastically desired, not only by our own communicants, but by various civic and mercantile organizations, and the population at large, who will generously aid in the Guarantee Fund; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church does hereby unanimously join and concur in the invitation, and urgently entreats the Commission on Location of the next General Conference, in view of the matters herein recited, to name Cincinnati as its seat.

The following were appointed a Committee to represent the Conference before the Commission on Entertainment: Bishop Spellmeyer, Dr. H. C. Jennings, H. C. Jameson, Col. W. B. Melish, Wm. Christie Herron and O. P. McCarty.

Upon motion the conference requested the publication of the annual report of the President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, in the Conference Minutes.

Bishop Walden, on retiring from the chair briefly addressed the conference.

Received on Trial.—Bishop Berry resumed the chair, and took up the Fourth Question: "Who have been received on Trial?" Recommendations were received as follows: For Clarence S. Grauser from the Homestead Ave. (Dayton) Quarterly Conference; for Robert O. Matthews from the Springsboro Quarterly Conference; for Wm. Harvey Cundy from the Grace (Urbana) Quarterly Conference, and for Anthony E. Huntingdon from the Chilo Quarterly Conference. They were introduced to the Conference, were reported by the examiners, represented by their Presiding Elders, and were received on Trial.

The Bishop was requested to leave Bert E. Smith without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The nominations for Conference Boards and for Triers of Appeals were announced by the secretary of the cabinet, and they were confirmed. (See page 276–278.)

The appointments of the Bishop for Board of Church Extension, Preachers of Missionary and Memorial sermons were announced. (See page 276–278.)

R. W. Burns was elected a Conference Trustee for the Home of the Aged.

On motion of the presiding elders, the Bishop was by vote,

requested to appoint two Conference Evangelists. The following were recommended for that appointment: J. L. Glascock and H. G. Scudday.

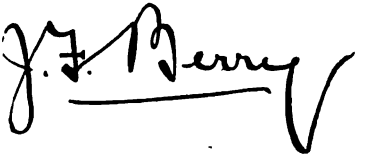
The Presiding Elders reported favorable concerning the movement for the erection of a monument for Barbara Heck.

The Conference Resolutions were read by Howard Henderson, and were heartily adopted. (See page 372.)

On motion it was decided that the publication of the detailed Missionary report be omitted from the Minutes next year.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, it was decided that after the reading of the journal and its adoption, and the announcement of the appointments, that the Conference stand adjourned *sine die.*

The journal of the evening session was read and approved. The appointments for the ensuing year were announced, and after singing "A charge to keep I have" Bishop Berry led in prayer and closed with the benediction at 11:10 o'clock.



Presiding Bishop.

Secretary.

[By request of Bishop Cranston, the following Certificate of Ordination, containing names unintentionally omitted last year, is here inserted.—EDITOR.]

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies, *That on September 10, 1905, in Springfield, Ohio, I ordained Norman O. Sweat, Jesse L. Corley and Herbert L. Whiting* DEACONS, *according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Earl Cranston

Bishop.

Springfield, Ohio, September 11, 1905.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Eaton, Ohio, September 3, 1906.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held August 29, to September 3, 1906, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

J. F. Berry

Presiding Bishop.

S. O. Royal

Secretary

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
John Loyd, from the Minnesota Conference; Hasse O. Enwall, from the New England Conference (a probationer of the Second Year); James M. Bennett (probationer of the First Year) from the Indiana Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Clarence S. Grauser, Robert O. Matthews, William H. Cundy, Anthony E. Huntington.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*Charles Harold Clerke.*

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*William F. Clark, George H. Pettingell.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Alfred Taylor, James M. Bennett, Edgar S. Jackson.*
(*c*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.
(*d*) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—*Norman O. Sweat, Herbert R. Whiting.*

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
Howard E. Ganster.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*Benjamin H. Lewis, Charles J. Moore, Bert E. Smith, Clarke L. Gowdy, Purdy L. Van Wicklen.*
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*George F. Barber, William L. Boicourt, Dudley Matthews, George W. Keen, Hasse O. Enwall, Jesse L. Corley.*

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*Benjamin H. Lewis, Charles J. Moore, Bert E. Smith, Clarke L. Gowdy, Purdy L. Van Wicklen.*
(*b*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
William T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, Fred J. Reinbarth, Jesse L. Corley.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—*James M. Bailey, Hasse O. Enwall, George F. Barber, William L. Boicourt, Dudley Matthews, George W. Keen.*

(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—*William E. Verity.*

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(*a*) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—*Clarence S. Grauser.*

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—*Charles Harold Clerke.*

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(*a*) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—*George F. Barber, William L. Boicourt, Dudley Matthews, George W. Keen, Hasse O. Enwall.*

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was strictly done in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

John J. Giblin, to the Erie.

15. *Who have Died?*

Samuel B. Smith, Chas. Hartley, Edward McHugh.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

George M. Hammell, Howard L. Torbet, E. L. Hollingsworth.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, I. R. Marshall, W. G. Warner, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, S. A. Keen, J. P. Gilliland, Jas. S. Young, E. S. Gaddis, J. A. Winkler, C. W. Elliott.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, W. H. Sutherland, J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, W,

P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, Sylvester Weeks, J. H. Davis, C. J. Wells, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, W. W. Ramsay, C. J. Kalbfus, J. S. Ruggles, R. E. Smith, G. L. Travis, C. T. Crum.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

Geo. S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, Gilbert Austin, E. P. Edmonds, C. W. Horn.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 53,065. Probationers, 2,013. (See Tables of Statistics, page 349.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

$61,072. (See Treasurer's Report, page 348.)

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

$12,440.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

$9,467. (See Stewards' Report, page 344.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See List of Appointments. (page 310–312.)

30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Oxford, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

H. C. JAMESON, Presiding Elder, 1.
220 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

AVONDALE CHARGE:
Avondale, . . . C. E. Schenk, 2.
Pleasant Ridge, . J. E. McGee, 2.
Bond Hill, . . H. R. Whiting, 1.
Carthage, . . . G. F. Barber, 3.

CENTRAL CITY CHARGE:
Christie, . . . L. O. Hartman, 2.
Asbury, . . . W. L. Boicourt, 2.
York Street, . . . O. L. Utter, 4.
Finley, ... J. L. Duckwall, 2.
East Pearl St., . S. G. Pollard, 3.
Clifton, ... J. W. Peters, 2.
Columbia, ... G. H. Smith, 3.
Delta Avenue, . . . J. P. Ninde, 5.
Elmwood Place and Reading, T. D. Moore, 3.
Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 4.
First Church, Northside, A. L. Brokaw, 5.
Linwood and Madison Ave., W. H. Spybey, 2.
McKendree, ... J. A. White, 3.
Mt. Auburn, . . . H. O. Enwall, 2.
Mt. Lookout, . . O. P. Hoffman, 2.
Price Hill, . . C. W. Sullivan, 1.
Riverside, and Camp Washington, ... J. D. Darling, 3.
St. Paul, ... W. D. Cole, 2. Assistant, R. H. Rust, 1.
Trinity, . . . H. D. Ketcham, 1. Assistant, D. W. Clark, 1.
Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 7.
Wesley, ... G. Roughton, 10.

WESTWOOD CHARGE:
Westwood, ... J. A. Story, 2.
Groesbeck and Asbury, To be Supplied.
Ebenezer, and Dent, J. R. Troxell, 2.
Miami and Mt. Hope, To be Supplied.

Winton Place, . . . J. E. Thomas, 2.
Addyston, ... C. H. Clerke, 2.
Cleves and Harrison, . C. W. Horn, 2
Delhi, ... W. A. Wiant, 1.
Hartwell, ... F. G. Mitchell, 5.
Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 7.
Madisonville, . . . John Pearson, 1.

NORWOOD:
First Church, . . . J. L. Corley, 1.
Grace, ... C. C. Peale, 2.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, Trinity Quarterly Conference.

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J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, Asbury Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

S. O. ROYAL, . . Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., 631 Grand Ave., Dayton, O.

Bethany, ... [W. W. Tranter, 2.]
Camden, ... S. B. Timmons, 4.

Centerville, ... A. D. Maddox, 3.
DAYTON:
Broadway, ... John Loyd, 2.
Grace, ... M. B. Fuller, 1.
Homestead Ave., [Horace Ewell.]
Raper, ... V. F. Brown, 3.
Riverdale, ... E. W. Serl, 3.
St. Paul, ... D. G. Latshaw, 2.
Trinity, ... O. M. Sellers, 4.
Eaton and West Alexandria, E. M. Ellsworth, 1.
Ebenezer and Woodward, Norman O. Sweat, 2.
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley, T. G. Williams, 1.
Fairfield and Donnelsville, [Charles Gowdy, 2.]
Fort Jefferson, . [D. S. Ferguson, 4.]
Franklin, . . . Creighton Wones, 5.
Germantown, ... J. J. Hawk, 3.
Gordon, ... Thomas Cundy, 1.
HAMILTON:
First Church, . . . A. B. Austin, 2.
Lindenwald, . . C. P. Pumphrey, 2.
Lewisburg and Brookville, Geo. W. Keen, 2.
Miamisburg, ... S. W. Bell, 4.
Middletown, . . W. E. Hammaker, 3.
Monroe, ... J. A. Jenkinson, 4.
New Paris, ... C. S. Grauser, 1.
Osborn, ... Andrew Hamilton, 1.
Oxford, ... J. A. Geissinger, 1.
Port Union and Glendale, (Stockton) G. P. Austin, 2.
Red Lion and Merrittstown, D. W. C. Washburn, 3.
Seven Mile, ... J. W. Patton, 2.
Springboro and Lytle, Dudley Matthews, 2.
Venice . . . . . Henry Hershey, 1.
Walker and Union, [A. A. McGinnis, 1.]
West Carrollton, . W. T. Gilliland, 1.
West Chester, . . . C. L. Gowdy, 2.
West Elkton, . . . W. H. Cundy, 1.
West Milton, . . Robt. Mathews, 1.

Guy Potter Benton, President Miami University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, President Howard University, Washington, D. C., Franklin Quarterly Conference.

U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent for Indiana Anti-Saloon League, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

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J. G. Vaughan, Agent India Jubilee Fund, St. Paul Quarterly Conference.

Elmer E. Powell, Professor in Miami University, Member of Oxford Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O. Station I, Cincinnati, O.

Belfast, ... J. A. Easton, 1.
Blanchester, ... A. T. Cowgill, 1.
Bowersville, . P. L. Van Wicklen, 3.
Clarksville, . . . H. H. Compton, 3.
Greenfield, ... J. E. Beery, 1.
Highland, ... J. R. Hill, 4.
Hillsboro, ... W. A. Deaton, 4.
Assistant, George Gable, 1.
Jamestown, ... C. L. Conger, 2.
Leesburg, ... E. T. Lane, 1.
Loveland, ... L. M. Davis, 3.
Lynchburg, ... C. W. Briggs, 4.
Maineville, . J. E. H. Sentman, 1.
Martinsville, ... W. S. Gray, 1.
Morrow, ... Geo. S. Easton, 1.
New Burlington, . . O. D. Becker, 3.
New Jasper, . . . Frank Leever, 1.
New Vienna, ... J. H. Lease, 2.
Pleasant Plain, . [Joseph Shepard, 2.]
Rainsboro . . . . . J. F. McColm, 1.
Sabina, ... W. M. Coffman, 3.
Sinking Spring, . . [J. C. Boltin, 1.]
South Lebanon, . . J. M. Bennett, 1.
Sugar Tree Ridge, . [T. M. Scarff, 3.]
Union. . . . . W. M. Patton, 4.
Waynesville, ... Philip Trout, 3.
Wilmington, . . . J. S. Pumphrey, 5.
XENIA:
First Church, E. H. Cherington, 3.
Trinity, ... J. R. Colley, 1.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, . . Presiding Elder, 5.
P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, ... W. F. Martin, 3.
Amelia, ... W. J. Baker, 1.
Batavia, . . . Edmund Burdsall, 2.
Bethel, ... D. S. Ewry, 2.
Branch Hill, ... [U. T. Belfry, 1.]
Chilo, ... A. E. Huntington, 2.
Decatur, ... B. H. Lewis, 1.
Dunkinsville, . . . To be Supplied.
Feesburg, ... [G. W. O'Neill, 2.]
Felicity, ... W. E. Spurrier, 1.
Georgetown, ... T. W. Salt, 2.
Goshen, ... G. M. Fulton, 4.
Laurel, ... Alfred Taylor, 1.
Lebanon, ... W. A. Cooper, 3.
Manchester, . . L. A. Washburn, 2.
Marathon, ... [W. E. Shriver, 2.]
Mason, ... W. E. Putt, 4.
Milford, ... M. LeSourd, 7.
Moscow, ... , John Phillips, 2.
Mount Orab, . . . [H. O. Collins, 3.]
Mt. Washington, . [S. W. Griffith, 1.]
Mulberry, ... To be Supplied.
New Richmond, . C. L. Chapman, 1.
Newtown, ... W. E. Verity, 1.
Owensville, ... W. B. Brown, 3.
Peebles, ... Jonathan Verity, 2.
Ripley, ... H. W. Bailey, 4.
Summerside, . . . A. G. Newton, 3.
West Union, . . . W. C. Mitchell, 4.
Williamsburg, . . . W. J. Dunham, 1.
Williamsburg Circuit,
[T. J. Lewis, 1.]
Winchester and Seamans,
J. M. Bailey, 3.

J. L. Shively, Missionary to New Mexico, Lebanon Ruarterly Conference.

G. H. Pettingell, Bert E. Smith, A. J. Kestle, Edgar S. Jackson, and Charles J. Moore left without appointment to attend school.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, ... S. W. Campbell, 4.
Brandt, ... To be Supplied.
Catawba, ... J. L. Dalby, 3.
Cedarville, . . . H. C. Middleton, 5.
Christiansburg, . F. J. Reinbarth, 2.
Concord and Westville,
R. S. McColm, 2.
Covington, ... O. L. Seward, 3.
Dialton, ... J. F. Laird, 3.
Greenville, ... C. H. Haines, 1.
King's Creek, . [A. J. Sunderland, 2.]
Mechanicsburg, . . . J. W. Gaddis, 1.
Mutual, ... W. D. English, 1.
New Carlisle, ... C. L. Myers, 2.
New Moorefield, . . . J. C. Eckles, 2.
PIQUA:
Grace, ... H. E. Armacost, 2.
Greene St., . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 6.
South Charleston, . G. W. Vorhis, 1.
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Central, ... A. W. Leonard, 2.
Clifton Ave., . . . H. G. Curless, 4.
Grace, ... [A. F. White, 1.]
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St. Paul, . . . J. F. Chenoweth, 2.
Tippecanoe City, . S. A. Stephan, 2.
Tremont City, . . To be Supplied.
Troy, ... W. H. Wehrly, 3.
Troy Circuit, . . . G. R. Frenger, 1.
URBANA:
First Church, . . J. E. Abrams, 4.
Grace, ... C. M. Van Pelt, 1.
Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 5.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

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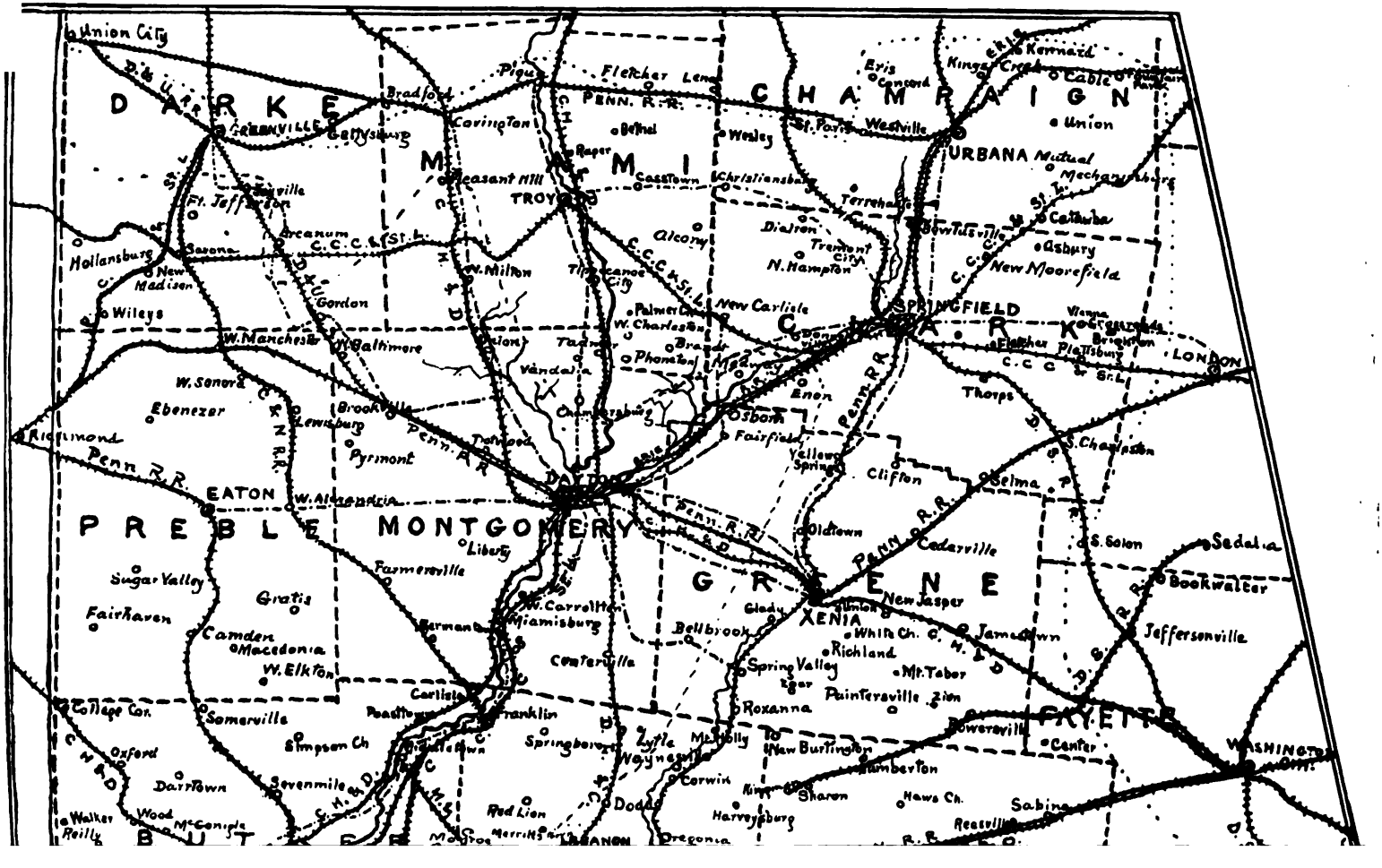
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Marrsville
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Butlerville
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Westboro
Samantha
Auburn Ch
New Petersburg
Lynchburg
Clear Creek
Webertown
Russell
Dodsonville
Belfast
Peppertown
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Manila
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Blanchester
Goshen
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Branch Hill
Loveland
Madeira
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New Hope
Hamersville
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Fairfax
Emerald
Lovett
Flatrun
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Peebles
Seaman
Dunbarton
Dunkinsville
Decatur
Carthage
New Richmond
Laurel
Pt. Isabel
Pt. Pleasant
Mentor
Moscow
Neville
Chilo
Cedron
Hamersport
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Maysville
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Buford
Ratler
Newmarket
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Raingboro
Dallas
Pisgah
Sinking Spring
Cedar Ch.
Centerville
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Sugar Tree Ridge
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3 Hillsboro.
4 Milford.
5 Springfield.
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Traction Roads.
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SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service those before the number of years in present relation.

5. E. T. Wells, 35, ... Toledo, O.
4. G. H. Dart, 47, ... Hamilton, O.
4. I. R. Marshall, 10, . . . Dayton, O.
3. W. G. Warner, 14, . . . Cleveland, O.
3. John Wilson, 34, ... New Vienna, O.
3. F. M. Clemans, 38, . . . Dayton, O.
2. S. A. Keen, 6, ... Columbus, O.
1. J. P. Gilliland, 22, . . . Pasadena, Cal.
1. Jas. S. Young, 17, . . . Richmond, Va.
1. E. S. Gaddis, 18, ... Sta. M., Cincinnati, O.
1. J. A. Winkler, 17, . . . Dayton, O.
1. C. W. Elliott, 18, . . . Cleveland, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

S. N. Marsh, 13, ... San Diego, Cal.
J. F. Hull, 17, ... Rowland, Ala.
T. E. Fidler, 30, ... Zanesville Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black, 37, ... New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck, 32, ... St. Paul's (Toledo) Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink, 40, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar, 34, ... Troy Quarterly Conference.
John Vance, 36, ... First Church (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey, 19, ... Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
T J. Harris, 29, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Sugar Tree Ridge Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James, 38, ... Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Sutherland, 55, . . Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman, 14, ... Delaware, O.
L. F. Young, 23, ... Grace (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail, 49, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
W. P. Jackson, 33, ... Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
W. M. West, 27, ... Newtown Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter, 29, ... Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
L. O. Deputy, 18, ... Madisonville, Cincinnati.
Sylvester Weeks, 37, . . . Pensacola, Fla.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs.
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Carlisle.
C. D. Munsey, 24, ... Cleveland, Tenn.
Howard Henderson, 47, . Hartwell, O.
W. W. Ramsay, 39, ... First Church, Detroit, Mich.
J. S. Ruggles, 28, ... E. Pearl St. (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
R. E. Smith, 38, ... St. Paul (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
G. L. Travis, 24, ... Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.
C. T. Crum, 39, ... Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry.		Consecrated Bishop.	Residence.
		Conference.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Edward Gayer Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
James Newbury FitzGerald	July. 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Philadelphia, Pa.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Frank W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry	May 1856	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer	1847	Newark	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n.	1883	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott	1855	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan	1883	1904	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson	1849	South India.	1874	1904	Calcutta, India
*Merriman C. Harris	1846	Japan	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

*Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. indicates those who are Superannuated; Sn. Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise noted. Probationers in italics.

Abrams, J. E. Urbana.
Armacost, H. E., Piqua.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Hamilton.
Austin, G. P., Stockton.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Ripley.
Bailey, J. M., Winchester.
Baker, W. J., Amelia.
Barber, G. F., Carthage.
Becker, O. D., New Burlington.
Beery, J. E., Greenfield.
Bell, S. W., Miamisburg.
Bennett, J. M., South Lebanon.
Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Boicourt, W. L., Cincinnati.
Briggs, C. W., Lynchburg.
Brokaw, A. L., Cincinnati.
Brown, V. F., Dayton.
Brown, Wm. B., Owensville.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Burdsall, E., Batavia.
Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.

Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Dayton.
Chapman, C. L., New Richmond.
Chenoweth, John F., Springfield.
Cherington, E. H., Xenia.
Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clark, W. F.
Clerke, C. H., Addyston.
Clemans, F. M., Dayton.
Coffman, W. M., Sabina.
Cole, W. D., Cincinnati.
Colley, J. R., Xenia.
Compton, H. H., Clarksville.
Conger, C. L., Jamestown.
Cooper, W. A., Lebanon.
Corley, J. L., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Cowgill, A. T., Blanchester.
Crum, C. T. (Sa.), Dayton.
Cundy, T., Gordon.
Cundy, W. H., West Elkton.
Curless, H. G., Springfield.
Dalbey, J. L., Catawba.
Darling, J. D., Riverside (Cin).
Dart, G. H. (Sn.), Hamilton.
Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Davis, L. M., Loveland.
Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
Deaton, W. A., Hillsboro.
Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Madisonville.
Dubois, G. W., Springfield.
Duckwall, J. L., Cincinnati.
Dunham, W. J., Williamsburg.
Easton, G. S., Morrow.
Easton, J. A., Bell.
Eckles, J. C., New Moorefield.
Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Troy.
Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.
Edmonds, E. P., Springfield.
Elliott, C. W. (Sn), Cleveland.
Ellsworth, E. M., Eaton.
English, F. C., Moores Hill, Ind.
English, W. D., Mutual.
Enwall, H. O., Cincinnati.
Ewry, D. S., Bethel.
Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Zanesville.
Frenger, G. R., Troy.
Fuller, M. B., Dayton.
Fulton, G. M., Goshen.
Gable, George, Hillsboro.
Gaddis, J. W., Mechanicsburg.
Gaddis, E. S., (Sn.), Sta. M, Cin'ti.
Geissinger, J. A., Oxford.
Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
Gilliland, Jas. P. (Sn.), Pasadena, Cal.
Gilliland, W. T., West Carrollton.
Glascock, J. L., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Gowdy, C. L., West Chester.
Grauser, C. S., New Paris.
Gray, W. S., Martinsville.
Haines, C. H., Greenville.
Hamilton, A., Osborn.
Hammaker, W. E., Middletown.
Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Cincinnati.
Hartman, L. O., Cincinnati.
Hawk, J. J., Germantown.
Henderson, H. A. M. (Sa.), Hartwell.
Hershey, Henry, Ross.
Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Delaware, O.
Hill, J. R., Highland.
Hoffman, O. P., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Horn, C. W., Cleves.
Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.
Humphrey, U. G., Indianapolis, Ind.
Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.
Huntington, A. E., Chilo.
Hypes, B. D., Yellow Springs.
Jackson, E. S., Madison, N. J.
Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Blanchester.
James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.
Jameson, H. C., Cincinnati.
Jenkinson, J. A., Monroe.
Kalbfus, C. H. (Sa.), Yellow Springs.
Keck, H. M. (Sa.), Toledo.
Keen, G. W., Lewisburg.
Keen, S. A. (Sn.), Columbus.
Kestle, Asa J., Madison, N. J.
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Kirgan, F. M., Fairmount.
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Laird, J. F., Dialton.
Lane, E. T., Leesburg.
Latshaw, D. G., Dayton.
Lease, J. H., New Vienna.
Leever, Frank, New Jasper.
Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
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Matthews, Robert, West Milton.
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McColm, R. S., Westville.
McGee, Jas. E., Pleasant Ridge.
Middleton, H. C., Cedarville.
Mitchell, F. G., Hartwell.
Mitchell, W. C., West Union.
Moore, C. J., Salem, Mass.
Moore, E. J., Columbus.
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Patton, J. W., Seven Mile.
Patton, W. M., Spring Valley.
Peale, C. C., Sta. H, Cincinnati.

Pearson, John, Sta. M, Cincinnati.
Peters, J. W., Cincinnati.
Pettingell, G. H., Oxford.
Phillips, John, Moscow.
Pollard, S. G., Cincinnati.
Powell, Elmer E., Oxford.
Pumphrey, C. P., Hamilton.
Pumphrey, J. S., Wilmington.
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Ramsay, W. W., (Sa.), Detroit, Mich.
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Rishell, C. W., Newtonville, Mass.
Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
Royal, S. O., Dayton.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
Ruggles, J. S., Cincinnati.
Rust, R. H., Cincinnati.
Rust, R. S., Cincinnati.
Salt, T. W., Georgetown.
Schenk, C. E., Cincinnati.
Scudday, H. G., Tyler, Texas.
Sellers, O. M., Dayton.
Sentman, J. E. H., Maineville.
Serl, E. W., Dayton.
Seward, O. L., Covington, O.
Shively, J. L., Santa Fe, N. M.
Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Smith, B. E., Bell.
Smith, R. E., (Sa.), Springfield.
Smith, G. H., Eastern Ave., Cin.
Spahr, A. N., Milford.
Spurrier, W. E., Felicity.
Spybey, W. H., Cinci'ti, (Linwood)
Stabler, A. K., Phoenix, Arizona.
Starr, D. J., Columbus.
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Sullivan, C. W., Cincinnati.
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Taylor, A., Laurel.
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Timmons, S. B., Camden.
Travis, G. L., (Sa.), Lewisburg.
Trout, Philip, Waynesville.
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Utter, O. L., Cincinnati.
Vance, John (Sa.), Urbana.
Van Pelt, C. M., Urbana.
Van Wicklen, P. L., Bowersville.
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Verity, J., Peebles.
Verity, W. E., Newtown.
Vorhis, G. W., South Charleston.
Walter, T. P., Branch Hill.
Warner, W. G. (Sn.), Cleveland.
Washburn, D. W. C., Red Lion.
Washburn, L. A., Manchester.
Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
Weeks, S. (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
Wehrly, W. H., Troy.
Welch, Herbert, Delaware.
Wells, C. J. (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
Wells, E. T. (Sn.), Toledo.
West, W. M. (Sa.), Madisonville.
White, J. A., Eastern Ave., (Cin.)
Whiting. H. R., Bond Hill.
Wiant, W. A., Delhi.
Williams, T. G., Fair Haven.
Wilson, John, (Sn.), New Vienna.
Winkler, J. A. (Sn.), Dayton.
Wones, Creighton, Franklin.
Wyckoff, R. J., Piqua.
Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
Young, L. F. (Sa.), Piqua.
Young. J. S., Richmond, Va.
Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.

DEACONESSES.

Adron, Dora.
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Banting, Lucy.
Bassett, Anna.
Black, Felicia.
Close, Cara.
Day, Adda B.
Deaver, Florence.
Dwinnell, Anna.
Enders, Emma.
Eyre, Mary.
Fuller, Blanche.
Gloub, Marguerite.
Haines, Dora.
Hare, Anna.
Hathorn, Nettie.
Haynes, Mrs. K. Rawles.
House, Lucelia.
Ireland, Sarah.
Jacques, Vanluah.
Kittell, Eleanora.
Loofbourrow, Evangeline.
Lukemeir, Bertha.
Lybarger, Lela.
McEwan, Mary.
Malott, Harriet.
Manker, Lillian.
Nevitt, Edythe L.
Paff, Mrs. India.
Pennell, Ida.
Pickett, Mary.
Pierce, Hannah M.
Post, Minnie.
Potter, Clara V.
Richards, Cynthia.
Sandige, Anna.
Saunders, Frances.
Sinett, Lottie.
Slear, Ella.
Smith, Bessie.
Solomon, Clora.
Thatcher, Alice.
Thompson, Carrie.
Trausler, Estelle.
Wilson, Margaret.
Young, Nellie.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics;* and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Armbrush, Jos. H. (York St.), Cin'ti.
BENSON, W. C. (Wesley), Cincinnati.
Behymer, Jacob (McKendree), Cin'ti.
Bower, L. F., (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
Cadwell, Burt L. (Hartwell), Cin'ti.
Clark, D. Wilford, (Wesley), Cin'ti.
Cornuelle, Victor, Madisonville.
Faber, H. A., (Madison Ave.), Cin'ti.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
GILSON, W. H., (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Halley, R. H. (York St.), Cincinnati.
Jones, Ralph C. (W. H.), Cincinnati.
King, Thos. Sam'l (Northside), Cin'ti.
Kirkpatrick, E. Earl (Delhi), Cin'ti.
Leaverton, Wm. L. (Northside), Cin'ti.
LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
McGuffy, W. H. (St. Paul), Cin'ti.
Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, St. Paul.
Nightengale, Fred. (Christie), Cin'ti.
O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.
Olenslayger, L. (Asbury), Cincinnati.
Pugh, A. R., (Avondale), Cincinnati.
Scully, R. E. (Camp Wash.), Cin'ti.
Sawtelle, Elmer (Delhi), Cincinnati.
Simpkins'n, W. H. (1st Ch.), Norwood.
Thayer, W. H. (Grace Ch.), Norwood.
Waffensmith, J. W. (Asbury), Cin'ti.
Wright, H. C. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Youngson, W. W. (Trinity), Cin'ti.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A. (R. F. D., No. 5), Dayton.
Campbell, W. A., Springboro.
Crouder, George, Heno.
Ferguson, D. S., Fort Jefferson.
GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford.
HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
Lamm, Chas., Hamilton.
McGinnis, A. A., West Elkton.
Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
Radcliffe James B., Sater.
Radley, Louis C., Dayton.
REEVES, W. W., Oxford.
ROBERTS, J. M., Dayton.
SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton.
Showalter, Roscoe, Dayton.
Silvers, H. D. (R. F. D.), Eaton.
Vorhis, J. S., Dayton.
Webber, Leroy, Heno.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Burba, Sanford, Winchester.
Chancellor, S. D., Wilmington.
Cole, W. H., Sabina.
Coleman, Roy B., Rainsboro.
Craig, S. L., New Burlington.
Crisenbery, C. L., Sabina.
Curles, Ashur, Blanchester.
HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
Hill, J. H. P., Westboro.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
Jones, E. A. Pollard, Hillsboro.
KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.
Lyon, Charles E., Tranquillity.
McIntyre, Altman, New Burlington.
Murphy, Geo. W., Turkey.
Naylor, John S., Hillsboro.
Oldaker, I. W., Russell.
Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
Scarff, T. M., Sugar Tree Ridge.
Shade, J. W., Hillsboro.
Shepard, Joseph, Pleasant Plain.
Wheeler, Wm., Xenia.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

Burdsall, J. W., Prall.
Drummond, J. W., Batavia.
Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hendrixon, E., Felicity.
Hockett, Wm., Goshen.
Howell, E. S., Summerside.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
MCMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
Murray, Titus, Batavia.
Moore, J. E., Felicity.
Nobis, L. B., Amelia,
O'Neill, G. W., Feesburg.
Penny, Alvin, Felicity.
Rogers, Harvey, Bethel.
Roberts, W. E., Seaman. (R. F. D.)
Sample, Robert, Cedar Mills.
Tone, T. G., Amelia.
Wilson, William, Owensville.
Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

BENNETT, C. W., Piqua.
Clinger, J. W., M. D., Springfield.
Clutch, David, Alcony.
CROW, THOMAS D., Urbana.

Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.
Edgington, C. A. R., Selma.
GUNN, J. W., 690 E High St., Springfield.
Hall, C. E., 197 W High St., Springfield.
Herr, David, 10 S. Limestone St., Springfield.
Martz, G. H., Greenville.
Mitchell, R. M., 1 W. McCreight Ave., Springfield.
Stevens, A. A., New Carlisle.
Stevens, B. E. (R. F. D. 31), St. Paris.
Trout, John (R. F. D.), Springfield.
Trout, Jos. D., (R. F. D. 6), Springfield.
Wells, Thos. B., Tippecanoe City.
Wiant, Warren (R. F. D. 2), St. Paris.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Cleveland, O., 28.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Eaton, O., 44.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky., 10.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenville, O., 41.
Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Dayton, O., 47.
Collett, Mrs. Thos., Middletown, O., 51.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
Darlington, Mrs. N. W., West Union, O.
Deem, Mrs. R. K., Mainville, O., 40.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
Gullett, Mrs. C. W., Mt. Clemans, Mich., 22.
Hartley, Mrs. Charles, Delaware, O.
Herr, Mrs. Wm., Dayton, O., 56.
Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., 10.
Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensville, Ohio, 37.
Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Dayton, O., 13.
Joyce, Mrs. Bishop I. W., Minneapolis, Minn.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Forest, O., 35.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.
Loyd, Mrs. J. F., Hillsboro, O., 44.
Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.
Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51.
McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 25.
McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
McColm, Mrs. D. A., Dayton, O., 26.
McHugh, Mrs. Edward, Cincinnati, Ohio.
McMullen, Mrs. W. T., Goshen, O., 14.
Miller, Mrs. Henry, Cin'ti, O., 24.
Middleton, Mrs. J. H., Greenfield, O., 36.
Musgrove, Mrs. A. W., Christiansburg, Ohio, 30.
Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.
Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H, Cincinnati, 62.
Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
Prentiss, Mrs. L. E., Athens, Tenn., 30.
Purkhiser, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O., 32.
Richards, Mrs. M. A., Station H, Cincinnati, O., 25
Runyan, Mrs. William, Cincinnati, Ohio, 40.
Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.
Shanor, Mrs. Geo., Blanchester, O., 6.
Smith, Mrs. E. C., Dayton, O., 18.
Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown, O., 37.
Stokes, Mrs. H., Cheswold, Va.
Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
Turrell, Mrs. A. C., Xenia, O., 13.
Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.
Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., Cincinnati, Ohio, 29.
Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.

IV.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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CHARLES L. CONGER, *Registrar.*	J. A. STORY,	J. A. WHITE,
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C. M. VAN PELT,	S. W. BELL,	W. L. Y. DAVIS,
	J. E. ABRAMS,	G. H. SMITH.
	J. A. GEISSINGER,	

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of the Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Short History of the English People, *Green;* Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson.*

Section 3. A. B. AUSTIN.—A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row;* Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the First Year; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher;* Analogy of Religion, *Butler.*

Section 5. W. L. Y. DAVIS.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. ABRAMS.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher;* The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley.*

Section 7. D. G. LATSHAW.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* Student's American History, *Montgomery;* Introduction to New Testament, *Dods.*

Section 8. J. A. GEISSINGER.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler;* Sermons and Books to be read of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 10. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3. John Wesley the Methodist, A Biography; Systematic Theology, *Raymond.*

Section 11. G. H. SMITH.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd;* Sermons and Books to be read, of Candidates for Admission.

Section 12. S. W. BELL.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harman;* A. Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens.*

Section 13. M. B. FULLER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* Theological Compend, *Binney;* A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie.*

Section 14. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904; Digest of Methodist Law (Edition of 1904), *Merrill.*

c. EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for Admission on Trial will be examined at the seat of Conference the day before the session opens.

Local Preachers, who are Candidates for ordination, will be examined on Friday afternoon, during the Conference session.

Undergraduates are urged to leave as few examinations as possible for the end of the year. When preparation on any study is completed, the Chairman should be notified, and he will arrange for the time and place of examination.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared when needed by the Chairman, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be reexamined.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

b. CLASSES.

NOTE:—Those printed in Italics are *Deacons:* others are unordained.

STUDIES.	RECEIVED ON TRIAL, FIRST YEAR.	CONTINUED ON TRIAL.	MEMBERS.
FIRST YEAR.	William H. Cundy. Clarence S. Grauser. A. E Huntington. Robert O. Matthews.	William F. Clark. George H. Pettingell.	
SECOND YEAR.		*Alfred Taylor.* James M. Bennett. Edgar S. Jackson.	
THIRD YEAR.	*Charles H. Clerke.*		*Benjamin H. Lewis.* *Charles J. Moore.* *Bert E. Smith* *Clark L. Gowdy.* *P. L. Van Wicklen.*
FOURTH YEAR.		*Norman O. Sweat.* *Herbert R. Whiting.*	*Jesse L. Corley.* *William T. Gilliland.* *Jacob J. Hawk.* *Fred J. Reinbarth.*

V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS WASGATT CLARK, Presiding Elder.

IT is a sure mark of the ethical evolution of the Church that no one communion now derives satisfaction from the defeat of another, even though that other be regarded an heretical branch. Incidentally this is a demonstration of the substantial oneness of all organizations which recognize and seek to promote a spiritual life in man. When one such suffers all suffer. It is with deep regret, therefore, that I refer to the serious retarding of one of the venerable religious communions of Cincinnati. This is evidenced in the closing of its eleemosynary institutions and the proposed abandoning of several of its down-town Churches. There is no invidious spirit in the comparison when I affirm that the Methodist Episcopal communion in Cincinnati has not closed any of its Churches or eleemosynary institutions, but, on the contrary, has added to them, and not in a term of years have those previously existing given such signs of vigorous life. It may well be asked, "What is the reason?" It is not that we are numerically stronger or have greater age or social prestige. My conviction is that it arises chiefly from our happy Church polity. We are connectional. Our ministers and laymen see beyond the four walls of their local society, nor are these the boundaries of their sympathies and benefactions. As in a living organism, when one part is wounded the whole system rushes its supplies thither. So in our virile polity, struggle lends itself to weakness and the average is maintained.

Having affirmed a good condition of the Church in Cincinnati, it remains for me to prove it. Statistics for a single year are not sufficient. For obvious reasons I take, as nearly as the statistics now in hand will allow, the term of six years just closing. In 1900 the total of pastoral support was $46,000; in 1906, $57,000; advance, $11,000, almost $2,000 per annum for the term. Increase in the valuation of property, $115,000. Total for missions, 1900, $6,000; 1905, $9,000. Amount of mortgages and other indebtedness liquidated, $39,000. New churches erected, four; probable values, $40,000. Building and improving Church property, 1900, $11,000; 1905, $24,000. Other collections, 1900, $5,000; 1905, $37,000. Net increase of membership, 1906 over 1905, 1,194. Conversions reported, 1906, 1664; accessions in membership, 1260. (A larger number than reported in any other district in Ohio.) Such a showing is enough to extort an hallelujah from the lips of a pessimist. It argues splendid ministerial

fidelity and loyal co-operation of laity—but to return to my first contention, fidelity and co-operation made possible by a pre-eminently effective Church polity to which every one of us should pledge renewed loyalty.

The flexibility and strength of our ecclesiastical government has further shown itself in that unique feature commonly called the "Westwood Plan," from the place where it originated. It has just completed the third year of its increasingly successful operation. The working principle is the association of a group of comparatively weak Churches with one strong Church, with a view to pooling of issues; the pastors to maintain a colleague relation, Quarterly Conferences to be held in concurrent session, etc., and what the Discipline aptly calls the cultivation of a friendly intimacy to be maintained by semi-annual assemblies of all communicants and friends of all the Churches so affiliated. The plan continues at Westwood, Avondale, and Price Hill.

Up to the date of the last Annual Conference the plan had operated only in rural and suburban localities, but at that time, under happy auspices, it invaded the city, and under it the Central City Charge was organized, consisting of five down-town Churches. Thirteen of the ministers of the District are now operating under the Westwood plan. The total membership of the respective charges is 2,282; Sunday-school enrollment, 2,164; property valuation, $229,000. The same is in repair and unincumbered.

"The Sustentation Fund" is another thrifty branch from our connectional stock, and laden with good fruit for our pastors. Impressed with the necessity of increasing the support of the pastors of the Central City Charge, an appeal was made to the Methodists at large and a generous response secured. Mr. R. P. Gillham acted as treasurer, and the result will appear in the statistical table.

The erection of new houses of worship is a token of substantial prosperity. The Church at Pleasant Ridge, that superbly located suburb, the Clifton of the future, has bought a new lot recognized as an ideal site. The site of Asbury Church has been condemned for municipal purposes. The price which the city will pay is not yet determined, but all things considered, it should not be less than $25,000. Asbury is practically the only English-speaking Protestant Church in the whole northeast part of down-town Cincinnati. Abandoning such a field—who can brook the idea? New evidence of the connectional interest is found in the fact that four laymen from other Churches, men of conspicuous ability in the business world, have consented to act as trustees in this emergency. Grace Church, Norwood, has done a unique thing. It has purchased two acres in the very heart of that most rapidly growing suburb as the site of the proposed new church. This large area it is proposed to keep forever after the New England style of a village green—purchase price, $6,000, on which $3,000 has been paid.

A pipe organ is not merely an incalculable aid to public worship, giving it an elevation and dignity otherwise unattainable, but it is also a superb article of ecclesiastical furniture and a noble and significant emblem of praise. I therefore record with peculiar pleasure that two of the Churches have secured pipe organs—Delhi and First Church, North side—and that Hartwell has $1,000 in bank for the same purpose.

The following personal notation should be made. Edward McHugh has heard from his Master's lips those words, "Well done, good and faithful. Enter!" Blessed words already heard by one hundred and ninety-five members of this body.

St. Paul Church has again placed this body under obligation by securing the transfer of the Rev. Walter D. Cole, the peer of his distinguished predecessors. Mt. Auburn Church, on the removal of the Rev. James Allen Geissinger to Oxford, with a view of not further disar-

ranging pastorates already well under way, requested the transfer of the Rev. H. O. Enwall, a probationer of the New England Conference, and the transfer was made by Bishop Cranston. The assignment has proved so satisfactory that a reappointment is unanimously requested. The Rev. C. Harold Clerke has been employed as a supply at Addyston, and comes seeking admission, which should be cordially granted. I make no further personal allusions, as I have never felt it to be my function to record domestic events, be they grave or gay. A minister's home is his castle, even if it is a parsonage.

An event has transpired during the year which touches the monetary interests of every member of this body. I refer to the enactment of the two-cent-a-mile law, which has cut out the clergy certificate. Our loss is our gain—abolition of the certificate puts the minister square with the world. He can look both the laborer and the capitalist in the eye. Some one always had to pay what was remitted to us. It was paid by stockholders in diminished dividends or by normal travelers in increased fares, or by employees in reduced wages. It was never equitable. It reacted upon the preacher himself. It was an excuse for low salary. If a man of any calling can buy at an exceptionally cheap rate the tendency is to pay him a correspondingly low wage. The abolition of the clergy rate therefore supports the plea, now making stronger than ever, for increased ministerial support. Under these circumstances, it is exceedingly gratifying that instead of adding eleven men to our ministerial corps at a salary of $1,000 each, we have added the combined salaries of eleven to those already in service, thus enabling men to pay debts incurred in education, provide themselves with the tools of their craft, books and periodicals, to give school facilities to young people, and to in some degree lighten the burdens of the mistress of the manse. I sincerely hope that this eldership will continue to stand for increased ministerial support.

The young life of the Church in the Cincinnati District is efficiently organized in the District Epworth League. The League has shared in the monetary house-cleaning which has been effected in every department of the Church, and an annoying debt for current expenses incurred sometime ago, has been liquidated. In the department of world evangelism study classes have increased from eight to sixteen in the year, and a handsome sum raised toward the salary of Dr. West, President of the India College. The Mercy and Help Department has provided outings for several hundred children of the slums, besides feasts for those at the Deaconess Home and Union Bethel, and the distribution of clothing and supplies.

The Department of Spiritual Work sought in every way possible to enrich the spiritual life of the members of the local Chapters. A number were enrolled as Comrades of the Morning Watch; attention was given to the problem of the devotional meeting, and co-operation in evangelistic services was encouraged. A number of conversions were recorded during the year.

The Junior Epworth League in its work accomplished very much in the extension of the Kingdom. Scarcely a Chapter which has an organized Junior League but reported conversions. This fruitful field, during the coming year, will be cultivated even more carefully than in the past, in the hope that even larger numbers will be brought to the Master.

INSTITUTES.—The assemblies of the Methodists and their friends in Cincinnati should have mention:

1. Great Missionary Rally at St. Paul Church in honor of Professor Gamewell, hero of the siege of Peking.
2. Bible Institute at Trinity conducted by Dr. J. E. Gilbert.
3. Observance of Passion week by the District Epworth League.

4. Reception to the Bishops at St. Paul Church, Col. Wm. B. Melish presiding. Pronounced the greatest Methodist social event in the history of Cincinnati.

5. Open-Door Emergency Missionary Convention at Wesley Church, General B. R. Cowen presiding.

6. School of Methods for Epworth League Workers.

7. The Southern Ohio Missionary Institute, under auspices of Epworth League.

8. Old-fashioned Methodist Love-feast at Christie Church; 500 admitted by tickets.

9. The great Convocations held in Music Hall.

(1) Under the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Commission, at which $26,000 was subscribed for liquidation of debts.

(2) Jubilee over liquidation of debts, with address by Bishop Moore.

(3) Greatest of all, when 6,000 met to greet Bishop Spellmeyer when he took up his official residence in Cincinnati.

The new incumbent of this eldership will find some efficient special organizations in tact and waiting his leadership:

(1) The Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Commission, the Presiding Elder, president; J. B. Young, secretary; J. N. Gamble, J. R. Clark, C. A. Ault, W. C. Herron, L. A. Burrell.

(2) The Sustentation Fund, the Presiding Elder, president; R. P. Gillham, treasurer.

(3) Commission on General Conference in Cincinnati, 1908, Bishop Spellmeyer, president; W. B. Melish, W. C. Herron, Dr. H. C. Jennings, O. P. McCarty, the Presiding Elder *ex officio*.

While I entertain a strong fraternal regard for every member of the Cincinnati Conference, yet by reason of those intimate relations which maintain between presiding elder and the ministers of his district, I find myself peculiarly attached to the present and former members of my district, and especially to those young ministers whom it has been my privilege to introduce to this body. May I call the roll of the latter: Barber, Boicourt, Clerke, Chenoweth, Corley, Enwall, Hammaker, Hartman, McGee, Serl, Thomas, Whiting. These will be still preaching the ever-blessed Gospel when my tongue is silent. The ties by which I find myself attached to my brethren are as soft as silk, but as strong as steel. If they believe in me I need no material reminder of their faith. Their unexpressed confidence is an apple of gold in a picture of silver.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, Presiding Elder.

THE eighth day of last December marked the coronation of one of our number, Charles Hartley. He returned from his evangelistic field stricken with death. While the shouts still re-echoed, and with appeals to the impenitent even in his delirium leaping livid from his fevered lips, he died. Unsullied and beautiful in his fiery zeal to save men he left us, with no stain upon his life, no apology in his heart. His body sleeps under the Delaware turf, but his spirit lives in a thousand homes. Early in the fall we were startled by the sad accident in the family of A. B. Austin, in the all but fatal burning of little Louise. It required but the shriek of pain and the whole Conference stood mute while sympathy plead for the life of the child. Through weeks of the most intense suffering she lay helpless. But tender hands, a skillful physician, and a kind Providence gradually lifted her back to life. Last Friday night the sweet

babe in the home of D. G. Latshaw was suddenly stricken in death. Tenderly we laid it to rest, wreathed in flowers, in beautiful "Woodland," in Dayton. How plaintive, how sacred, how eloquent the voice of childhood when it comes from the bosom of God. Temporary sickness has come into several homes. Yet God has been gracious, and we record our deep gratitude to Him for His unbounded favor.

The personnel of our District has changed since our last session in seven instances. Geo. Hammel, who was appointed to Bethany, did not "tarry there." The mount of ascension and of declension are evidently both close to Bethany. He requested to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Church. In choosing one for his place, "the lot fell upon" W. W. Tranter, a sometime member of the Rock River Conference. In six weeks' time the old Marylanders almost thought he had come with them from the East. A. K. Stabler, who was appointed to Broadway, Dayton, though a member of this Conference, was changed to Globe, Arizona. In his place John Lloyd was stationed, who was at one time a minister in the Baptist Church, then in the Congregational, and last October was recognized by the Minnesota Conference and transferred to the Cincinnati. In November, C. M. Van Pelt, whose pulpit power in Oxford stood unimpeached, felt led to go to Oregon in the work of the Anti-Saloon League, expecting to permanently remain there. After a strenuous campaign, though one of victory for a State law for temperance, he returns to resume work among us. In his place J. A. Geissinger, whose wife's health demanded a change from the city surroundings, was called to the leadership of Oxford Methodism. In June, Wilbur Thirkield, one of the secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was elected to the presidency of Howard University at Washington. We predict abundant success in his new field.

Our Conference session should be a Conference, not simply a clearing-house. We should confer, and a district report should not only record facts, but outline a campaign. In classifying this report we waive aside minute statistics, to, if possible, analyze measures and men. We would group the facts in answer to seven questions:

I. Are we saving men? 2. Are our methods for drilling the recruits and reaching men effective? 3. Is connectional Methodism in the local field, properly emphasized? 4. Are our churches being remodeled and rebuilt? 5. Are we in touch with the reforms of the day? 6. Are we properly emphasizing Christian education? 7. Is the Church awake to the missionary crisis of the century?

Are we saving men? For me the faith of my childhood has never departed that the chief business of a Methodist preacher is to save souls. There are two methods that must meet at the altar of power. One is the confidential approach of personal address, unweighted with the public fashions of faith. The other is the fervor of public appeal, its might the massed sympathy of believers, its power the authority to preach. The first is the method called "hand picking," the other the protracted-meeting. Let us look at our special services first.

At Franklin, Creighton Wones witnessed, by the help of God, the greatest awakening Franklin has known in a generation. Miss Daisy Nichols, persuasive and strong in revival work, was used by the Spirit, while the pastor prayed his way into power. The debt had been paid, the "tithes in," and God gave the victory. Thirty united on probation. Seventy claimed to be converted or reclaimed, and over one hundred to be specially blessed. In Trinity, Dayton, O. M. Sellers, whose ministry has been a revival one from the day he entered the Conference, was aided by Miss Anna Cartwright. Forty united on probation, and seventy-five claimed to be converted or reclaimed. At West Carrollton, John Gaddis, who in modest strength always brings things to pass, followed the dedi-

cation with special services. Fifty claimed conversion. At Bethany, fifty-two united on probation, sixty-two claimed to be converted or reclaimed. At Raper, thirty; at St. Paul, Dayton, thirty-two. At Lindenwald, thirty-two were led to the altar, and forty received by letter. Many meetings in the District proved most gracious seasons.

With the emphasis upon the personal labor other Churches report successful work. At Hamilton the very spirit of the Church, made tender through sympathy, presents possibly the most continuous and marked ingathering. Thirty-six have united on probation, and fifty claimed conversion. At Miamisburg, Sheridan Bell personally conducted a "Children's Church," with stereopticon and other varied exercises, on Sunday afternoons. Eighty children were enrolled, forty-six of whom came forward, one by one, in the presence of the rest, and signed the probationer's roll. Personal work is the vital accessory of public appeal. The only caution we raise is against depending alone upon it. The revival is an absolute demand of human nature. When the tocsin of this earthly war sounds the soldiers always mass for the battle. Concert decision is the command of God. This is a day of phrases, "hand-picking," as though things could be picked in any other way; "aggressive evangelism," as though true evangelism could be anything but aggressive; "make for reality," as though any true success could make for anything else; "up to date," as though true success could be behind time. Evangelism, whether aggressive, progressive, digressive, aggregated, or individual, is the prime need of the hour. It is the supreme test of the ministry, and is the one, livid, fervid, deathless passion that confirms the call to preach. In summing up, it is but just to say that our preachers have not only preached with propriety, but with power, and 700 souls have professed to be saved.

Methodism has mantled herself with the cloud, grasped the lightning for her sure blade, and gone forth to challenge the world. Our plans have been wrought out in the very throes of the tempest. We are at home in the storm. Zeal framed our methods, and zeal must forever reveal them. Our motto has been "It is a good thing to be zealously affected." Our fear is not that of the battle, but of the more irksome task of reconstruction. The danger is Methodism at rest, will not be Methodized. Let us review our plans.

The Sunday-school is our greatest supplementing force. In the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Congregational Churches they have respectively, 141, 94, and 46 special Sunday-school field workers, while we have three. Is there not need of an increased force? In our Dayton District we have in plan a campaign of one day conventions, lasting ten days, in company with Dr. George Roads, in October. There are a few of our schools where the graded system is being introduced, one or two where the roll call is marked in percentage, several where the cradle roll is employed, and an equally large number where the Home Department succeeds. At Oxford, under J. A. Geissinger, an "extension" plan is being inaugurated by establishing schools in the surrounding school-houses, and the experiment is being tried of a new plan for the lesson series. We would hail a revised lesson selection, would emphasize the Bible in the hand of every scholar, would make provision for training teachers, and make catechetical training a part of the regular work.

The next agency is the Epworth League. Our "Chapter," "Group," "District," and "State" rallies have all been well planned, manned, and sustained. Yet the League, through changing youth, is a flash-light, not a steady brilliance. The study class, not the merry-go-round; the spiritual life, not the street fair; world evangelism, not shooting-the-shoot, must hold our young people. We can never save the world by amusing it; so that our League opportunity lies in the more serious side of life.

About one-half our Leagues have regular Bible or mission study classes. Is there not a logical reason why the Bible study should be more closely co-ordinated with the Sunday-school lesson? Each would then be essential to the other, while it is always difficult to maintain two lines without employing different people. In several places, as at Centerville and Bellbrook, where 100 of the young people are studying the "Life of Christ;" at Lewisburg, where Geo. Keen is giving special care to the study of Junior methods; at Germantown, where J. J. Hawk has been unusually successful with the children's class; or at Oxford, where garden training is coupled with the other instruction, as well as in other places the problem is at least being studied. The full solution is yet ahead.

Next would come the Ladies' Aid Society, which is the one society that runs whether anything else does or not. The ladies "pound" the preacher, pay the debt, conduct the socials, frescoe the church, raise benevolence, round up the delinquents, form two-thirds the prayer-meeting band, and then at the Quarterly Conference quit-claim their right to rule. We have all varieties, even to one society, that gives a supper and offers a prize to every member who marries.

Church. We need almost, like Henry George on the bill-boards, to put

The more serious problem is how to influence men toward the up a motto, "I am for men." We can and ought to reach men. If Methodist can't, what can! The Presbyterians are making this problem one of their chief ones. Possibly we will need to do the same. At Lindenwald a "Charles Wesley Brotherhood," at Raper, Dayton, a "Young Men's Guild;" at Bethany, "A Young Men's Association," even planning to cultivate certain fields on the tithing system for the Church, will suggest what can be done. A Sunday afternoon meeting for men was started in West Carrollton, fostered by R. W. Burns and his splendid fellow-workers, and now includes Germantown, Miamisburg, and Franklin. The remarkable feature is that when given its own trend, and led by laymen, it drifted toward a happy, old-time class-meeting plan, and everybody said "Amen" to it. W. E. Hammaker, aided by W. H. Todhunter, Garret Martin, and others, in Middletown, instituted an annual men's banquet, limited to the friends of the Church. Last fall 192 sat down together, while some were excluded for lack of room. The Sunday audiences are now averaging 40 per cent men.

We are conservative and slow to take up new methods. Four of our Churches, Miamisburg, Lindenwald, Oxford, and West Elkton, with the last named the pioneer, have adopted the individual communion cup. We commend it. One Church, St. Paul, Dayton, supports a deaconess, while we should have a dozen deaconesses, or assistant pastors, in the field. The preacher should be a general, his officials under-officers, his members co-workers. Our back-slidden members will grind between their teeth the rusted, crumbling edges of their swords in the judgment day, and ask us why we did not put them to battle. Methodism is sometimes charged with having too much machinery. We do not believe it. It is not too much machinery, but too few local wheels and belts connected up that now whirl in disconnected heads. We need to double track, and encourage through travel. We need to send lightning through car wheels, and not shuttle it back and forth on upper wires. A modern city Church should be organized to the last, if not to the teeth, for the strenuous demands of this tremendous age. It would be a splendid thing if we could have an adjourned session of this Conference sometime in the fall, for the simple study of methods.

Under this caption of training we desire to commend the tithing system, notably at Seven Mile, Darrtown, and St. Paul, Dayton. At Seven Mile one man said to me "I will have to give this year nine times what I gave last." A tithing covenant, supplementing the usual line, has been

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adopted by St. Paul, Dayton, much on the Wesley Chapel plan. By action of the official body, every member must pay at least one cent a week. If any are too poor to pay fifty-two cents in the year, and will so declare, the amount needed to make up the deficit will be taken from a contingent fund and credited. Notice given the delinquent at three separate intervals will make reasonable the after-steps. In the end, if incorrigible, the mendicant malcontents will be relieved of their grievance, viz., their Church membership. Many complaints against the ministry are like the milk-sickness, in the next township, when sought. We believe a wisely enforced discipline would cure many plague-spots in local discontent.

With propriety, under this head, we would mention Miami Valley Chautauqua. The old-time camp-meeting now has hard sledding. The drift is toward the Chautauqua. Three thousand people for seventeen days tented on the ground, and traction cars were over-taxed, giving the preachers within a radius of ten miles a vacation by eliminating the audiences. Yet a more quiet Sunday we have not seen upon a camp ground. Sam Jones was there, of course, and so were the people to receive the Gospel, not *a la carte*, but in modern American fashion. But when on the last day Mr. Torrey climaxed the program with an appeal to the lost, he stood, not a lecturer to men, but a messenger from God, and the camp-meeting thought had triumphed in the end.

III. Is connectional Methodism in the local field properly emphasized? In Dayton, last November, we organized the Dayton Methodist Union, electing E. C. Horley, president, and an efficient corps of officers. To launch the enterprise a banquet was given at Grace Church, at whicih 400 sat down together, with every Dayton Church well represented. The Union hereby makes its report to this body, desiring recognition by the Conference under paragraph 378 of the Discipline. In the line of the white man's burden we report a mutual sharing of the financial loads of the weaker Churches of the city. Riverdale, under the leadership of E. W. Serl, is organized for the debt campaign. Grace, with its splendid equipment, its prestige, its power has generously assumed $1,500 of the Riverdale debt, on condition the full amount is paid. All the rest will aid, even Raper, which has this year paid $4,000 on the Raper debt, and will yet, under the leadership of V. F. Brown, pay the $19,000 remaining. Riverdale herself will arise in her might, more determined through mutual sympathy, and slay the $5,000 octopus of debt. We expect to bring the account of the funeral to the next Conference. In Dayton View we have a saloon and brewery nesting a brood of vipers along the river bank, but no Church of any kind in that most promising residence part of Dayton. Through the offer of a layman of another Church, two lots are at our disposal for a new church.

We are deeply concerned with this city problem, and how to blot out the plague spots in our congested slum sections where the shrieks of demons seem to preside over the birth throbs of every unfortunate child. We are equally concerned with the problem how to save our country Churches. It is a vital question, how can worthy men, capable of shaping the destinies of the youth, live and labor where gaunt need rattles its skeleton and stares through the window when the question is up, what books can we buy and how can we send the children to college. I know in these country Churches conscience in giving is lacking, and generosity often is unborn. Yet, isolated in the study of their own problem, and lacking the stimulus of the city rush, many of these Churches are dying, while our "circuit men" constitute the heroic band of the Conference. In the Central Christian Advocate of August 1st, there was an article, "What shall the preacher get next year," which ought to be read in every congregation in the Conference. The living was cut to the minimum,

four dollars a week allowed for the table; ninety dollars for the year for clothing for the entire family; twenty-five dollars for books; forty dollars for the wear and tear and feed of a horse; fourteen dollars for shoes; ten dollars for hats, and a liberal estimate put down as the donation of the preacher to his own fund from the over-worked hennery and hoe handle. The aggregate is $702 for the year, not including the rent. Yet there are seventy-seven charges in the Conference that pay $700 or less, beside the house, and thirty-one of these that pay less than $600. The Government everywhere takes equally good care of her soldiers. The Church cares equally well for the foreign missionaries. Why should we not try to do the same in the home field? The Wesleyans have a community of living, as well as labor in their circuit plan. Is it not time that we should either pool our salaries, create a sustentation fund, or plan for an endowment to not only aid our superannuates, but to keep effective men where ineffective salaries are paid?

IV. What of our improvements and new buildings? Six Churches have made extensive repairs. Camden, this year made a station, under S. B. Timmons beautified and reopened the church, as did Lytle, on the Springboro Work, under Dudley Matthews, at a cost of $750. April 29th there were two reopenings on contiguous circuits. Princeton, on the Port Union Work, under Gilbert Austin, raised the $791 before the reopening day, and Sharon on the West Chester Work, was reopened at a cost of $1,400. This is the fourth time in three years that Clark Gowdy has thrown a remodeled church building into relief upon the background of his general success. The Eaton Church, last February, was reopened at a cost of $4,200. The new windows are yet to be put in at an additional cost of $800, and the entire amount secured. All honor to Eaton and its pastor, W. A. Wiant, who stands pre-eminent as a success in every line of the Church's labor. At Hamilton, $7,000 are being put upon the church and parsonage. Gordon is just completing a new parsonage at a cost of $1,800. Two new churches have been built, at Fort Jefferson and West Carrollton. The first accomplished by D. S. Ferguson, soon to be dedicated, is a brick veneer, costing $5,500, and is one of the complete and attractive country churches of the District. The church at West Carrollton, romanesque in its architecture, is complete, commodious, compact, and beautiful. New Church days were observed every three months, anticipating the time of building, which proved storage batteries of salvation as well as debt-paying. The dedication over, the debt paid, the people triumphant, the pastor confident, God with them, and fifty souls professed conversion in the weeks that followed. Extensive repairs have been made at Centerville, Fair Haven, Middletown, West Elkton, and at Broadway, Grace, Raper, and St. Paul, Dayton. The total outlay for the year is $43,000. Four new churches are in prospect. Okeana, on the Venice Work; New Paris, West Milton, and New Lebanon. At the last place and at Homestead, Clarence Grauser has labored, attended school, lived on $375, proved himself a hero, and applies to this Conference for admission on trial.

V. What are doing in the reforms of the day? Under the amended Brannock and Beall laws we have not secured as many victories as last year. There have been annoying violations of the law by the liquor people of Brookville, West Alexandria, and Germantown. The Anti-Saloon forces have come to the rescue, and speak-easies have almost disappeared in these places. In Dayton the misfortune of wet petitions, with alleged dry intent, rushed into the canvass, complicated justice, and forfeited the field to the saloon power. Our ministers were active in the fight, especially J. J. Hawk, E. W. Serl, and Norman Sweat. The Dayton District had some part in the victory of Governor Pattison's election, and now shares the hope that our noble fellow-townsman of Eaton, Governor Har-

ris, will maintain the standard his friends anticipate, and carry to completion the public purpose of his dead chief. The knell sounds in some new field each brief while. Ohio will yet be free. May heaven hasten the day!

VI. Our educational interests. At the Quarterly Conference the question is asked, Has the educational sermon been preached? Possibly at no place in the Conference has the spirit of this provision been carried out better than at Miamisburg in university days with sermons or addresses by university men. Within our Dayton District there are four higher institutions of learning. The Western Seminary and the Oxford College for Women are very worthy. The Miami Military Institute at Germantown is a splendid solution of the boy problem. The National Government has supplied the school with a complete equipment of ordnance and ordnance stores, and has detailed General Runkle, of the U. S. Army to be Professor of Military Science and Tactics. This recognition has never before been given to a school of this size, and is done in approval of the methods chosen for the careful individual instruction of the cadets. With twenty years of history back of it, the new sanction of the Government to recommend it, the son of an itinerant to head it, we say all hail to Colonel O. G. Brown in his splendid work in the field of education. The O. W. U. is our Mecca, yet the mistaken policy of surrendering our academies and seminaries, which should be tributaries, has helped to divert college sentiment to other than Methodist schools. We have concentrated, but not compassed our problem. The State school is here, and that to stay. We rejoice that a Methodist preacher is the man of the hour in old Miami University—Guy Potter Benton. Not since the shock of the war retarded classic Oxford, has there been such success as now. Along with the president is that splendid Methodist layman, H. C. Minnich, at the head of the new Normal Department. Six hundred and twenty-five teachers, mostly Church helpers, spent the summer in Oxford. Beside the Christian work in the school through the Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, and chapel services, five of the "Miami" professors teach in our Methodist Sunday-school, and a number of the others belong also to the Methodist Church. By the generous aid of the University the pastor of the Oxford Church will, in due time, present to this Conference a most cordial invitation to hold its coming session there.

VII. A word touching our benevolent problem. When the awful calamity palled the West and San Francisco sent out the cry for help our Churches responded with $1,200, $600 of it from Dayton. Yet how inadequate the sympathy that is only a seismic rebound and dies in the birth agonies. All our regular collections have received attention. They have advanced, yet not in proportion to the missionary upon which they depend for their rating. We can not give the final sum of the missionary offerings, yet we are confident we are much ahead of last year. One charge deserves special mention, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley. Last year W. T. Gilliland, the pastor, secured $525; this year, through the regular Church offerings, he reports $767. One of our number, J. G. Vaughan, has labored during the year for the India Jubilee Fund, and has brought $30,000 into the treasury. The missionary thought is the secret of the activity of the Christian world in this century crisis. Denied, it blights; encouraged, it blesses every related interest of the Church. Dipped in sunlight be my pen when the word is written of Christian missions. We would every Church would rally, every member help, that the pleading tongues of the world's need might find response in Methodism, and we do our part in readiness for that day when suns have blazed out and men shall meet at the judgment throne of God.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, Presiding Elder.

THE report of a Presiding Elder's District ought to give the Conference some definite idea of the work being done on the District, but it frequently turns out to be more of a discussion of matters and things than a report of work actually done.

Within six weeks after Conference closed last fall we had visited all the charges on the District and held all the first Quarterly Conferences. In order to accomplish this we were compelled to hold a Quarterly Conference every day in the week except Sunday. The people responded very well for such a busy season, and in this short time every charge in the District had entered heartily upon the work of the year.

The plan is a good one, but the people are used to the old-time method and they prefer a Saturday and Sunday quarterly-meeting, even if they only get a glimpse of the presiding elder. With the increasing number of charges on our districts we are persuaded that we need some new plan for holding quarterly-meetings. Who will evolve the new plan?

THE GRIM REAPER.—Only one of our parsonages has been visited by death this year. On the 4th of July, H. W. Brown, who was supplying our work at South Lebanon, passed to his reward. He was a good man and died in the prime of his life. Charles E. Lyon, a young man licensed this year by the Belfast Quarterly Conference, and having the itinerancy in view, has supplied the work since the death of Brother Brown.

Three of the widows of our superannuated preachers living within the bounds of our District have died during the year: Mrs. W. N. Maxey, Mrs. David Whitmer, and Mrs. D. Callahan.

THE CHARGES.—Perhaps the charges were never better manned and more faithfully served than during the year just closed. Special meetings for the promotion of the kingdom of heaven were held by all the pastors, resulting in the quickening of the Churches and the conversion of the unsaved. It was our privilege to spend a few days during these special services with nearly all of the pastors, greatly to our own enjoyment and spiritual profit. Here is a great field for the presiding elder, and we wish it were possible to give more time to its cultivation. The work done on many of the charges is worthy of special mention, but to do this would be to seemingly discriminate against other pastors who worked just as hard, probably, as the more highly favored ones, but who, for reasons that we may not be able to give, did not have such large ingatherings. A pastor who does all the work that is to be done on a given charge will be the busiest man in the community where he lives, and while he may not always be able to tabulate the results of his labors, he may rest assured that the Lord of the harvest will see that his reward is sure.

DISTRICT CAMP-MEETING.—Our District camp meeting, held this year within the bounds of the Belfast Charge, was a great spiritual uplift to all who were in attendance. A number of the pastors of the District, as well as some of the adjoining districts, were present during the entire week. Dr. John Pearson, a former presiding elder on the District, preached on Sunday morning, while a large and attentive audience in the afternoon listened with great delight to a sermon by Bishop John M. Walden.

The doctrines of our Methodism were clearly set forth both by precept and example, to attentive audiences. Where this is faithfully done our people will not run off after every camp-meeting faddist that comes along. We have the doctrine and we have the experience. Let us preach them with such fervency that our people will have no occasion to warm at strange fires.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Improvements on church and parsonage property were made on the following charges: Blanchester, $200.00; Bowersville, $227.00; Highland, $340.00; Jamestown, $233.00; Leesburg, $400.00; Lynchburg, $260.00; Maineville, $33.00; Martinsville, $1,000.00; Morrow, $100.00; New Burlington, $800.00; New Vienna, $150.00; Rainsboro, $200.00; Sabina, $300.00; South Lebanon, $200.00; Spring Valley, $20.00; Waynesville, $400.00; First Church, Xenia, $100.00; Trinity, Xenia, $1,000.00.

SPECIAL MENTION.—Soon after reaching Jamestown last fall, Pastor C. L. Conger, while examining the Church records, discovered that the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of our Church in that community would occur during the Conference year. He immediately took steps looking to the celebration of this historic event. A fine pro-

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gram was prepared, and during the month of June a grateful people with rejoicing celebrated this event. In connection with this we desire to say that John G. Clemans, who has been a steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than sixty years, made a bequest of $1,000.00 to the Home for the Aged.

Zoar Church, on the New Burlington Charge, is undergoing repairs to the amount of about $800.00 that will make the house a comparatively new building. Pastor O. D. Becker reports that it will be ready for re-opening soon after Conference.

Pastor T. M. Scarff, of the Sugar Tree Ridge Charge, sold the parsonage builded last year, and is now, with his own hands, building a new one. He is so busy with this work that he finds it impossible to attend this session of the Conference. He has been supplying this work for the past three years, and the people are very anxious for his return for the coming year.

Pastor J. R. Hill, of the Highland Charge, reports the new parsonage at that place clear of debt.

Jas. Worthington gave since last Conferenec: U. S. Grant University, $10,000; Delaware University, $5,000; Christ Hospital, $5,000; and has placed in trust to be paid over to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $1,000; to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, $1,000; Parent Board, $2,000; for East Monroe Church, $1,000.

SPECIAL MENTION.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kibby, of Morrow, has made the following bequests: Missionary Society, $2,000.00; Christ's Hospital, $2,000.00; for Superannuated Ministers, $1,000.00; to the Church at Morrow, $1,000.00; to the Church at Zoar, $500.00.

ANTI-SALOON.—*The Saloon Must Go.*—The war against the saloon has been pushed with such vigor throughout the District that there are now only three or four places in our entire territory where liquor is openly sold. After two years of no saloon, the wets brought on the conflict by petition in Hillsboro, New Vienna, and Wilmington, and in each place they were gloriously defeated. Perhaps the greatest victory in the District was won at Lynchburg. At this place a distillery has been in operation for a half a century, employing a large number of men, and exerting an influence in favor of the open saloon. Our people knew that they had a hard battle before them. They thoroughly organized for the fight, and when the ballots were counted, despite the influence of the distillery and the six saloons, the fact was revealed that the temperance forces had won by the handsome majority of thirty-six votes, and Lynchburg, for the first time in a half-century is a dry town. We are greatly encouraged, and propose to carry on the warfare until every saloon is closed within the bounds of the District.

YOUNG PEOPLE.—The work of instructing and training our young people for membership in the Church and useful lives in the community has no superior. Our Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues are working at this porblem, and while much good is being done, all is not accomplished that we have a right to expect from these organizations. In many of our Churches the enrollment in the Sunday-school is not equal to the Church membership. This reveals the fact that many of our members are in no way identified with the Sunday-school and manifest no interest in it whatever. Can any one be faithful to Church vows and true to the rising generation who neglects the Sunday-school? We think not, but how shall we interest these neglecters? Many of our Sunday-schools are conducted very much like they were forty years ago. New methods and ideas are given no consideration, and the schoool lives at a poor dying rate. Is it not possible to so organize and conserve the forces at hand that a new interest will be awakened in this all-important work? Every member of the Church should be identified in some way with the Sunday-school and working for its success. This would mean that every child in the community would be reached and brought into the Sunday-school.

Our Epworth Leagues, with two or three exceptions, are a disappointment to us. In some places they are officered and attended by the older people, while the young people are conspicuous by their absence. In other places the League service is made a substitute for the regular evening Church service, and at its close many of the members go home. We are persuaded that much of this is due to a lack of proper leadership. Is it not the business of the League to seek and develop the best leadership? Can this be done by indiscriminately appointing every member of the League in turn to lead the devotional meetings? Every member of the League is not endowed with leadership. It is both embarrassing and distressing for some people to think even about leading a meeting, and it is equally embarrassing to be led by them. Would it not be wise to seek out those who are gifted along this line and keep them at it? The dif-

fident and backward members may be enlisted in some other form of League work.

The organization is so broad that every member of the League will find a place for the cultivation of his peculiar talent, and it is a fortunate Epworth League whose officers seek out and set to work the varied talent of its membership.

We must not allow this organization to fall into decay. If it fails what will take its place? The Church needs skilled workers and where can they better be trained than in the Epworth League? O for a million of enthusiastic, consecrated, spirit-filled, and spirit-anointed young people to work in our Churches!

FINANCES.—The financial problem is one of the most vexing in our work, especially in the rural districts. We have been urging everywhere the adoption of the Disciplinary plan, and where it is faithfully worked it is succeeding admirably. But many of our charges seem to adhere very closely to the old idea of "Quarterly Collections," ignoring the fact that the Discipline makes no provision for quarterly collections. Why should the stewards be compelled to take two or three days of their valuable time before each quarterly-meeting to collect "quarterage?" Are not the members under as much obligation to bring it to them as they are to go after it? If each member were trained to systematic giving—weekly or monthly—the old quarterly collection system would give way to a new and beautiful system that would make the raising of finances a comparatively easy thing. A faithful trial upon the part of any charge in this Conference will so demonstrate the feasibility of the plan that the people will never want to return to the old way.

BENEVOLENCES.—The raising of the benevolent moneys is almost wholly in the hands of the pastors. Many of them do this work by private solicitation. This is a very laborious way of doing it, but it seems to be the only way to anything like success. It is a question whether this is the best method for the people. If the people give intelligently they must be instructed on all these causes, and to undertake this by any private means will require too much time, and people will simply be asked to give for a certain cause without the necessary information for intelligent giving.

We have reason to believe that our benevolent causes will be generally as well supported this year as last. Some charges will report a handsome increase; others will fall below, so that the average will be about the same as last year.

WOMAN'S WORK.—The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies each have organizations in the District. They are doing excellent work in most of our stations, but find it difficult to maintain their organizations on a working basis in the rural charges. We would be glad to see both societies thoroughly organized in every charge in the District.

The Ladies' Aid Societies are a great help wherever organized. They keep the church and parsonage property in repair, and are ready to assist financially wherever needed. There is scarcely a church or parsonage on the District that has not felt the touch of their hands this year.

NEW BUILDINGS.—At the Carmel appointment on the Sinking Springs Charge, a new and beautiful little frame church, costing about $2,100.00, was completed early in the Conference year, and on the last Sunday in November was dedicated free of debt by the Rev. John A. Easton, who preached the sermon and conducted the dedicatory exercises.

On Saturday, August 25th, the corner stone of a new building to be erected at Spring Valley, on old Union Circuit, was laid. The new structure will cost about $6,000.00. The pastor, W. M. Patton, hopes to have the basement ready for occupancy late in the fall, and expects to dedicate in the early spring.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.—The District Ministerial Association held two profitable meetings during the year. The fall meeting was held in November at Wilmington, with J. S. Pumphrey as host, while the spring meeting was held in May at Leesburg, with George S. Easton as host. Both meetings were well attended.

SUMMARY.—There are on the District eighty-one Churches, where eighty Sunday-schools, thirty-six Epworth Leagues, and twenty-nine Ladies' Aid Societies are maintained. There are about eight thousand Sunday-school scholars and two thousand Epworth Leaguers within the bounds of the District. Only five hundred and seven Western Christian Advocates are taken. This list ought to be more than doubled for the coming year.

There are six church buildings within the bounds of the District that are not identified with any circuit or station. Three of these Churches we have been able to supply with preaching services, while the other three, so far as we know, have not been opened the entire year for a religious service of any kind. This list is sure to increase in time for consolidation of weak charges is inevitable. This will leave a number of these vacant churches on our hands. What shall be done with them? We believe this Conference ought to order the sale of these churches and invest the proceeds where they will do some good.

OUR NEEDS.—First, we need better financial plans with more liberal giving. Our preachers do more hard work for less pay than any other class of men in the world. If our people would only take the Lord into partnership with them and pay Him ten per cent of the proceeds, the financial problem in all our charges would be solved. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Second, we need more thorough organization. An Official Board is needed in every Church. These Boards should meet regularly every month. Such meetings would mean much in every charge. In many of our charges the official members rarely meet except in the Quarterly Conference. Let every pastor plan his work and work his plan, and success is practically assured.

Third, we need more systematic revival work. Pastors should organize for victory and refuse to be satisfied until victory perches on Israel's banners. There is a human as well as a divine element in every revival, and when the human meets the conditions of the divine a revival is sure to follow. We can always have a revival if we are willing to pay the price. The price is an unconditional surrender and a complete consecration to the Lord. This will bring the necessary power for service, and when this comes, a revival is on hands. Jesus said: "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come (unto you), He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

Fourth, we need more consecrated living. We can never touch the heart of the world for good until we are Spirit-touched ourselves. Every Church on every charge should be a recruiting station for the kingdom of heaven. But this is not the case. There were two thousand two hundred and sixty-seven Methodist preachers who did not have a single convert during the year now closing. This is alarming and shows a vital defect somewhere. It seems to us that a Methodist preacher who does not have a single convert in a year needs to re-examine his call to the ministry, and needs to reconsecrate himself to his Lord. Where the fire

is kept burning in the soul it will manifest itself in the salvation of the people. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

CONCLUSION.—We conclude this report with an offering of thanksgiving unto the Lord for health and strength to be at every quarterly-meeting on the District during the year. Two had to be postponed, but we were on time for both of them had they been held at the appointed time.

We also record with gratitude that our spiritual father, Rev. S. W. Edmiston, lives within the bounds of the District, and it has been our pleasure to meet him at every quarterly-meeting held on the charge where he resides. We confidently expect to meet him in heaven when our work on earth is done.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder.

IN presenting this report, gratitude and duty demand that first of all I should give glory to God for preserving my life and strengthening me for my strenuous work.

At the calling of the roll at the opening of this session of the Conference, two more of my beloved comrades failed to answer when their names were called, the eloquent Edward McHugh and Dr. S. B. Smith, one of my honored predecessors on the Milford District, whose memory is precious, with whom I was associated in cabinet work more than twenty years ago. Their absence and silence emphasize the grace which permits me to still have a place with those who cultivate Immanuel's land. I have learned to "roll my way upon the Lord," and hence continue to realize that to "know God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent is eternal life." This life is in His Son who came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly.

This abundant life in Christ Jesus has strengthened me in body as well as soul and made my work an increasing luxury and joy. God, to my soul, is *"the fountain of living waters,"* and again, and again, during the year, He has surprised me with blessings unexpected and amazing. The pastors and the Churches have also comforted and upheld me by their prayerful sympathy and kind words of appreciation. *They have* ALSO been making a record *"which is on high,"* one well known to the angels and to God, but which can not be fully revealed within the limitations of this paper.

Without cities to directly cultivate, or from which to draw help, or in which to find golden doors of opportunity unfolding into great churches and to enchanting salaries, they find the cities to be to them a great source of continued discouragement, depleting their membership by removals, in the first place, and secondly by demoralizing their fields with Sunday excursions and Sunday newspapers, thus creating an appalling atmosphere of spiritual indifference and death. To simply "hold the fort" in many communities demands much consecration and devotion to Christ and His kingdom. To meet the financial demands and sustain the benevolent collection, means persistent, tireless effort, and noteworthy faith. To Jesus our Lord, not a few small reports from the heroic workers in these difficult fields will be as sweet as Mary's box of precious ointment. Sweeter indeed than reports that may inspire applause, because of their apparent greatness. The one report which brought to me, as pastor, the most applause upon the floor of the Conference, was made when I was

pastor of this beautiful St. Paul Church in Eaton. And yet the large sums I reported were made possible by the generous giving of that queenly woman, Mrs. Alexander Meharry, then a loyal member of this Church, and cost me no effort whatever. God forbid that we should "despise the day of small things," by holding in contempt the gifts which Jesus may value most of all!

The members of the "Loyal Legion" on the District are still "enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." Resting here, as Israel rested under the palm-trees at Elim, for a little season, they review another year of their itinerant journeyings.

The children in the Sunday-school and Junior League have been given better attention than in the past. The Epworth League has also made gains. A most inspiring convention was held at Newtown, Rev. W. P. Walter, pastor. It was generously entertained, the Chapter and people of Newtown uniting in caring for their guests in a most praiseworthy manner. Brother Geo. O. March, of Lebanon, for years the able and efficient District President, upon his own urgent request, was reluctantly released from the office he had filled so well, and Brother Charles Hommeyer, of Milford, was prevailed upon to take his place. The new president is thoroughly competent, under the Divine guidance and blessing, to lead this department of our army on to new victories.

As the Church is the one divinely appointed human agency for bringing men to God, her success first of all must be measured by the souls won for Christ and built up in Him; until they become permanently partakers of His divine nature.

A goodly number have professed their faith in the power of Jesus' blood to cleanse them from all sin. This is pressing toward the goal of Christ's supreme desire: "Who loved the Church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word; that He might present it unto Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

On nearly every charge souls have been converted and additions have been made to the Church. The reports from the pastors indicate an aggregate of 660 conversions. The most remarkable visitations of the Holy Spirit were realized on the following charges: Georgetown, Dr. T. H. Salt, pastor, rejoices over one hundred and six additions to the Church; New Richmond, Rev. W. J. Dunham, pastor, over one hundred conversions; Lebanon, Rev. W. A. Cooper, pastor, over ninety additions; Mt. Orab, Rev. H. O. Collins, pastor, over ninety-five accessions; Peebles, Rev. J. Verity, pastor, over sixty-seven additions; Chilo, Rev. A. E. Huntington, pastor, over fifty-three additions. Pastors Martin, Mitchell, Phillips, Ewry, Fulton, LeSourd, Culbertson, Washburn, Lewis Winkler, Shriver, Burdsall, Frenger, Hamilton, Bailey, Lewis, G. J. Newton, Bennett, O'Neill, J. M. Bailey report additions running from thirty-one to two in number. These are the firstfruits of the greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit for which we are longing, praying, and working on the Milford District. Our great need and our faith are constantly pleading for a general Pentecost.

It is marvelous how a genuine and all-pervading revival of God's work unifies, verifies, uplifts, and empowers the Church, and exalts, endears, and glorifies the relation of the pastor to his people. This is manifested in the desire for the return of all the brethren referred to above as having had in their charges a general quickening and refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

I especially note the two most marked instances: Rev. A. E. Huntington, supply, in his second year of successful revival work. The pre-

siding elder was pleasantly informed that if Brother Huntington was not returned, *he* need not come back next year. New Richmond, Rev. W. J. Dunham, pastor. Four gracious revivals in four years! At the third quarterly meeting the official brethren were ready with a paper already signed by them asking for the return of their pastor. A similar petition, signed by 125 other members of the Church, emphasized the action of the official body, and these united petitions only voiced the intense desire of the whole Church for the return of the pastor.

If the Lord will only pour out His Spirit abundantly and continually upon all our charges, and the next General Conference will give us a reasonable and greatly desired time limit, our dear old Methodist Episcopal ship will sail on gloriously, escaping on the one hand, the rock of destructive criticism, and on the other, the rock of enfeebled congregationalism. Hence, I hope all of our people will heartily follow our leaders in aggressive evangelism.

I have earnestly besought the pastors in my District to secure the largest possible enrollment in "the World-wide Prayer League of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The very mention of this ought to arouse every sluggish, lukewarm, backslidden Methodist upon this globe. To use a phrase of Granville Moody, it may be because of my "impercirity," but how any Methodist can be justified in failing to respond to this call of the Executive Committee in behalf of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, I am utterly unable to comprehend.

Whenever one million of our millions will pray, as this League points the way, the glorious Jerusalem Pentecost will be soon duplicated in every land.

The good work of paying debts and beautifying our sanctuaries has continued, until an uninviting and neglected house of worship is rarely seen. The pastors report the following sums expended in payment of debts and for improvements on churches and parsonages: Milford, $650; Batavia, $600; West Union, $500; Feesburg, $512; Moscow, $500; Lebanon, $400; Felicity, $370; Ripley, $328; Peebles, $325; Summerside, $245; Aberdeen, $250; New Richmond, $250; Georgetown, $221; Williamsburg Circuit, $296; Dunkersville, $225; Branch Hill, $220; Decatur, $215; Goshen, $200, Manchester, $210; Marathan, $175; Mason, $150; Amelia, $125; Mt. Orab, $100; Newtown, $85; Laurel, $50; Williamsburg, $95; Winchester-Seamons, $265. Total $7,544.

Special mention ought to be made of the persistent efforts of the pastor of Felicity, Rev. W. J. Baker, who by the consecration of his own time, labor, and money, made a greatly needed transformation in the parsonage property and the church building, not only a possible but an inspiring reality. His 1,900 pastoral visits and most laborious and faithful ministry for three years have made a lasting impression for good upon that charge. Brother Verity has also won another signal victory in a glorious revival at Locust Grove, on the Peebles Charge, and in transforming the church building in that place into an up-to-date, attractive building, and in securing the payment in full of this greatly needed and beautiful improvement.

The Milford Church, Rev. M. LeSourd, pastor, continues the work of improvement. It is just now building a greatly needed addition to the Sunday-school room, which will cost $2,000. This Church still follows an advancing banner, though sorely bereaved in the death of Governor Pattison. Feeling that however great was the loss of the State in his passing, to Milford and Milford Methodism it was a "calamity." Alas, dear vanished governor, when and where shall this commonwealth find another like thee?

Bethel, Rev. D. S. Ewry, pastor, is in the midst of rebuilding their

church at a cost of perhaps $4,000 or more. This greatly needed improvement will give them a church in harmony with the need of this thrifty and growing town. The full report of this great work in which the pastor has been the leading factor, must of necessity be delayed until completed.

Rev. J. M. Bennett, pastor at Dunkinsville, has persuaded the trustees at that place to buy a home for their pastor, and is also leading on in the needed removal of Union church and its reconstruction; all of which means, as is hoped, a better day for that charge.

A few charges have increased the salaries of their pastors. May their number be greatly multiplied.

THE BENEVOLENCES.—As to these I have been a little anxious because some of the pastors, while unable to give me the exact figures, report a loss, or a slight loss, or a loss on some and a gain on others. Some report the same amounts as last year. Ripley, Lebanon, Felicity, New Richmond, Chilo, Summerside, Mt. Washington report gains. Peebles 15 per cent gain on missions; Newtown an astonishing gain in missions; Manchester, $125 gain in all the collections; Moscow, 50 per cent gain on missions; Milford, $300 gain in the aggregate; Batavia, a gain of almost 100 per cent, attended by a long petition for the return of the pastor. In a few instances the collections were decreased because preceded by responses to the cry of suffering San Francisco. Georgetown has made gains in the usual collection, and Dr. Salt, the successful pastor, reports that Brother Frank Smith, after giving liberally to the collections, added the following special gifts: Church Extension, $25; Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, $25; Bible Society, $25; Missions, $700; thus aggregating for Georgetown this year $825 for missions, and for all the collections, $1,339.

As the eccentric Geo. W. Maley once said to a good man, "The Lord rain such men as you down in this county," so I feel like saying, "The Lord graciously send us a plentiful shower of men like this Georgetown specimen of the glorious Smith family."

Our superannuated brother, J. R. Hunter, has been quite ill, but we trust will soon recover.

Rev. G. M. Fulton, pastor of Goshen Church, has had an unusual ministry in at least three respects. The entire period of his ministerial life has been spent within the bounds of one District, the Milford. He has remained the limit of time at every charge, except the last, when his stay was five years. The above is quoted from the Western Christian Advocate, August 15, 1906. His successful work for three years at Goshen makes it easy to understand why his return is felt to be a necessity and why the Milford District has monopolized his ministry.

The District Ministerial-meeting was held in October, 1905, in Lebanon, and was hospitably cared for by Brother Cooper and his people. It was a profitable occasion. But little has been done as yet for the India Jubilee Fund, but we hope to do more in the beginning of the next year.

Our sisters in their different organizations have not grown weary, but are going forward with their glorious work on all lines. We mourn that we have not accomplished more, but rejoice in all that God has wrought in us, and by us, in building up his kingdom among men, with united thanksgiving to the triune God for the manifold blessings of the past. We turn toward the future with faith, hope, and love, and prayerfully await the commands of our presiding bishop. May God give him wisdom to direct our steps in harmony with the Divine will, and enrich us all with grace and courage to accept, if need be, disappointments from His hand, assured that God can overrule what may seem to us to be mistakes; to the building up of His Church, the glory of His great name, and our own increased and everlasting joy!

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

G. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder.

AS NEARLY all of the notable and theological problems of the time have been presented and ably discussed during recent years by my predecessors and colleagues, I am somewhat perplexed to find proper subject matter for your consideration to-day. The year has been a good one on the Springfield District, better than the preceding one. The statistical reports of the pastors are not accessible before publication in the Conference Minutes, so that I can not speak with certainty, but I believe it will be found that we occupy an advanced position to-day. This is not the day of large ingatherings. As a Conference we make progress, but it is not so much by mounting up with wings as eagles, or even by running without weariness, as by walking without becoming faint.

There are thirty charges in the Springfield District. Nine of these range in membership from 418 to 920. Nine more from 300 to 395. Not one of the pastors of these flocks has an assistant or even a deaconess as a helper. The old time class leaders were assistant pastors. They watched over the probationers, they visited the sick, they sought to reclaim the backsliders, they sold our books, they were a solid phalanx in revival meetings, and a pastor might have a dozen of such helpers. I do not know of a pastor who has one such helper to-day. In thirty-seven Churches of this District, no class-meeting is held. In the twenty-two which maintain the meeting, the leaders think their duty about done when they meet the class at the appointed time and place. More and more the entire responsibility of the Church, all of its membership, old and young, sick and well, faithful and negligent, and all of its departments of work, falls upon the pastor; he is the man held accountable for the success or failure of the year's work. To say that this is unfair and unwise, and that real, permanent Church success can not come this way, is to speak mildly, but such is the fact. That our pastors succeed as well as they do is matter for congratulation and thankfulness. The pastors of the Springfield District have worked hard this year. I think we have not an idler among us. The first half of the year was devoted largely to evangelistic work. Much care was given to preparatory plans. The pastors acted intelligently and with wisdom and earnestness, and in some cases this evangelistic effort covered many weeks of time. In nearly all instances they depended wholly upon their own people for support. A few secured help from the outside, and in one case, at Troy, a very marked revival interest was thus awakened in the whole community. In Springfield our five Churches joined heartily in the evangelistic campaign conducted by the Ministerial Association and followed up this work by services in their own churches. Not a pastor in the District allowed the year to go by without special evangelistic effort, and in nearly every charge there has resulted a deepened spiritual interest, and in some instances, there were many conversions and accessions to the Church.

Sunday-school work has received special attention in the Quarterly Conferences of the year. The Conference Minutes of 1905 show a falling off of 719 in the "number of scholars of all grades" in the Sunday-schools of the entire Conference. It does not appear whether this is in town or country, or due to inaccurate reports, or to some new method of keeping the records, or to a decline in the interest in Sunday-school work. But it is very evident that the rapidly growing disregard for the religious observance of the Sabbath-day with the multiplied facilities and inducements for making the day one of pleasure seeking and amusement, is making it more difficult to maintain our Sunday-schools in both city and country. It is unfortunate that our circuit system gives many of our

pastors little opportunity to be present in the Sunday-school. Perhaps some of them do not carry enough of the sense of responsibility for the school. But the Sunday-school is our greatest opportunity, and to lose out here is to lose out in our best field, and no department of our Church should receive more careful, intelligent, and constant consideration from the pastors than the Sunday-school. Our schools are generally furnished with the publications authorized by our Church, except in the musical department. We have fifty nine schools in the District, and by actual count thirty different song books are used, a very small number of which is issued by our Book Concern, and none of the thirty is authorized by our Church except the new Hymnal, which has place in three of our schools. The songs of childhood, words and music, abide in the memory through life. It is both lamentable and inexcusable that we have made no more serious and successful effort to provide our Sunday-schools with song books which should be worthy of comparison with the Hymnal furnished to our Church congregations.

The Epworth League is in a fairly good condition, but it is largely an organization for children and young women. Few of the best young men of our Sunday-schools and Churches are thoroughly interested in the League. How to capture them and secure their co-operation is the question. Our League convention was a fine meeting with a capital program and discussions that showed that we have some of the best brain and heart of the Church enlisted in this work. The cabinet, under the leadership of Rev. H. E. Armacost, is planning some new and better things for the coming year.

The subject of education has received special attention in the Quarterly Conferences. Our pastors and Church people need an awakening in this matter. Hundreds of young people in our Conference territory are seeking a college education, too few of them find their way to our own Ohio Wesleyan University. A graduate of a college generally becomes a loyal alumnus of that institution. In after years his influence and money go there, if anywhere. We can not afford to lose our best young men and women to other schools. College men and women go to the places of influence and power in State and Nation. Pastors, Sunday-school workers, wide-awake Methodists everywhere need to take a deep interest in this matter and use every legitimate means to send our Sunday-school young men and women to our own Church schools. Let the sermon on education be preached every year, let Children's-day be observed, let all Methodist high school students be carefully noted and their faces be turned toward Delaware; let us talk up our own university and take a loving interest in its welfare.

There has been some improvement in financial methods in the matter of prompt payment of pastor's salaries, but much remains to be done. The circuits are especially derelict in this particular. Farmers get cash for everything they sell, but they think once in three months often enough to pay the preacher, and simply refuse to consider more businesslike methods. We hope, however, for better things, even if it be from no higher motive than that which secured a verdict from the unjust judge, for assuredly the continued importunity of the presiding elder will weary the members of the Quarterly Conference if they do not plan to pay the pastor in full every month.

No new Church projects are on foot, although the Clifton Avenue, Springfield, congregation is in sore need of a better location and building. The Sunday-school has outgrown its quarters, the Church membership is increasing, and a new site and structure would soon double the strength of the Church in all departments.

The Ladies' Aid Society throughout the District continues to be a

very active and efficient organization, and has contributed to some very handsome improvements in church and parsonage property.

There have been no breaks in our ranks by death this year, and with little interruption by sickness, all the pastors have been able to carry on their work. The superannuated brethren, J. G. Black, J. M. Shultz, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, C. H. Kalbfus, and L. F. Young, have been preserved in fair health during the year. Early in the Conference year, R. E. Smith was assigned as a supply to the Grance Church, Springfield Charge, and has done full work at Grace Church and Brighton during the year. Two of the widows of deceased ministers, Mrs. Eli Kirk and Mrs. John W. Mason, have died this year.

But a few days before this Conference assembled, Rev. L. F. Young and wife were called to mourn the loss of a young son, a promising lad, who all too soon finished his earthly career.

No pastor in this District has an easy place. Every charge has its "special difficulties." No man who receives an appointment in this district need expect to escape anxiety, much care, and hard work. He must needs be a man of patience and courage and wisdom and genuine consecration and much prayer. He must often recall his Master who saved others but could not save Himself. There is no charge in this District in which the pastor is foredoomed to failure. It may seem sometimes that the way is desert, but if he hears a divine voice calling him that way, and if he has but one aim, to be well pleasing unto Him who has called him, even that desert way will blossom as the rose and God will give him some precious souls for his hire, and at last will put honor and glory upon him and will welcome him from labor to reward with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord."

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STATISTICS.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, ... $12,643 00

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund,	$22 00
From Mears Bequest,	150 00
From Book Concern Dividend,	1,541 00
From Conference Trustees,	1,670 00
From the Charges,	6,006 00
Balance from last year,	108 00
Borrowed	152 00
Total,	$9,649 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIMANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	$400 00	$304 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	C. L. Meyers	400 00	304 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. C. T. Crum,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. J. H. Davis	Self,	250 00	190 00	Rainsboro. O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	S. O. Royal,	400 00	304 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	W. H. Wehrly	250 00	190 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Zanesville, O.
Rev. H. A. M. Henderson,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman,	By mail,	350 00	266 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	By mail	100 00	76 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	350 00	266 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Toledo, O
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. C. D. Munsey,	By mail	400 00	304 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. R. E. Smith,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Osborn, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. G. L. Travis,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Lewisburg, O.
Rev. S. Weeks,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. Wm. M West,	S. O. Royal	300 00	228 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Piqua, O.
Total,		$8000 00	$6080 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. E. McHugh,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Funeral expenses of Chas. Hartley	Net	50 00	50 00	
Funeral expenses of Mrs. D. Callahan	Net	50 00	50 00	
For Mrs. J. S. Whitney	Net	15 00	15 00	
Incidental expenses of Secretary and Treasurer.	Net	3 00	3 00	

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	By mail,	$200 00	$152 00	Cleveland, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	——— ———,	150 00	114 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. T. S. Cowden,	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Fletcher Hypes,	W. B. Brown,	50 00	38 00	Owensville, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	200 00	152 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Forest, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Hillsboro, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	V. F. Brown,	150 00	114 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. D. A. McColm,	J. F. McColm,	150 00	114 00	R. R. No. 1, Hamilton, O.
Mrs. J. H Middleton,	By mail,	175 00	133 00	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	C. L. Meyers,	200 00	152 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and child,	C. H. Haines,	250 00	190 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan,	A. L. Brokaw,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Cheswold, Del.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Nicholasville, Ky.
Mrs. Timothy Wones,	Creighton Wones,	150 00	114 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. N. W. Darlington,	By mail,	51 00	38 00	Fort Worth, Ky.
Mrs. E. McHugh,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	R. R. No. 1, Hamilton, O.
Mrs. Chas. Hartley,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Delaware, O.
Grand total,		$12,643 00	$9649 00	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ASSETS.

Stocks: 119 Shares, Mast, Foos & Co.,	$11,900 00	
30 Shares, Little Miami R. R. Co.,	1,500 00	
		$13,400 00
Notes secured,	10,700 00	
Suspense Account,	300 00	
Lot in Madisonville, O.,	70 00	
Cash in Bank,	2,107 95	
		$16,177 95
Total,		$29,577 95

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account,	$29,577 95

RECEIPTS.

Bills payable—Temporary loans,	$1,700 00	
Bills receivable—Loans paid,	8,500 00	
Interest received,	1,891 20	
Expenses refunded,	5 00	
		$12,096 20
Cash on hand September, 1905,		4,290 56
		$16,386 76

EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—Loans made,	$10,600 00	
Bills payable—Loans paid,	1,700 00	
Interest paid for Temporary Loans,	22 51	
Treasurer Conference Stewards paid Sept., 1905,	1,725 00	
Expenses,	231 30	
		$14,278 81
Cash in Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, O.,		2,107 95
		$16,386 76
Interest received as above,	$1,891 20	
Expenses refunded,	5 00	
Balance interest account, August 31, 1905,	29 96	
Total,	$1,926 16	
Interest and expenses paid as above,	253 81	
Balance brought down, interest account,	$1,672 35	
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards,		$1,670 00
Balance interest in bank,		2 35
	$1,672 35	$1,672 35

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., August 23, 1906.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, certificates of stock, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and we find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made, also letters containing enclosures of drafts, etc. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati, O.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WRAKLEY,
J. T. BAIL,
John A. STORY.
Auditing Committee.

CODE OF RULES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Adopted 1901.

I. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of seven Trustees, who shall have been members of the Cincinnati Annual Conference for at least ten years preceding their election. They shall be divided into three classes, two of them being elected at this Conference session for one year, two others for two years, and three remaining for

three years, all elections hereafter to be for a term of three years, and they shall hold their office until their successors are elected. Trustees shall be elected by the Conference in open session, on the nomination of the Presiding Elders.

II. The officers of this Board shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, elected annually by the Board, which officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

In the intervals of the session of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee shall be clothed with all the powers of the Board, except in the sale and transfer of realty.

The President shall preside in the meetings of the Board.

The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform his duties.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and a record of all donations to the Conference, by whom given, and record all reports of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys donated or bequeathed to the Conference; keep a correct account of the same in a book provided for the purpose, receipt to the person paying the same; and report in writing to the Board of Trustees at its regular meetings, and when requested by the Board or by the Finance Committee.

III. Regular meetings of this Board shall be held during the sessions of the Conference, and special meetings may be called at any time by the President and two other members.

IV. Loans of less than one thousand dollars may be made, if properly secured, by the Treasurer, with the approval of one member of the Executive Committee; but in sums of one thousand dollars to three thousand dollars, at least two members must concur; and when any larger loan is sought, the Executive Committee must meet and act upon it.

Personal security may not be accepted for loans of over five hundred dollars.

All appropriations of funds shall be made by order of the Board.

V. The Conference at any session may change this "Code of Rules" by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1906.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
For Missionary Society,	$19,324 00	$10,058 00	$29,382 00
For Church Extension Society,	1,837 00	746 00	2,583 00
For Sunday-school Union,	340 00	111 00	451 00
For Tract Society,	295 00	72 00	367 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society,	2,084 00	775 00	2,859 00
For Ohio Wesleyan University (from Public Educational Collections),	531 00	407 00	938 00
For Board of Education (from Children's Day Collections),	752 00	309 00	1,061 00
For American Bible Society,	577 00	652 00	1,229 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	211 00	11,994 00	12,205 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society,	116 00	9,881 00	9,997 00
Total Disciplinary collections,	$26,067 00	$35,005 00	$61,072 00
For Home of the Aged	301 00	3,214 00	3,515 00
For Christ Hospital,	493 00	7,595 00	8,088 00
For Other Benevolent Objects,	255 00	25,001 00	23,256 00
For Conference Claimants,	5,298 00	708 00	6,006 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,500 00	201 00	1,701 00
Fractional Amounts received,	9 92	.....	9 92
Total of all Collections,	$33,923 92	$69,724 00	$103,647 92

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Graham, Publishing Agents, for the Missionary Society, Sunday-school Union, Tract Society, Freedmen's Aid, W. F. M. S., Episcopal Fund, and General Conference Expenses, as per amounts credited above,	$23,922 00
Paid A. L. Brokaw, for Conference Claimants,	5,298 00
Paid Samuel Shaw, for Church Extension,	1,837 00
Paid Herbert Welch, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	531 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	301 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital,	493 00
Paid W. M. Green, for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	32 00
Paid John Pearson, for American Bible Society,	577 00
Paid Mrs. Geo. O. March, for Woman's Home Missionary Society,	116 00
Paid Homer Eaton, for India Jubilee Fund,	29 00
Paid Treasurer W. F. M. S., for Bible Woman in Hinghua	12 00
Paid Samuel Shaw, for San Francisco Relief,	14 00
Paid Publishing Committee from fractional sums collected,	9 92
Paid W. F. Anderson, for Board of Education,	752 00
Total disbursements,	$33,923 92

Receipts and vouchers for these amounts are in my hands.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

Eaton, O. Sept. 3, 1906.

STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - T. W. SALT, Georgetown, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP. Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Prhers.	Deaths.	BAP. Chil'n Bap'd.	Adults Bap'd.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Pd for build. & Impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Avondale Charge: Avondale	3	200	1	2	1	...	1	19	120	1	$40,000	1	11,000	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge	5	135	...	2	3	2	1	14	108	1	2,500	.....	.....	$125	.....	.....
Bond Hill	8	95	...	...	4	...	1	15	104	1	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carthage & Reading	8	182	...	1	14	8	2	30	276	2	7,500	.....	.....	143	.....	.....
Central City Charge: Christie	35	280	1	3	8	3	1	21	200	1	2[illegible],000	1	5,000	900	$100	.....
Asbury	18	198	2	3	15	...	1	16	164	1	15,000	1	2,500	200	.....	.....
York Street	14	200	2	1	18	5	1	24	282	1	15,000	.....	.....	112	.....	.....
Finley	2	140	...	1	5	5	1	12	160	1	10,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Pearl Street	2	80	...	3	6	2	1	11	120	1	14,000	1	4,000	350	.....	.....
Clifton	....	65	...	2	...	...	1	8	55	1	40,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	9	307	...	2	8	12	1	27	275	1	11,000	1	3,000	669	.....	.....
Delta Ave	19	153	...	1	6	7	1	22	180	1	12,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elmw'd Pl. & Camp Washington	15	225	1	1	8	4	2	45	350	2	7,500	.....	.....	268	.....	.....
Fairmount	2	185	...	1	6	...	1	27	180	1	7,000	1	2,500	200	.....	.....
Northside: First Church	14	348	3	5	7	4	1	38	280	1	34,500	.....	.....	2,000	.....	.....
Linwood and Madison Ave	8	148	1	1	7	...	2	27	214	2	12,000	.....	.....	.....	125	1,725
McKendree	20	280	1	3	6	5	1	20	150	1	10,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn	1	238	...	3	1	...	1	18	160	1	35,000	.....	.....	250	.....	.....
Mt. Lookout	8	148	...	3	6	5	1	12	135	1	5,500	1	3,500	400	.....	.....
Price Hill	7	262	2	3	4	17	2	31	254	2	16,000	.....	.....	400	.....	.....
Riverside	....	100	...	...	8	6	1	15	150	1	5,000	.....	.....	35	.....	.....
St. Paul	25	658	3	12	36	8	1	30	415	1	125,000	1	20,000	2,000	.....	.....
Trinity	59	782	2	18	74	28	1	38	350	1	75,000	1	6,000	250	.....	.....
Walnut Hills	5	505	4	8	10	5	1	36	270	1	60,000	1	12,000	100	.....	.....
Wesley	105	538	2	15	5	25	1	32	421	1	95,000	1	10,000	455	.....	.....
Westwood Charge: Westwood	7	266	...	5	5	...	1	27	250	1	50,000	1	8,000	.....	.....	.....
Groesbeck, Asb'ry & Ebenezer	....	141	...	1	4	2	3	26	244	3	6,000	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Miami, Mt. Hope, & Dent	....	86	...	2	2	...	3	22	125	3	2,500	.....	.....	150	.....	.....
Winton Place	....	104	...	2	3	1	1	18	185	1	15,000	1	10,000	97	.....	.....
Addyston	44	145	...	2	...	...	1	8	104	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleves & Harrison	10	350	...	1	6	14	2	28	250	2	8,000	2	2,800	150	.....	.....
Delhi	14	275	2	...	8	4	1	32	200	1	17,000	.....	.....	1,216	.....	*2,150
Hartwell	2	269	1	5	7	...	1	25	200	1	12,000	1	3,000	220	.....	.....
Wayne Avenue	5	358	...	5	7	19	1	25	212	1	25,000	1	6,000	450	.....	.....
Madisonville	32	457	1	4	5	26	1	29	300	1	25,000	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Norwood: First Church	9	402	1	2	3	4	1	41	450	1	25,000	.....	.....	100	3,500	6,000
Grace Church	37	250	1	1	2	8	1	25	225	1	15,500	.....	.....	2,684	.....	4,000
Cincinnati Missionary Society	185	307	...	...	...	...	4	34	249	3	9,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300
Totals	720	9872	31	128	249	224	50	928	8297	49	898,100	18	115800	13,974	3,725	15,175
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany	9	200	...	4	8	27	1	16	78	1	3,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Camden	2	105	...	2	6	...	1	23	125	1	9,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Centerville	18	400	...	5	...	...	2	30	235	2	8,000	1	1,000	20	.....	.....
Dayton; Broadway	28	826	1	10	8	2	1	50	900	1	15,000	1	3,500	2,240	.....	1,600
Grace	9	775	...	9	3	2	1	30	400	1	60,000	1	12,000	417	.....	.....
Homestead Avenue	15	97	1	...	...	4	2	17	103	2	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raper	27	870	1	9	12	15	1	50	546	1	70,000	.....	.....	1,126	3,853	19,372
Riverdale	6	223	...	1	2	...	1	18	225	1	18,000	.....	.....	.....	100	5,400
St. Paul	16	810	...	12	14	18	1	45	450	1	27,000	1	5,000	1,077	.....	1,500
Trinity	6	372	3	1	13	6	1	39	400	1	10,000	1	3,000	150	300	900
Eaton & West Alexandria	15	495	2	11	4	3	2	46	393	2	35,000	1	3,000	5,000	.....	.....
Ebenezer & Woodward Avenue	27	276	...	4	...	4	2	44	303	2	4,100	1	1,500	207	.....	76
Fair Haven & Sugar Valley	6	278	...	...	8	9	2	34	244	2	4,600	1	3,000	280	.....	.....
Fairfield	.....	50	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	7,500	.....	.....	.....	36	400
Fort Jefferson	18	190	...	6	7	1	4	58	360	4	10,000	1	1,000	2,600	.....	.....
Franklin	6	348	...	2	3	10	1	20	140	1	20,000	1	4,000	50	150	.....
Germantown	14	155	...	7	4	14	1	22	155	1	3,000	.....	.....	150	.....	.....
Gordon	12	170	...	6	2	13	3	60	378	4	10,000	1	1,800	1,781	.....	908
Hamilton: First Church	23	654	1	6	12	9	1	47	550	1	35,000	1	10,000	450	.....	.....
Lindenwald	18	178	...	1	3	14	1	17	250	1	7,500	.....	.....	175	800	1900
Lewisburg & Brookville	.....	284	...	1	...	8	3	45	360	3	8,800	1	1,000	382	.....	.....
Miamisburg	46	366	...	1	13	5	1	35	252	1	37,000	1	5,000	60	934	*3,550
Middletown	21	603	1	6	32	8	1	24	532	1	40,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Monroe	.....	180	...	1	1	1	2	18	120	2	9,500	1	2,000	50	.....	.....
New Paris	17	158	...	3	3	11	2	25	123	3	2,000	1	700	20	.....	.....
Osborn	22	270	...	3	1	1	4	57	375	4	12,000	1	2,500	50	.....	1,500

* Fully provided for. † Partly provided for.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch's & Parsonages	P'd on Ch. Property	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property
DAYTON DIST.—Cont'd.																
Oxford	10	434	1	...	3	9	1	28	300	1	$40,000	1	$4,500	$ 265	...	...
Port Union and Glendale	7	200	...	2	5	5	4	40	160	4	10,000	1	2 500	925	...	...
Red Lion & Merrittstown	11	133	...	...	...	...	2	22	140	2	3,500	1	1,000	72	...	...
Seven Mile	12	252	...	6	2	...	2	26	156	2	11,500	1	1,000	52	...	...
Springboro and Lytle	...	240	2	4	...	...	2	34	178	2	3,500	1	2,000	750	...	...
Venice (Ross)	8	375	...	2	3	12	5	66	250	5	9,900	1	800	95	...	...
Walker & Union	...	84	...	2	...	...	1	11	60	2	2,700	...	...	75	...	...
West Carrollton	5	200	...	1	12	7	1	20	300	1	25,000	1	5,000	...	...	$1,000
West Chester	3	236	...	4	3	4	3	38	170	3	9,500	1	2,500	...	...	1,500
West Elkton	2	375	2	2	4	2	3	23	275	6	4,000	1	600	203	...	...
West Milton	5	175	...	1	...	...	2	30	150	4	6,800	1	400	25	...	3,000
Totals	441	12047	15	137	186	221	68	1202	9786	77	600,900	30	83,300	18,251	6,173	42,000
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast	17	510	1	7	...	55	6	60	350	6	10,000	1	1,200	150	50	...
Blanchester	18	323	1	2	...	...	1	17	250	1	10,000	1	1,600	103	412	375
Bowersville	18	214	1	2	1	6	3	38	260	4	9,800	1	850	40	74	...
Centerfield	6	81	1	...	...	...	1	10	48	1	1,500	...	...	14	...	...
Clarksville	25	210	...	6	...	1	4	36	225	3	6,000	1	2,000	170	...	...
Greenfield	19	1279	...	8	7	18	1	40	510	1	70,000	1	6,500	185	...	8,000
Highland	6	407	1	5	2	16	3	52	370	3	9,000	1	3,000	340	...	...
Hillsboro	9	836	3	10	7	7	1	35	482	1	12,000	1	7,000	237	...	...
Jamestown	3	376	...	5	3	20	1	16	178	1	12,000	1	2,000	270	...	...
Leesburg	2	3 1	1	7	6	3	3	51	314	3	13,000	1	2,000	400	...	...
Loveland	10	210	...	...	4	25	1	20	175	1	6,000	...	...	...	...	...
Lynchburg	12	500	1	6	4	17	4	48	385	4	12,000	1	2,000	100	800	1,000
Maineville	5	200	...	5	11	10	3	32	200	3	6,000	1	1,200	35	...	...
Martinsville	5	392	1	3	9	23	4	37	280	4	7,900	1	1,200	825	46	15
Morrow	27	151	...	2	...	24	1	16	150	1	3,500	1	1,500	100	...	...
New Burlington	10	506	2	5	...	7	4	50	280	4	8,000	1	1,500	800	...	...
New Jasper	12	311	...	7	...	14	3	33	150	3	7,900	1	1,800	...	...	...
New Vienna	3	336	...	4	...	4	3	46	208	3	10,000	1	2,500	250	...	...
Pleasant Plain	5	354	...	7	3	31	5	65	375	5	6,000	...	...	...	...	...
Rainsboro	10	415	1	6	...	1	4	61	602	4	8,000	1	1,200	181	...	...
Sabina	18	225	2	2	17	22	1	23	225	1	12,000	1	1,500	300	...	...
Sinking Springs	22	305	1	...	4	15	5	42	204	5	6,000	1	1,000	2,200	...	...
South Lebanon	26	180	1	3	2	1	3	23	120	3	4,000	1	2,000	100	...	...
Sugar Tree Ridge	14	320	1	2	5	11	5	48	250	6	5,800	1	1,100	100	...	...
Union	7	363	...	1	...	4	5	72	360	5	5,500	1	2,000	20	...	...
Waynesville	9	311	...	6	1	36	2	28	225	2	6,000	1	2,000	386	...	...
Wilmington	4	272	1	...	1	11	1	22	178	1	15,000	1	6,500	...	558	1,700
Xenia: First Church	12	720	...	6	10	8	1	39	475	1	33,000	1	4,500	...	650	...
Trinity	4	275	...	...	1	...	1	23	180	1	20,000	1	5,000	100	...	...
Totals	331	10883	20	117	98	390	80	1083	8009	81	335,900	26	64,650	7,406	2,590	11,700
MILFORD DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen	5	409	...	2	...	28	4	42	220	4	5,000	1	700	265	...	...
Amelia	18	315	2	6	...	...	3	50	200	3	6,000	1	1,000	150	...	...
Batavia	2	262	2	5	3	3	1	21	160	1	15,000	1	1,500	157	400	200
Bethel	3	400	1	2	3	5	4	60	350	4	8,000	1	1,500	3,500	...	...
Branch Hill	5	140	...	...	...	1	4	15	70	5	10,000	...	...	220	21	...
Chilo	15	282	...	4	7	34	3	36	150	4	5,400	1	500	212	...	...
Decatur	...	322	1	6	3	2	4	45	279	5	6,500	1	1,200	200	...	...
Dunkinsville	24	180	1	2	1	18	3	25	80	3	2,500	1	800	225	...	...
Feesburg	3	237	...	2	...	3	5	44	208	5	5,600	1	800	507	...	...
Felicity	3	308	3	4	3	9	3	38	284	3	5,500	1	900	350	...	...
Georgetown	16	486	...	2	5	63	3	44	300	3	10,000	1	1,800	200	25	...
Goshen	...	192	1	8	2	16	1	25	100	1	5,500	1	1,800	200	...	...
Laurel	35	407	...	8	4	7	4	51	300	4	7,000	1	1,800	60	...	40
Lebanon	15	385	...	6	...	1	1	24	20	1	12,000	1	2,500	400	...	...
Manchester	2	340	...	3	1	11	3	38	280	3	7,000	1	1,500	210	...	...
Marathon	3	475	1	2	3	8	4	40	250	5	8,000	1	1,200	50	...	...
Mason	10	278	...	1	2	...	3	40	260	3	8,200	1	3,500	130	41	...
Milford	6	330	...	4	2	4	1	23	230	1	6,000	1	2,500	700	...	...
Moscow	15	290	3	1	2	6	4	51	235	4	12,000	...	...	500	...	...
Mount Orab	15	500	...	4	...	40	5	75	400	5	7,000	1	1,500	125	...	150
Mt. Washington	25	106	1	...	6	18	3	27	300	3	3,500	1	1,000	...	...	...
Mulberry	...	234	1	3	...	...	5	51	351	6	6,500	...	...	...	...	...
New Richmond	8	274	...	5	10	45	1	25	160	1	4,500	1	1,500	137	113	100

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MILFORD DIST.—Cont'd																
Newtown	12	278	...	4	...	6	4	35	225	4	8,000	1	1,000	125	.....	.....
Owensville	2	287	1	6	8	2	4	53	310	4	7,000	1	1,000	25	.....	20
Peebles	...	355	...	2	...	19	3	40	295	3	4,000	1	1,000	290	.....	.....
Ripley	7	236	...	4	2	...	1	16	200	1	40,000	1	3,000	300	50	300
Summerside	18	248	1	5	2	8	4	55	250	4	8,000	1	1,800	245	.....	.....
West Union	18	509	...	6	...	9	3	42	365	3	5,000	1	1,700	500	.....	.....
Williamsburg	6	370	...	7	1	1	1	30	180	1	4,000	1	1,800	127	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit	1	321	1	2	...	12	4	40	200	5	7,000	...	.....	.....	295	100
Winchester-Seaman	8	327	1	1	1	10	2	33	247	2	11,000	1	1,000	165	265	.....
Totals	285	10073	21	119	66	388	98	1214	7739	104	260,700	28	41,500	10,275	1,210	910
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	2	160	...	3	2	2	1	17	180	1	6,000	1	2,500	100	.....	.....
Brandt	...	98	...	1	...	...	3	22	150	4	4,300	1	1,200	1	.....	.....
Catawba	27	396	...	4	22	33	3	42	300	3	9,000	1	2,500	400	.....	270
Cedarville	2	294	...	8	6	7	2	28	210	2	6,000	1	2,000	350	100	.....
Christiansburg	3	251	1	4	...	...	4	40	200	4	7,000	1	1,200	400	.....	.....
Concord & Westville	...	250	1	2	...	9	2	26	200	2	7,000	1	1,200	20	25	.....
Covington	2	190	...	5	1	2	1	18	128	1	5,100	1	2,000	365	.....	.....
Dialton	8	285	1	7	1	...	3	53	228	3	7,600	1	1,250	30	.....	.....
Greenville	11	398	1	5	...	6	1	31	294	1	27,000	1	4,500	.....	541	790
King's Creek	8	160	1	2	...	8	3	38	250	4	5,500	1	1,200	51	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	25	382	...	2	1	7	1	20	170	1	30,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Mutual	24	260	...	5	...	15	4	50	200	4	7,500	1	800	50	25	.....
New Carlisle	16	308	2	2	4	6	1	28	270	1	4,000	1	1,500	55	.....	.....
New Moorefield	2	348	1	4	...	4	4	59	288	4	12,000	1	1,700	90	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	6	400	...	5	11	15	1	30	288	1	6,000	1	3,500	122	.....	.....
Greene Street	28	650	1	4	10	10	1	35	310	1	30,000	1	9,000	.....	1,863	.....
South Charleston	75	430	1	2	...	...	2	33	375	2	12,000	2	5,000	300	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	18	814	8	8	9	22	1	61	625	1	20,000	1	20,000	272	253	120
Clifton Ave.	...	340	1	4	7	5	1	32	290	1	3,500	...	.....	.....	100	350
Grace	2	200	...	...	3	6	2	25	250	2	2,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street	8	597	1	6	2	1	1	22	200	1	70,000	1	10,000	500	3,281	.....
St. Paul	3	390	...	5	1	...	1	32	225	1	40,000	1	2,000	200	1,000	2,000
Tippecanoe City	6	276	1	7	2	10	1	20	200	1	17,000	1	2,000	1,200	300	.....
Tremont City	2	285	1	1	3	21	3	41	277	3	12,000	...	.....	200	.....	.....
Troy	126	490	...	12	40	43	1	29	429	1	60,000	1	7,000	.....	300	4,500
Troy Circuit	...	211	...	4	...	1	3	42	280	3	8,000	1	1,500	20	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	8	585	...	4	5	6	1	25	310	1	25,000	1	5,000	.....	400	.....
Grace	11	*524	1	6	...	16	1	25	280	1	2,500	1	5,000	300	.....	200
Vienna Cross Roads	...	50	1	1	...	...	1	8	32	1	5,000	...	.....	.....	50	.....
Yellow Springs	8	478	...	3	10	10	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	1,500	100	200	.....
Totals	421	10560	19	121	140	260	57	982	7732	59	461,500	27	87,550	5,128	8,440	8,230

* Membership revised since Conference and reduced to 833.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP. Probationers.	Full Members	Local Prhers.	Deaths	BAP. Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	CHURCH PROPERTY. Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old Indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present Indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati	720	9782	81	123	249	224	80	928	8297	49	$898,100	18	115800	$13974	$8,725	$15175
Dayton	441	12047	15	137	186	221	68	1202	9736	77	600,900	30	83,800	18,251	6,178	42,606
Hillsboro	331	10883	20	117	98	390	80	1083	8009	81	335,900	26	64,650	7,406	2,590	11,756
Milford	285	10073	21	119	66	388	98	1214	7739	104	260,700	28	41,500	10,275	1,210	910
Springfield	421	10560	19	121	140	260	57	982	7732	59	461,500	27	87,550	5,128	8,440	8,230
Totals, 1906	2198	53345	106	617	739	1483	353	5409	41513	370	2557100	129	392800	55034	22,138	78,677
Totals, 1905	1866	53217	105	675	860	1551	359	5478	40720	367	2433255	127	385100	95982	26,963	75,864
Increase	332	128	1	...	...	...	...	...	793	3	123,845	2	7,200	.....	.....	2,813
Decrease	...	...	...	58	121	68	6	64	.....	...	.....	...	.....	40,948	4,825	.....

STATISTICS No. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ... T. W. SALT, Georgetown, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members In Home Dep't who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	50	928	8,297	5,073	529	838	2,813	561	$5,657
Dayton,	68	1,202	9,736	6,339	631	1,139	3,913	352	5,412
Hillsboro,	80	1,083	8,009	4,826	527	1,023	4,750	553	3,326
Milford	98	1,214	7,739	5,596	211	1,136	3,568	502	3,542
Springfield,	57	982	7,732	4,907	728	912	3,070	383	3 490
Totals, 1906,	353	5,409	41,513	26,748	2,626	5,048	18,114	2,351	$21,427
Totals, 1905,	359	5,473	40,720	26,492	2,565	5,256	21,365	2,747	20,591
Increase,	.....	.....	793	256	61	.....	.....	.....	$836
Decrease,	6	64	.....	.....	.....	208	3,251	396	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				PER'D. RED'RS	OF BISHOPS	Gal. Support of Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
		CLAIMS.		Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Apportioned		REC'D FROM.		Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society	EDUCATION.		Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'ty	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S.		Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for Aged	Christ's Hospital
		Salary	House Rent			Amount Paid	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources				(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gift	Total		(a) Church	(b) S. School		(a) Pub. Edu. Co	(b) Child's Fund			(a) Cash	(b) Supplies				
Avondale Charge;	Avondale	$2400	$750	$3150		$225	$225	$25	$25	$3400	$237		$237	$2150	$180	$270	$40		$310	$94	$25		$16	$136	194	$10	$82	$1300	$268	$52	$979		1080	2074
Pleasant Ridge	J. E. Magee	1000		1000		14	14	5	5	1019	25		25	155	110	30	30		60	7	1	$2	1	10	$13	3	5	10	10	40	100			
Bond Hill	J. L. Corley	800		800		14	14	3	3	817	15		15	123	37	50			50	3	1		1	5	4		2	7	2		46		$8	$8
Carthage & Readi'g	G. F. Barber	1000		1000		24	24	12	12	1031	14		14	260	197					10		5	2	10	3	3	2	3	5	96		42	$10		2
Central City;	Christie	1000		†1200	Ex200	60	60	10	10	1270	19		19	463	75	50	20		70	2	1	1	1	2	22	3	2	1	39	65	12	148	1	3	18
Asbury	W. L. Boicourt	1000		†1200	Ex200	50	50	10	10	1200	40		40	350	85	90	40	42	172	16			1	1	16	1		2	23	25		110			45
York Street	O. L. Utter	1000		†1191	Ex191	40	40			1231	6		6	298	252	40	5		45	8		1	1	8			2		39	16	63	1	2	16
Finley	J. L. Duckwall	850		†892	Ex 42	25	25	5	5	922	20		20	550	100	18	7		25	5		5	3	5			5	5	5		52		5	7
East Pearl Street	S. G. Pollard	300	300	600		16	16	2	2	618	6		6	540	65				10	2	1		1	1			5	4			43			4
Clifton	J. W. Peters	1200		1200		64	64	15	15	1279	35		35	800	75	95	15		110	20	3		3	16	5	2	15	162	47	1	56		20	43
Columbia	G. H. Smith	1000	300	1300		45	45	17	8	1358	31		31	508	135	41	37		78	6	1		2	2	2	2	2	42	26		230		5	43
Delta Avenue	J. P. Ninde	900		900		40	40	12	12	952	15		15	192	112	22	41		63	4	2		2	8	2	2	2	5			87			
Elmwood Place & Camp Washingt'n	T. D. Moore	1100		1100		35	35			1135	5		5	250	260	5	19	3	27	1				2	5	1	6	61			98		5	5
Fairmount	F. M. Kirgan	800	240	1040		30	30	7	2	1072	10		10	195	95	10	20		30	1			1	1	1	6	30			23		3	3
First Church, Northside	A. L. Brokaw	1200		1200		45	45	12	12	1257	20		20	379	120	45	10		55	5	2		2	10	5	8	5	54	82	10	185		5	10
Linwood & Madison Ave	W. H. Spybey	900		900		30	30	3	3	933	7		7	513	187	36	37		73	5	2		2	6	4	2	4				101		5	7
McKendree	J. A. White	1000		1000		40	40	4	4	1044	32		32	256	77	26	18		44	12	5		2	6		7	4	30			78			
Mt. Auburn	H. O. Enwall	1500		1500		80	80	10		1580	25		25	930	80	85	65	50	200	16	3		3	17	3	14	3	234	86		131		136	47
Mt. Lookout	O. P. Hoffman	1000	300	1300		80	80	20	15	1396	45		45	325	92	171	60		231	35	5		5	35	15	11	10	219	109	46	292	10	30	43
Price Hill	E. M. Ellsworth	1475		1475		80	80	15	15	1570	65		65	600	275	51	93	25	169	17		3	3	17	2	17	5	90	103	47	282	6	6	42
Riverside	J. D. Darling	900		900		15	15	3	3	918	2		2	125	145		16		16			2			2	4	1				44	5		
St. Paul	W. D. Cole	2200	1000	3200		160	160	25	25	3385	100		100	3040	275	381	86	50	517	45	5		5	45	21	10	25	310	357	111	632		195	
Trinity	M. B. Fuller	1800	600	2400		140	140	27	27	2567	100		100	2100	400	172	218		390	15	5		5	18	10	5	5	298	117	5	7385		25	300
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young	2750	1000	3750		280	280	40	40	4070	174		174	2471	182	572	500		1072	55	4		4	95	20	15	7	1025	830	58	1254		5	372
Wesley Chapel	G. Roughton	1000	500	1500	Ex 60	141	141	20	20	1721	115		115	1400	86	800	200	69	1069	60	2		7	60	7	6	20	206	47		882		5	45
Westwood Charge:	Westwood	1600	600	2200		105	105	20	20	2325	327		327	1380	157	1250	84		1334	287	50		25	398	70	58	125	153			1645	35		930
Groesbeck, Asbury & Ebenezer	J. R. Troxell	810	240	1113	Ex 63	20	20	10	10	1142	12		12	125	120	34	11		45	6		2	1	5	5		2				9	7	3	19
Miami, Mt. Hope & Dent	W. E. Verity	1000		1000		20	20	3	3	1023	8		8	80	44	20	8		28	5				8		12								34
Winton Place	J. E. Thomas	800	300	1100		50	50	15	4	1154	10		10	378	112	34	25		59	5	2		2	14	2	6	3	39	27	8	68			20
Addyston	C. Har'ld Clerke	700		700		22	22	2	2	724	2		2	110	38	10	5		15	1		1	1	3	1	1	1	2	1					
Cleves & Harrison	C. W. Horn	950	120	1070		38	38	4	4	1112	10		10	250	120	10	35		45	4	1		1	4	1	5	2	43						
Delhi	J. R. Colley	1400		1400		75	75	12	12	1487	75		75	353	160	55	130		215	18		2	1	12	8	6	6	120	46		246	5	8	73
Hartwell	F. G. Mitchell	1378	200	1578		78	78	20	20	1670	65		65	469	265	54	125		179	15	1		3	15	10	15	15	245	306	35	420	12	15	20
Wayne Avenue	W. L. Y. Davis	1500	500	2000		113	113	25	25	2138	160		160	1020	200	2010	72		2082	160	4		3	167	25		70	505			464		271	660
Madisonville	S. O. Royal	1400	300	1700		125	125	15	15	1840	142		142	800	172	210	190		400	35	12	2	12	53	53	5	33	486	188	80	168		60	75
Norwood: 1st Church	J. E. Beery	1400		1400		45	45	10	10	1455	10		10	605	175	63			63	1				5		2	1	144						40
Grace Church	C. C. Peale	1500		1500		65	65	12	12	1577	50		50	350	200	53	50		115	15	1		1	15		3	4	82	127	35	129		8	27

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—DAYTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total Receipts	Deficiencies	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	SUPP'T OF BISHOPS. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support Pastor's, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections	Other Sources	Total	CURRENT EXPENSES. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gift	Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION. (a) Church	(b) S. School	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Home for Aged	Christ's Hospital
Bethany	[W. W. Tranter]	$650	$75	$725		$54	$54	$8	$8	$787	$15		$15	$150	$70	$35	$15		$50	$5	$5		$5	$5	$5		$5	$24	$10			$5	$5	$21
Camden	S. B. Timmons	650	150	800		56	56	10	2	858	5		5	150	56	45	8		53	3	2		1	2			2	57						45
Centerville	A. D. Maddox	800	150	950		71	71	12	12	1033	59	$5	64	225	70	165	60		225	19	4		15		$10		4	102			$12	24	33	37
Dayton: Broadway	John Lloyd	1400	200	1600		120	120	21	21	1741	30		30	576	180	273	98		371	127	3	$5	3	20	3	15	4	142	140	$173	131	3	6	35
Grace	H. C. Jameson	2500	720	3220		241	241	39	39	3500	200		200	2148	256	535	347		882	160	12		12	160	12	18	25	260	347	108				78
Homestead Ave	[C. Grauser]	375		375		28	28	2	2	405	5		5	75	36	16			16	2	1		1	2	1		1							
Raper	V. F. Brown	1600	300	1900		142	142	24	24	2066	100		100	1450	217	235	200	$60	495	97	8		8	45	8	18	14	278	200	15	277			
Riverdale	E. W. Serl	1100		1100		82	82		1	1183	10		10	305	150	30	10		40		1		1	4			1		42	5	31			2
St. Paul	D. G. Latshaw	1600	300	1900		142	142	20	20	2062	82		82	900	300	391	114	136	641	40	10		10	30	75		20	168	230		138			71
Trinity	O. M. Sellers	850	150	1000		75	75	12	12	1087	25		25	300	190	48	36	50	134	10		2	1	7	3	15	5		48		208		6	30
Eaton and West Alexandria	W. A. Wiant	1500	200	1700		128	128	21	21	1849	57		57	640	173	135	48	15	198	8	1		1	8	1	9	10	91	171	24	47		3	34
Ebenezer and Woodward Ave	N. O. Sweat	600	132	732		55	55	9	5	792	17		17	184	227	27	33		60	7	1		1	7		8	10		15		57			
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	W. T. Gilliland	650	60	725	Ex$15	53	53	10	10	788	52		52	193	80	714	67		781	29	7		7	30		7	20	10						16
Fairfield																																	
Fort Jefferson	[D. S. Ferguson]	600	50	641	9	49	47	8	7	695	12		12	130	95	70	5		75	6		1	1	4	4	1	1	2			9		
Franklin	Creighton Wones	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	35		35	230	100	59	41		100	20	2		1	20		5	5	32	67		59			30
Germantown	J. J. Hawk	550		634	Ex 84	41	41	5	5	680	20		20	168	106	37	33		70	5		1	1	21		2	1			205			21
Gordon	[M. M. Markwith]	600		571	29	45	42	10	10	623	17		17	188	207	94	57		151	8	4		4	9	4	6	6			2	3		4
Hamilton: 1st Church	A. B. Austin	2000	360	2360		177	177	30	30	2567	50		50	1360	575	278	125		403	21	6		4	26	13	10	9	135	219	84	389		73	215
Lindenwald	C. P. Pumphrey	700		700		40	40	5		740	1		1	200	60	1	6		7	1											35			3
Lewisburg and Brookville	G. W. Keen	775	100	875		60	60	11	11	946	43		43	265	150	91	39		130	10		2	2	10		2	2		92	47				32
Miamisburg	S. W. Bell	1200	200	1700	Ex300	105	105	17	17	1822	80		80	626	315	183	81		264	15	3			3	20	5	20	10	67	4	53	190		10	61
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker	1300	200	1500		112	112	15	15	1627	96		96	1128	286	145	55		200	35	2		2	37	13		12	18	128	46	100		6	36
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	800	100	900		67	67	9	9	976	7		7	120	50	35	15		50	1	1	1	1	1		5	1	17			39			6
New Paris	Henry Hershey	450	75	540	Ex 15	40	40	5	5	585	5		5	75	60	35	35		70	3		1		5	1	1					3			
Osborn	F. L. Leever	700	110	810		60	60	12	12	882	12		12	225	150	38	11		49	3	1			2	1	4	2	58						15
Oxford	J. A. Geissinger	1400	300	1700		123	123	18	18	1841	60		60	320	200	262	55	33	350	15	5		2	40	5	15	50	160	112	63	97			35
Port Union and Glendale	G. P. Austin	800	125	925		69	69	9	9	1003	10		10	125	65	15	10		25	3		1	1	3	2	12	1				1			
Red Lion and Merrittstown	D. W. C. Washburn	600	75	675		50	50	8	8	733	5		5	125	40	8	10		18	2	1			2		3	1							4
Seven Mile	to	800	100	906	Ex 6	67	67	12	12	985	27		27	112	53	116	29		145	36	3		3	27	5	3	3				29			38
Spring[1]		600	75	675		52	52	8	5	732	15		15	145	85	22	20		42	2	2			5	3	3	2	42						28
		696	75	761	10	60	60	10	10	831	35		35	160	157	40			40	5	1			5		15	1				27			
		400		310	90	30	23	6	3	336	4		4	75	30	25	5		30	4	1		1	6		2	2		41	5	25			
West Chester	C. L. Gowdy	900	200	1100		82	82	13	13	1195	80		80	300	150	38	66	15	119	10	1		1	10	2	2	2	87	119	10	15		2	3
West Elkton	[A. A. McGinnis]	650	100	750		45	45	10	10	855	4		4	186	75	27	5	2	34		1		1	1			1						2	12
West Milton	[J. C. Williams]	600	100	700	100	45	45	7	7	904	40		40	185	105	60	10		70	8	2		2	8	2	5	6	6	4				2	7

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	CLAIMS. Salary	CLAIMS. House Rent	Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Support Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	REC'D FROM. Collections	REC'D FROM. Other Sources	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS. (a) Church	MISSIONS. (b) S. S.	MISSIONS. (c) Spec'l Gift	MISSIONS. Total	Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION. (a) Church	S. S. UNION. (b) S. School	Tract Society	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	EDUCATION. (b) Child's Fund	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash	W. H. M. S. (b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Home for Aged	Christ's Hospital
Oldfast	Bert E. Smith	$610	$100	$710		$52	$52	$8	$8	$770	$4		$4	$140	$70	$97	$3		$100	$1		$1	$2		$3		$4	$1	$1	$1				
Manchester	Geo. W. Voihis	800	150	950		68	68	9	9	1027	35		35	275	144	40	100	$30	170	15	$3						5	33			$31		$8	$9
Owersville	P. L. Van Wicklen	650	75	714	$11	55	55	9	9	778	15		15	225	75	125	15		140	5	2						13	5						35
Interfield	J. H. Davis	60		60										5	10	5			5														
Parksville	H. H. Compton	700	100	814		59	59	10	10	883	20		20	150	108	40	10		50	10	1		1		10	4		3	10		36	$4		
Greenfield	George Gable	1600	240	1840		136	136	24	24	2000	100		100	56-0	200	200	200		400	50		4			50	12	5	4	7	82	113	$78	133	6	10	180
Highland	Jas. R. Hill	750	200	950		64	64	11	11	1025	40		40	200	120	150	35	19	204	10	2		1		10	5	10	4	5	116	40		128	2	10	31
Hillsboro	W. A. Deaton	1500	300	1800		127	127	15	15	1942	60		60	561	263	150	150		300	5		1			15	3	8	1	202	331	12	463	1		10
Jamestown	Chas. L. Conger	1050	150	1200		89	89	13	13	1392	85		85	432	75	148	115	45	308	15	5		1		15	8	6	12	73	74	51	125	1	1005	
Jesburg	Geo. S. Easton	750	150	900		64	64	11	11	975	33		33	225		133	41	20	194	9	1				37	2	3	6	5	204	38			5	
Loveland	L. M. Davis	600		600		43	43	8	8	651	10		10	140	100	10	60		70	5	1				5	3	3	6	12	5			62	1	2	5
Lynchburg	Chas. W. Briggs	900	150	1057		76	76	12	12	1138	33		33	265	137	90	60		150	15	2				15	3	3	4	22				13			
Maineville	W. S. Gray	650	100	725	25	55	55	6	6	786	12		12	200	100	68	15		83	2	1				5	3	2	4					20			25
Martinsville	[H. S. Alkire]	707	96	803		49	60	6	6	869	8		8	160	160	47	16		63	1		1			4	2	4	4	20							9
Morrow	Edward T. Lane	700	100	800		59	59	7	5	864	20		20	150	70	22	18		40	3	2				12	2	3	3	5			43		2	15
New Burlington	O. D. Becker	800	100	900		66	66	12	12	978	62		62	270	150	240	10		250	60	2				22	5	4	2				88		3	64
New Jasper	C. L. Chapman	700	100	800		60	60	10	10	870		$10	10	180	54	94	6		100	6					5	2	5	7	6	4	3		10		12	
New Vienna	J. H. Lease	750	150	900		64	64	11	11	975	60		60	225	125	175	15		190	5		1			5	3			131				2			65
Pleasant Plain	[Jos. Shepherd]	550		466	84	46	46	4	4	517	2		2	155	95	24	19		43	3	2				4	2	3							14	17
Rainsboro	J. E. H. Sentman	650	75	725		55	55	9	9	789	25		25	210	107	52	19		71	5	1		1		4	2	5	6	1			6	1		
Sabina	W. M. Coffman	700	175	900		59	59	10	10	969	45		45	180	112	116	54		170	15	2		1		15	2	3	13	2	1	61		51			16
Sinking Spring	[J. V. Morris]	550	50	542	58	46	38	6	3	583	3		3	132	44	28	7		35	3	1				3	2	3	2	1			3	3		
South Lebanon	Charles E. Lyon	500	100	549	51	44	44			593				75	40																		5	
Sugar Tree Ridge	[T. M. Scarff]	500	60	502	58	45	42	7	6	550	20		20	130	65	63	12		75	8	1		1		9		2	4				17		5	5
Union	W. M. Patton	800	150	950		67	67	12	12	1029	40		40	215	153	161	39		200	5	1		1		5			1	88			21		3	10
Waynesville	Phillip Trout	800	150	950		68	68		3	1021	15		15	164	65	56	20		76	2	1		1		2	1		1	33						100
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey	1100	240	1340		93	93	18	18	1451	41		41	457	187	150	50		200	9	2		1		6		11	10	78			102	1	15	35
Xenia: First Church	E. H. Cherington	1500	300	1800		126	126	24	24	1950	100		100	1648	225	470	130		600	35	5		1		35	5	9	15	146	170	15	268			25
Trinity	R. H. Rust	1200	300	1500		100	100	20	20	1620	40		40	400		150	50		200	5	2				10	3	10	5	118	163	50	46		11	
Totals		$23127	$3861	$26701	$287	1935	1935	$202	$289	$28037	$928	$10	$938	13190	$2994	$3104	1269	$114	$1487	$307	$42	$8	$45	$317	$78	$150	$125	$1428	$965	$206	$1668	$20	1110	$656

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																		
		CLAIMS.		Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd FROM.		Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society	EDUCATION.		Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S.		Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Home for Aged	Christ's Hospital
		Salary	House Rent								Collections	Other Sources				(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total		(a) Church	(b) S. School		(a) Pub. Edu. Co	(b) Child's Fund			(a) Cash	(b) Supplies				
Aberdeen	W. F. Martin	$600	$100	$700		$60	$60	$8	$8	$768	$12		$12	$130	$90	$25	$5		$30	$5				$5			$8						$5
Amelia	G. R. Frenger	650	100	750		60	60	9	9	819	40		40	185		100	50		150	28				20	$6	$6	15						
Batavia	Edmund Burdsall	800	120	920		74	74	10	10	1004	40		40	280	117	50	25		75	10		$4		8	3	3	8	$18	$20		$28		$3	$12
Bethel	D. S. Ewry	670	100	755	$15	49	45	8	8	908	10		10	150	110	75	10		85	2			1	2	3		3				21		8	37
Branch Hill	[G. G. Lewis]	460		410	50	35	35	4	4	446				100	25	9	9		18					1		2							
Chilo	[A. E. Hunt'gton]	450	50	500		48	48	5	2	545				75	47	12			12		1												
Decatur	J. A. Winkler	600	100	666	34	48	48	6	6	720	15		15	135	96	100	10		110	5	1		1	19	1	10	8	12			25			
Dunkinsville	J. W. Bennett	266	27	295		28	28	4	4	327	2		2	75	25	10			10	1			1	1	1									
Feesburg	[G. W. O'Neill]	500	75	560	15	50	50	4	4	614	4		4	110	71	15			15	1						7					56		1	
Felicity	W. J. Baker	600	100	700		58	58	7	5	758	8		8	180	80	60			60	8				25		6	1	23			24		5	7
Georgetown	T. W. Salt	800	120	920		66	66	10	8	996	35		35	220	85	806	19		825	35	2	1	4	40	2	22	27	5	5		99		75	150
Goshen	G. M. Fulton	600	100	700		58	58	8	5	758	20		20	125	125	25	20		45					7		4	1	2					8	27
Laurel	W. E. Spurrier	600	85	685		54	54	6	6	745	20		20	185	78	67	13		80	2	1	1	2	7	3		1	2						25
Lebanon	W. A. Cooper	1100	200	1300		90	90	10	10	1400	45		45	400	165	171	130	$40	341	32	4		3	22	10	3	11	268	152		2		14	28
Manchester	L. A. Washburn	660	100	744	16	60	56	8	8	808	15		15	160	105	60	37		97	14	1		1	6	5	10	6	38			54		25	5
Marathon	[W. E. Shriver]	500	75	582	Ex7	44	44	6	6	632	20		20	155	85	62	2		64	5	2		1	6		5	5	17					8	6
Mason	W. E. Putt	800	150	950		65	65	10	10	1025	10		10	120	140	20	28		50	5		2	1	9		6	8		5		25		8	26
Milford	M. LeSourd	1200	150	1350		111	111	12	12	1473	140		140	365	150	250	200		450	45	6		6	56	10	10	15	177	204	$56	238		125	100
Moscow	John Phillips	678		656	20	53	53	8	7	616	30		30	195	160	120	12		132	7	2		2	7	4	20	6	5	5		64			6
Mount Orab	[H. O. Collins]	750	150	791	100	65	58	10	5	854	5		5	250	130	13	3		16	2	1		1	8	5	10	1							12
Mount Washington	B. H. Lewis	520	75	565	30	45	45	4	4	614		$10	10	150	50	35	28	2	65	3	1		1	8	5	3	2	1	1		17		6	2
Mulberry	J. W. Drummond	167		117	50	16	14							120	70	3			3														
New Richmond	W. J. Dunham	700	150	850		54	54	8	8	912		7	7	215	80	56	7		63	3	1		1	3	1	7	2	1				2	
Newtown	T. P. Walter	547	120	684	Ex17	42	42	6	6	732	25		25	225	150	47	45		92	3	1		2	3	5	5	4	1	1					6
Owensville	W. B Brown	700	150	850		54	54	6	6	910	5		5	200	120	16	17		33	1			1	1		3	1				18			
Peebles	Jonathan Verity	615	100	715		60	60	8	2	777	10		10	125		64	11		75	7	1		2	2		2	3	7						
Ripley	H. W. Bailey	900	200	1100		74	74	10	10	1184	13		13	200	120	50			50	2	1		1	3	2	2	3	8	10		87		5	20
Summerside	A. G. Newton	550	100	686	20	45	40	6	5	675	8		8	135	90	50	25		75	5	1		1	3	2	3	3	5			9	$2	2	8
West Union	W. C. Mitchell	700	100	811	Ex11	60	60	5	5	876	15		15	160	100	80	3		83	4	1		1	3	2	3	3	12	29		96		2	2
Williamsburg	Andrew Hamilton	700	100	800		52	52	10	10	862	27		27	150	127	50	25		75	4	1		1	3		3	4	72	17		160			50
Williamsburg Circuit	[H. Culbertson]	500		441	59	40	37	6		479				185	80																		
Winchester-Seaman	J. M. Bailey	700	100	800		58	58	10	5	858				200	115	40	10		50	2		1	3	5		6							
Totals		$13,537	$2,037	$15,515	$393	$1,111	$1,110	$139	$117	$16,880	$374	$17	$391	$3,620	$2,324	$1,543	$714	$42	$2,299	$243	$62	$11	$14	$298	$74	$180	$145	$701	$119	$56	$888	$2	$207	$541

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent.	Total Receipts.	Deficiencies.	SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS. Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid.	SUPP'T OF BISHOPS Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REC'D FROM. Collections.	Other Sources.	Total.	CURRENT EXPENSES Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. MISSIONS. (a) Church.	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	S. S. UNION. (a) Church.	(b) S. School.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Socity	EDUCATION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash.	(b) Supplies.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Home for Aged.	Christ's Hospital.
Arcanum	S. W. Campbell	$750	$100	$850		$65	$65	$13	$10	$925	$5		$5	$200	$100	$17	$50		$67	$5	$2		$2	$5		$4	$2	$72			$15	$7		$11
Brandt	W. K. Brown	375	75	450		30	25	12	2	477				110	70	10			10		1			1	$1					1		
Catawba	J. L. Dalbey	700	150	850		65	65	18	18	933	50		50	250	120	74	30		104	5	1		1	1		8	1					4
Cedarville	H. C. Middleton	700	100	800		45	45	14	14	859	26		26	130	92	19	26		45	5	4		1	1			4	57			$5	14
Christiansburg	F. J. Reinbarth	600	72	667	$5	35	34	17	17	718	5		5	125	100	22	8		30	2	2		1				3					
Concord & Westville	R. S. McColm	750	100	850		45	45	10	10	905	6		6	180	90	64	3		67	3	1			1			2	1		7	5	
Covington	O. L. Seward	600	120	720		30	30	11	11	761	22		22	280	65	35	18		53	5		$1		1			1	50			4	34
Dialton	J. F. Laird	650	100	750		50	50	10	10	810	35		35	132	71	129	6		135	10	1		1	1			5	79			6	17
Greenville	C. W. Elliott	1200	240	1440		115	115	21	5	1560	20		20	1182	90	55	40		95	5	2		1	2			5	48		*77	11	8
King's Creek	{A. J. Sunderland}	500	60	560		35	48	10	10	618		$5	5	153	110	51	19		70	2	1		1	1			5	110	153	92	21	14	19
Mechanicsburg	C. H. Haines	900	200	1100		80	80	17	17	1197	25		25	540	79	121	104		225	22	3		2	3		2	5				55	4	
Mutual	Thomas Cundy	600	60	660		40	40	12	12	712	10		10	150	50	45	10		55	5	1		1	1		1	7	65	69	31	32	6	3	46
New Carlisle	C. L. Myers	700	150	850		50	50	10	10	910	45		45	125	100	62	40		102	10	2	8	1	1			5	142			29	3	12
New Moorefield	J. C. Eckles	650	100	750		60	60	8	5	815	10		10	348	92	70	12		82	8	2		1	2			3				3		
Piqua: Grace	H. E. Armacost	900	300	1200		50	50	17	17	1267	25		25	265	120	188	72		260	5	2		1	5			9	5	4		198	7	15	7
Greene Street	R. J. Wyckoff	1800	400	2200		140	140	28	28	2368	115		115	1435	230	500	150		650	55	2	18	2	4	65	50	8	5	10	81	39	3	344	8	30	94
South Charleston	A. T. Cowgill	800	175	975		60	60	18	18	1053	35		35	200	150	130	40		170	5	1		2	4	65	50	13	10	10	410	180	112	86			71
Springfield Central	A. W. Leonard	1600	400	2000		135	135	22	22	2157	138		138	707	283	415	881	$36	1332	22	5		4	1	5	2	4	21	9	2	10	15	8	24	219		12	34
Clifton Avenue	H. G. Curless	900		900		35	35	9	9	944	20		20	339	120	44	76		120	4	1			1			2	2			25	7	5	
Grace	R. E. Smith	675	70	695	50	40	36	9	7	738		10	10	150	100	28	32		60	4	1		1	1			3	15			22	5	1	5
High Street	E. P. Edmonds	1600	600	2200		135	135	28	28	2363	134		134	2300	150	235	100		335	30	7	3	10	30	10	6	9	15	182	321	125	60	17	15	270
St. Paul	J. F. Chenoweth	1200	400	1600		115	115	24	24	1739	40		40	425	135	61	52		113	15	1		2	2	15	5	5	7	141	58	21	144			33
Tippecanoe City	S. A Stephan	800	150	950		45	45	13	13	1008	33		33	209	278	35	45		80	4	2		2	3	10	5	8	4			10	70	8	2	23
Tremont City	Alfred Taylor	395	60	455		25	25	6	6	486	8		8	160	102	24	3		27	10	3		3	6	10	5	8	5			6			
Troy	W. H. Wehrly	1500	300	1800		120	120	28	28	1948	120		120	1008	220	271	129		400	40	3	3	3	6	40	5	84	20	78	231	51	80	10	15	136
Troy Circuit	J. F. McColm	600	150	709	41	40	27	11	4	740	5		5	80	40	27	5		32	*2	1				20	2	20	2					4	42
Urbana: First Church	J. E. Abrams	1200	300	1500		130	130	22	18	1648	95		95	850	125	255	215		470	15	4				15		8	20	152		49		1	8	45
Grace	C. W. Sullivan	1200	300	1500		120	120	22	22	1642	36		36	400	85	331	72		403	8					65		13	2	86	12	210	175		17	22
Vienna Cross Roads	{J. D. Trout}	75		75		10	10			85	2		2	20	20	2			2	1														
Yellow Springs	B. D. Hypes	850	150	1001	Ex1	60	60	15	15	1076	35		35	200	200	65	35		100	4	1	1	1	4	1	4	1	105	82		98	15	3	1
Totals		$25770	$5382	$31057	$95	2005	1995	$455	$410	$33462	1100	$15	1115	12658	$3593	$3385	2273	$16	$5694	$315	$50	$36	$39	$401	123	$256	$224	$2256	1496	$734	$1671	1193	$141	$1142

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDER.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.		SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			CURRENT EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																		
		CLAIMS.		Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		REC'D FROM.		Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society	EDUCATION.		Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	W. H. M. S.		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Home for Aged	Christ's Hospital
		Salary	House Rent			Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid				Collections	Other Sources				(a) Church	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts	Total		(a) Church	(b) S. School		(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund		(a) Cash	(b) Supplies						
Cincinnati	D. W. Clark	44513	7250	53519	Ex756	2529	2529	445	407	55455	2034	.....	2034	24597	5461	6866	2361	239	9466	996	139	27	122	1246	492	256	496	6004	2913	556	16482	92	1808	5027
Dayton	H. D. Ketcham	32896	4992	38080	Ex192	2801	2788	431	408	41276	1323	5	1328	14608	5189	4341	1754	311	6406	722	90	16	87	599	168	222	239	1756	1989	633	2076	12	156	916
Hillsboro	D. L. Aultman	23127	3861	26701	287	1935	1935	292	289	28905	928	10	938	13199	2994	3104	1269	114	4487	307	42	8	45	317	78	150	125	1428	965	206	1668	20	1110	656
Milford	A. N. Spahr	20521	3097	23235	383	1761	1740	232	197	25095	574	17	591	5620	2926	2543	744	42	3329	243	32	11	44	296	74	180	145	704	449	56	998	2	297	541
Springfield	G. W. Dubois	25770	5882	31057	95	2005	1995	455	410	33462	1100	15	1115	12653	3593	3385	2273	36	5694	315	50	36	69	401	123	256	224	2256	1496	784	1671	123	141	948
Totals, 1906		146827	24582	171592	Ex183	11031	10987	1855	1711	184193	5959	47	6006	70677	20163	20239	8401	742	29382	2583	358	98	367	2859	935	1064	1229	12208	7812	2185	22895	249	3512	8088
Totals, 1905		146215	24013	169653	575	10837	10755	1795	1638	182016	5612	44	5686	64959	20311	18834	8133	1058	28025	2276	405	....	374	2892	672	1159	1631	13580	11653	.....	52953	67	.....	.....
Increase		612	569	1939	.....	194	282	60	73	2177	347	3	320	5718	.....	1405	268	.....	1357	307	.....	98	.....	.....	263	.....	.....	.....	.....	2185	.....	182	3512	0888
Decrease		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	148	.....	.....	316	.....	.....	52	.....	7	33	.....	95	402	1822	3841	.....	30058	.....	.....	.....

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of Presiding Elder and Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID .....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
CARTHAGE	$600	$600
Reading,	400	400
CLEVES,	550	350
Harrison,	400	400
GROESBECK,	325	325
Asbury,	110	110
Ebeneezer,	115	115
MIAMITOWN,	200	200
Mt. Hope,	125	125
Dent,	175	175
DAYTON DISTRICT.		
CENTERVILLE,	$600	$600
Bellbrook,	200	200
EBENEZER,	275	275
Woodward Ave.,	325	325
FAIRHAVEN,	420	435
Sugar Valley,	230	230
GORDON,	240	240
West Baltimore,	160	160
Pittsburg,	100	100
West Sonora,	100	71
FORT JEFFERSON,	190	190
Hollandsburg,	180	178
Jaysville,	120	120
New Madison,	110	110
LEWISBURG,	400	400
Brookville,	300	300
Pyrmont,	75	75
MONROE,	700	700
Amanda,	100	100
NEW PARIS,	250	250
Gettysburg,	200	200
New Hope,	15	15
PORT UNION,	350	350
Glendale,	200	200
[illegible]iceton,	125	125
[illegible]ey Chapel,	125	125
[illegible]ION,	500	500
[illegible]rittstown,	100	100
[illegible] MILE,	533	538
[illegible]town,	266	268
[illegible]GBORO,	475	475
[illegible]e,	200	200
DAYTON.—Continued.		
VENICE,	$ 85	$ 85
New Haven,	125	125
New Baltimore,	108	108
Okeana,	208	197
St. Charles,	170	170
WALKER,	150	60
Union,	250	250
WEST CHESTER,	261	261
Tylersville,	212	212
Sharonville,	177	177
WEST MILTON,	200	200
Concord,	150	150
Pleasant Hill,	50	30
Union,	100	100
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
BELFAST,	$128	$129
Prospect,	115	115
Flat Run,	115	115
London,	96	96
Louisville,	91	91
Folsom,	65	65
BOWERSVILLE,	262	262
Center,	210	199
Mt. Zion,	92	92
Haws Chapel,	86	86
CENTERFIELD,	60	60
CLARKSVILLE,	364	367
Pansy,	84	84
Olive Branch,	161	172
Union,	91	91
HIGHLAND,	375	375
Memphis,	210	210
Samantha,	165	165
LEESBURG	445	445
East Monroe,	165	165
Olive Chapel,	140	140
LYNCHBURG,	420	425
Dunn's Chapel,	210	210
Dodsonville,	200	209
Russell,	150	152
MAINEVILLE,	412	412
Zoar,	137	137
Cozaddale,	100	75

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO,—Continued.		
Martinsville,	$218	$218
Mórrisville,	228	228
Westboro,	200	203
Midland,	85	85
Weberton,	—	41
New Burlington,	272	272
Sharon,	252	252
Lumberton,	176	176
Zoar,	100	100
New Jasper,	500	500
White Chapel	100	100
Mt. Tabor,	100	100
Pleasant Plain,	100	100
Butlerville,	125	125
Wesley,	125	86
McKendree,	75	63
Edenton,	125	91
Rainsboro,	302	302
Marshall,	160	160
New Petersburg,	114	114
Boston,	74	74
Sinking Spring,	200	200
Carmel,	170	170
Pisgah,	80	80
Cedar Chapel,	60	40
Conway Chapel,	40	37
South Lebanon,	325	350
Shiloh,	125	62
Rochester,	50	36
Sugar Tree Ridge,	183	145
Emerald,	108	108
Olivet,	102	102
Fairfax,	61	48
New Market,	23	26
Wesley Chapel,	23	13
Spring Valley,	232	232
Union,	232	232
Richland,	133	133
Glady,	141	141
Mt. Holly,	62	62
Waynesville,	650	650
Harveysburg,	150	150
MILFORD DISTRICT.		
Aberdeen,	$194	$194
Bradyville,	154	154
Ebenezer,	135	135
Fitch's Chapel,	117	117
Amelia,	430	430
Pleasant Hill,	150	150
Union Chapel,	70	70

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD,—Continued.		
Bethel,	$387	$387
Old Bethel,	113	113
Lakin,	112	102
Clermont,	58	53
Branch Hill,	100	100
Montgomery,	100	80
Brecon,	100	100
Miamiville,	100	100
Rossmoyne,	60	40
Chilo,	200	200
Cedron,	100	100
McKendree,	90	90
Smith's Landing,	60	60
Decatur,	174	175
Russellville,	145	145
North Liberty,	131	115
Eckmansville,	75	75
Fairview,	76	56
Dunkinsville,	108	109
Cedar Mills,	101	102
Union Chapel,	57	57
Feesburg,	53	46
Eden,	223	223
Hamersville,	107	107
Mt. Pisgah,	62	63
Mt. Zion,	53	44
Felicity,	435	435
Point Israel,	125	125
Mt. Olive,	40	40
Georgetown,	600	600
Freesoil,	100	100
Hillman,	100	100
Laurel,	208	208
Mt. Pisgah,	158	158
Spring Grove,	122	122
Franklin,	112	112
Manchester,	400	400
Bentonville,	185	169
Quinn Chapel,	75	75
Marathon,	169	169
Greenberry,	103	104
Burdsall,	103	103
Taylor,	66	66
Fayetteville,	66	66
Mason,	565	582
Socialville,	135	118
Union,	100	100
Moscow,	202	202
Calvary,	200	200
Neville,	123	103
Pt. Pleasant,	151	151

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD.—Continued.		
Mount Orab,	225	225
Sardinia,	220	143
Buford,	150	120
Shiloh,	105	103
New Hope,	50	50
Mt. Washington,	310	280
Salem,	100	100
California,	185	185
Newtown,	188	188
Armstrong Chapel,	158	156
Madeira,	112	128
Camp Dennison,	108	110
Owensville,	265	265
Belfast,	180	180
Newtonville,	190	190
Maple Grove,	65	65
Peebles,	415	415
Locust Grove,	64	64
Dunbarton,	136	136
Summerside,	167	157
Asbury,	167	167
Olive Branch,	167	157
Withamsville,	50	50
West Union,	462	469
Liberty Chapel,	150	154
Stone Chapel,	88	88
Winchester,	400	400
Seaman,	300	300
Yellow Springs,	640	640
Old Town,	110	111
Emory,	100	100
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		
Addison,	194	194
McKendree,	226	226
SPRINGFIELD.—Continued.		
Beech Grove,	$95	$90
Wesley,	85	85
Brandt,	150	150
Wayne,	75	75
Palmer,	150	150
Catawba,	469	469
Nation,	216	216
Pleasant,	98	98
Cedarville,	625	625
Clifton,	75	75
Concord,	561	561
Westville,	189	189
Dialton:		
Newson,	397	404
Sims,	132	132
Asbury,	121	114
King's Creek,	375	375
Cable,	53	53
Local,	40	40
Kennard,	32	32
Mutual,	240	240
Union,	260	260
Trickles Creek,	105	105
Fountain Park,	55	50
New Moorefield:		
Village,	135	135
Chapel,	190	190
Fletcher,	162	162
Asbury,	162	162
South Charleston,	650	650
Selma,	150	150
Troy Circuit,	185	185
Raper,	185	185
Casstown,	230	190
Tremont City,	218	218
Terre Haute,	171	171
Grafton,	66	66

C.

COMMITTEES.

A. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE Auditing Committee examined and found correct the following accounts: Treasurer of Publishing Committee account, Conference Treasurer's account, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and statement of Mears Bequest. JOHN E. BEERY, *Chairman.*

GEO. H. SMITH, *Secretary.*

B. GENERAL BENEVOLENCES.

a. AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

WE believe in and continue to emphasize the importance of the American Bible Society. For the past six years we have been showing our appreciation of the splendid work of this society by increased collections for its support. Yet it is also true that we are now giving for this work about one third as much as the Cincinnati Conference contributed for it thirty years ago. Since that time the great missionary work has increased many fold, and as a division of the missionary army, the Bible Society must keep step with that advance, or the work of the Church in mission fields be greatly hindered.

We again reaffirm as our apportionment the standard set by this Conference, viz., one-eighth of the amount apportioned for missions.

As the work of this society is so essential and vitalizing to the various forms of missionary work, we will do our best to at least reach the above-named standard, and we direct the Presiding Elders to make such an apportionment to the various charges in their several districts.

b. BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

TO OMIT the work of the Church Extension Society from the history of American Methodism is to lose one of its most unique and thrillingly interesting chapters. Every second Methodist Church in the United States has been assisted by this society, and its influence has gone out to the islands of the sea, and it has made possible a permanent Church home for nearly fifteen thousand societies. Without it most of these must have remained homeless, and probably many of them would have been entirely lost to us. If any of the fifty per cent of our Churches that have been assisted by this Society fail to take a collection for it each year, they neglect the heart that was touched with compassion by their needs and the hand that provided shelter for them. If any of the other fifty per cent fail, they must show a lack of appreciation of one of the wide-opened doors of gracious opportunity which God has placed before them.

It is useless for men of God to devote their time and energy to the gathering together of men and women and organizing them into societies unless they can be provided with homes. If we fail to support this God-inspired society it must fail in its splendid work, and the work of our Church in this country be greatly retarded. We must provide shelter for the homeless. They need it, Gods wills it, and we dare not fail.

c. FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

WE rejoice in the great work being done by this society. Its forty-three institutions, with the more than 12,000 students, together with the more than 12,000 teachers and 3,000 preachers, who have gone forth from these institutions, indicate the importance among the destitute whites and blacks of the Southland.

As no field agents are maintained by this society, the collections depend largely upon the fidelity of the pastors; and so true have they been to their obligations that the collections are now in advance of any previous period in the history of the society.

The fortieth anniversary of the organizing of this society is at hand, and we heartily recommend a liberal thank-offering.

To commemorate this fortieth anniversary, a series of engraved coupons have been prepared. Already a large number of these coupons have been taken, and we heartily commend the plan for a special offering of $100,000, and bespeak the earnest co-operation of both ministry and laity.

The needs and claims of this society were, perhaps, never greater than now. The unchristianized and ignorant masses among the poor, neglected whites and blacks of the South are crying for deliverance from their pitiable conditions. If this society is not provided with means adequate to the carrying on of this great work, our whole land must suffer, and the onward movement of the kingdom of Christ be retarded.

The education provided by the schools of this society is the education of the heart, head, and hands, thus laying the foundation for true citizenship, as well as for efficient work for Christ and humanity.

In view of the importance of this work, and of the fact of the conditions in which it had its birth,—indeed, that *demanded* such an organization and such work as it is doing—in view of the fact that these conditions still abound, and the *peculiar claims* of the poor whites and blacks of the South are so very urgent, it is our earnest conviction that should the unification of our benevolent societies become an accomplished fact, special work should still be placed upon the claims of these people and the work that is being done by this society.

d. MISSIONS.

WE render unto God our profoundest gratitude and thanksgiving for the wonderful way in which He has led our generals and private workers in mission fields during the past year. Day by day the army has gone forth under the banner of King Jesus; is occupying new fields taken in the name of our Christ, and of a world-wide Christian civilization. Their achievements are scattering the mists of pessimism and ushering in the reign of optimism, and we are beginning to view the task of conquering the world for Christ from the mountain-top of Omnipotence, from which we can have a more inspiring view of the onward marching of God's victorious army.

Under the leadership of our beloved and most efficient Secretary and his splendid assistants, we rejoice to note the steady advancement in the offerings made by our great Church for the purpose of preaching the gospel of Jesus the Christ to all the world.

The battles to be fought are many, and must be fought in the enemy's country, but the commanders, many of the privates, and the munitions of war must be supplied by Christian lands. If we fail the battle must cease and the contest be lost. But we will not fail, and we are going on to certain victory. The clouds are gradually lifting, the mists are slowly dispersing, the army is pushing the contest, the enemy

is slowly, but surely yielding, and the Son of God is approaching His throne. Victory is surely coming. We would hasten its coming; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we protest against the omnibussing of the missionary collection with our other collections, and insist that the cause of missions, which must ever lead all others, be carefully and fully presented, and thus given a place commensurate with its importance, the first place, among our benevolences. As it advances the others will advance; as it languishes, the others will fail.

2. That we emphasize the importance of observing an annual missionary day in each charge, making the best possible preparation for the same.

3. That we urge the observance of the monthly missionary prayer-meeting concert in every society; for while it is true that more money is needed, it is equally true that more prayer for God's blessings upon our great mission work is quite as essential. Indeed, we ought to give the money and not withhold the prayers. When men and women can be induced to pray for missionaries, they will soon pray their purses open and want to support them.

4. We also recommend that there be a more effective organization of the Sunday-schools into Missionary Societies. We understand that during the coming year, whenever possible, the Sunday-school lessons are to be treated from the missionary view-point, in their applications, and we urge pastor and superintendents to give this effort their hearty co-operation.

5. We recommend that pastors endeavor to assist their Epworth Leagues to organize mission-study classes, and introduce and circulate the Missionary Libraries, which may be obtained at very reasonable cost.

6. We urge the holding of a Missionary Convention in each district in our Conference.

The India Missionary Jubilee.

Our mission in India was founded in 1856 by the Rev. Dr. Wm. Butler. Its subsequent history is in evidence of the saying that "truth is stranger than fiction." Our missionaries in Southern Asia are now preaching the gospel of the Son of God in about thirty-seven different languages. They have established five publishing-houses, have 150,000 communicants, have about 125,000 Sunday-school scholars, and 36,000 students in our educational institutions.

At least 150,000 more Hindus have renounced idolatry, professed faith in Christ, and applied for admission into the Methodist Church, but can not be received until the missionary force is largely increased. It is claimed that, with an additional fifty efficient missionaries, our membership in India could be doubled in six months. Let us provide for the men; God will discover them, and the multitudes will be claimed for Christ.

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our mission in India is at hand, and it is proposed to raise a thank-offering fund of $250,000, as a token of our gratitude to Almighty God.

Of this sum our people in India have undertaken to provide $50,000, leaving $200,000 to be provided by our Church in America. Surely we will not fail.

Where it has not been done, we recommend that, if possible, the thank-offering be taken at the earliest possible date.

We congratulate the Missionary Committee on securing the services of the Rev. Dr. J. G. Vaughan as Field Worker in this relation, and request his reappointment to his present position.

We note with pleasure the fact that Dr. A. B. Leonard, on November 7th, sails for a tour of the world, in which he will visit our various mission fields, and is especially delegated to attend the India Jubilee Meeting, to convene in Bareilly, India, on December 29th, and continue for three days, and pray that God may return him to us, to tell the story of this modern-day miracle of the nine Conferences in Southern Asia, including the Philippines, in which are now 150,000 communicants, as above mentioned, and the man who baptized the first convert, the Rev. Dr. Humphrey, of Little Falls, N. Y., is still living, and arouse our Church to her opportunity and obligation as she has never been aroused.

And, lastly, we would emphasize the importance of the pastors standing squarely and firmly for the General Fund of the Missionary Society.

e. SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

1. We believe we have a literature equal to the best provided by any denomination, and urge that no literature be allowed to supplant our own.

2. We believe that teacher-training should be emphasized in connection with every school, and that the training class should be a part of our work in every charge. We heartily recommend the Teachers' Library.

3. We recommend that each Sunday-school take a collection by classes for this work, not failing to emphasize the importance of its mission.

4. We believe in giving our own Union its proper place—the *first place*. We would not be narrow nor sectarian; we would not fail in our appreciation of the Interdenominational Sunday-school Union, but we would be true and loyal to our own interests. We are positively opposed to the taking of collections in our Sunday-schools for the Interdenominational Union, and failing to provide for our own Union. We must loyally stand by our own Union. It is doing a work for Methodism that an Interdenominational Society can not do.

5. We urge the pastors to see that in every school the Annual Rally Day is observed, the collection taken and forwarded at once to the proper authorities; and that, wherever practicable, the work of the Home Department, Normal Department, and Cradle Roll is inaugurated at an early date, and that Decision-day be given its proper emphasis.

6. The children belong to God; we must build them up in Him and save them to the Church. We believe that "evangelism" should be the keynote in our Sunday-school work. The *Sunday-school Journal*, the *Classmate*, and the *Advocate* are emphasizing this idea. The pastors must be leaders, and urge on the teachers and other workers.

If we do our best for the Sunday-school, there will be less difficulty in caring for and building up our Churches.

In accordance with the request of the society, we recommend the appointment of Rev. J. D. Darling as Conference Secretary for this society.

f. TRACTS.

The Tract Society represents an agency of actual influence, but imperfectly understood by the Church, and, if possible, power far beyond our present realization. Almost every part of the world bears tetimony to its great helpfulness in disseminating the truths of Christianity and in cultivation of the virtues of Christian character. It must often be the original seed sown in places where the people would not hear the preacher nor the teacher, and would not read the Bible nor any part of it.

if placed in their hands in any other form. It thus becomes the "good seed of the kingdom."

The demands for help that come from both the home and foreign land are great, of which demands the resources of the society make it impossible to supply but a very small part.

We believe that the Tract Society should be so strengthened as to permit it to co-operate with our city evangelization agencies, supplying the literature needed for the foreign speaking peoples in our cities, as well as for work in foreign countries.

We recommend that pastors make greater use of this agency for good, the tract, both by their own personal efforts and by properly using the Church Committee for that purpose.

g. CONCLUSION.

There are not too many of the regular General Conference benevolences, and they should not be omnibussed, but each should have a fair and honest representation and chance. If there is anything left, let the "special claims" share in it. This does not oppose our thank-offering funds for our regular societies, but relegates to a secondary place some of the so-called "specials" that are, like the poor, always with us. We believe the pastor should make the strongest possible plea for the regular benevolences, for the progress of the kingdom of God on earth depends in a very large measure upon the work of these societies, and these depend upon our people for funds for the work. Let us stand by our benevolences.

With thanksgivings to Almighty God for the victories of the past; with a firm confidence in the present, and ever-increasing and brightening hopes for the future, we believe we are at least in the twilight of the dawning of the generation when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

O. L. UTTER, *Chairman.* C. H. HAINES.
J. D. DARLING, *Secretary.* S. G. POLLARD.
JNO. PEARSON. W. A. COOPER.

C. EDUCATION.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE expanding work of the Board of Education is cause for gratitude. We note with pleasure the report of the work of last year. Nearly two thousand students have been assisted to attend the institutions of the Church, more than $108,000 being distributed among our institutions for the purpose of aiding worthy young men and young women.

We are highly gratified to note that there was an advance in the receipts of the society of more than twelve per cent upon the total receipts of the preceding year. The contribution of our own Conference to the Children's Day Fund for the year ending November 30, 1905, amounted to $1,158.57. The society appropriated to students who gave their residence as within our Conference territory during the same year, $1,363. It will therefore be seen that we share in the prosperity of the society. We earnestly recommend the observation of the disciplinary requirement touching the Children's-day collection for the Board of Education in every charge within the bounds of our Conference.

We rejoice in the growing usefulness of the *Christian Student*, and heartily commend it to all our people. We would also call the attention of the heads of all our schools, and the attention of all our pastors,

to a series of leaflets recently published by the Board, and known as "*The American Student Series.*" All of our pastors should see to it that the program prepared by the Board of Education be used on Children's-day.

We cordially commend the work of the Board in the emphasis which it places constantly upon high Christian ideals of education.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

No other institutions supported by our Church sustain a more vital relation to our work as ministers than Boston and Drew Theological Seminaries and Garrett Biblical Institute. We note with pleasure their increasing fame throughout the Church and beyond our denominational borders.

It is true that the preacher of to-day faces an educated laity, and therefore the demand of the times is not simply for a trained ministry, but for a specially trained ministry. The minister must be a specialist in faith. He must know Biblical literature and the age-long development of theology. He must know the varying aspects of the religious life of the whole race. The time has passed when he can draw all his illustration and instruction from the marvelous journey by which the Israelites passed from Egypt to Canaan. God's witness is everywhere, and the minister's field of research is not the Jewish race, but the human race. Our theological horizons have broadened, and therefore our responsibilities have increased. These responsibilities are not met by ignoring them. The specialist in comparative religion sends us far afield; the Biblical scholar shows us a multitude of new things along the old beaten paths; the psychologist has opened a new domain for us. We have no choice as to entering these open doors. We must know these lands. If we loftily refuse, we must not be surprised if the people look to other guides.

In the face of such facts, our Conference demands that the young men coming to us shall have adequate preparation is both just and necessary. Our theological schools furnish the opportunity for this special discipline and equipment, and have our confidence and support.

We urge all young men seeking entrance into our Conference to avail themselves of the splendid advantages our excellent theological institutions afford.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

The great fire in Baltimore in 1904 affected every interest of that city. The Woman's College was no exception. But the place the college held in the Methodism of the entire country was manifested by the way its needs were met by numerous friends in Maryland and other States, by paying its entire debt, amounting to $500,000.00 The college widened its influence and was set anew on its way in the accomplishment of its mission. the higher education of women. We commend it as a school of the highest character and the most ample facilities.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

The situation of the Hillsboro College remains practically the same as last year.

However, vigorous action has been taken by the School Board of the town, supported by the Conference Trustees, to secure possession of the property by legal means. Two able attorneys have been employed to secure this desideratum at the earliest possible date. When this shall have been accomplished a long-standing injustice will have been rectified.

We recommend the following named persons as Trutees of the Hillsboro College for the ensuing year: J. L. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, W.

C. Duckwall, Jas. F. Brown, C. H. Haynes, J. W. Watts, W. N. Bean, and Jos. H. Head, said Trustees to have the power to fill all vacanies that may occur.

THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The first year of President Herbert Welch's administration has been among the best years in this great Methodist institution's history. Moral standards have continued high, the religious life has been emphasized, and intellectual training has received careful and capable attention.

The completion of the John Edwards Gymnasium and the Engineering Annex of the Physics Building represents the addition of two buildings worth more than $90,000.00 to the property used for educational purposes. Among other material resources, the Taylor bequest of $20,000.00 has recently become available, and probably will provide soon additional assistance for deserving young men preparing themselves for the Christian ministry.

The prominent rank of the university in the educational world, the conspicious success of many of her Alumni in professional and business life, and the generally high average of the student body, are reasons for gratification, and should inspire the respect and confidence of the public. Our own institution, in our very midst, the Ohio Wesleyan University, deserves and ought to have the hearty co-operation of Ohio Methodism. While the property and endowment aggregate almost two million dollars, the provisions for current expenses do not meet the annual requirements. For some time there has occurred a yearly deficit in this item. The president's report shows a shortage of $21,500 for the last fiscal year. The Conferences in the patronizing territory should help lift this burden from the shoulders of the administration by substantially supplementing the movement already inaugurated by the management of the institution for meeting the current expenses. In view of the imperative need for an increase in the current funds of the university, we recommend that an earnest effort be made for enlarged collections for public education, and we wish that the day might speedily come when the contributions for this important purpose should amount to not less than twenty-five cents per member.

At its last meeting the Board of Trustees took the following action: "We recommend that our Presiding Elders and pastors shall be asked to arrange meetings—district, group, and local Church gatherings—at which the President or some member of the Faculty, shall be requested to be present to present 'the claims and life of the university to our people."

We indorse this action, and recommend that wherever practicable its suggestions be carried out.

Whereas it appears that a scholarship covering the tuition fee in the Ohio Wesleyan University was transferred by the late Rev. William Herr to the Cincinnati Conference, we recommend that hereafter the assignment of this scholarship be left to the Committee on Education from year to year, and that this year the President of the university be authorized to assign it to some student from this Conference territory.

We nominate Bishop John M. Walden for re-election on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

APPOINTMENTS.

We nominate Visitors to our educational institutions as follows:

Ohio Wesleyan University: D. G. Latshaw, W. L. Y. Davis; alternate, L. M. Davis.

Drew Theological Seminary: H. C. Jameson, C. M. Van Pelt; alternate, Creighton Wones.

Boston Theological Seminary: R. J. Wyckoff, S. W. Bell; alternate, E. P. Edmunds.

Garrett Biblical Institute: G. P. Benton, J. E. Abrams; alternate, W. E. Putt.

We recommend the following persons for election as officers and members of the Conference Educational Society: President, Guy P. Benton; Vice-President, G. P. Austin; Secretary, W. A. Deaton; Treasurer, James M. DeCamp. Additional members, W. R. Warnock, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble, and Robert W. Burns.

C. M. VAN PELT, *Secretary.* M. B. FULLER, *President.*

D. PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

WE rejoice in the continuous and growing prosperity of these vast interests and activities of Methodism, for the last is the banner year of all their history.

We commend the fidelity and efficiency of the publishers and editors, also the able, vigilant, though unpaid, services of our Book Committee, especially of the Local Committee at Cincinnati.

We urge the membership to a more general use of the literature of our Church especially of the *Western Christian Advocate*, the *Epworth Herald*, and the *Methodist Review*, all conducted by editors of marked ability.

The subscription-lists to all these should be doubled in every charge on the average, for wherever read they make for intelligent devotion to God and His kingdom, conserve the peace of Zion, and help in the development of a higher type of piety and usefulness.

We accept the wisdom of the joint action of the General Book Committee and Publishing Agents in increasing the subcription price of the *Western Christian Advocate*, because we are persuaded this is made necessary by the steadily increasing prices of both the labor and materials which enter into the publication of the same and the slight decrease in the number taken.

We approve the high grade of our Sabbath-school publications, both as to material and contents.

With pleasure we record the fact that the Cincinnati Book Concern has more than quadrupled the sales of the bound volumes of our own publications within five years, and is now laying under tribute the best authorship of both hemispheres to this end.

The dividend to the Annual Conferences for the superannuates reaches the highest water mark this year—namely, in figures $130,000, which is $10,000 more than last year.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. WEAKLEY, *Chairman.*

W. H. SPYBEY, *Secretary.*

E. REFORMS.

a. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—We believe in the doctrine of our Lord, as given in His interpretation of the Fourth Commandment, "The Sabbath was made for man," for his physical, intellectual, and spiritual well-being, and we hold that wherever the law of the Sabbath, binding alike on individuals, corporations, and governments, is unknown, disregarded, or wilfully violated, inevitable damage—physical, intellectual, civic, social, and spiritual—is suffered.

We recognize the fact that there are works of necessity and mercy

that may be rightfully performed on the Sabbath-day, but those works can not be made to include the transaction of ordinary business, excursions, games, and similar amusements. Professing Christians can not allow themselves these indulgences without damage to Christian character and experience and the bringing of scandal upon the Church. We hold that the Sunday saloon and beer-garden and theater and Sunday golf and baseball games are demoralizing to society, and we insist that the law forbidding these performances shall be enforced. Where officials, who are duly and solemnly sworn to execute these laws for the protection of the Sabbath, refuse even to make an honest effort in that direction, we raise the question whether they may not be truthfully charged with malfeasance in office, with having broken their oaths, and whether they should not therefore be removed from office. We urge all Christian believers to carefully determine by the light of the gospel and of conscience, what they may or may not do on the Sabbath-day, and we earnestly admonish our people to use that blessed day for purposes of rest, religious instruction, and respite from all secular vocations.

b. GAMBLING.—We warn our people against the growing vice and peril of gambling, and we urge every pastor in the near future to preach on this specific sin of our age. Very few apprehend the menace and the corruption of a manifold sort which are involved in this specious and spreading iniquity. Horse-racing, for example, is carried on all over the land, and specifically in large measure in most of the eighty-eight County Fair Associations of Ohio, for the chief sake of the money at stake in the multifarious bets that are made. It is literally true that many millions are lost and won each year on the races of the land. Baseball games elicit bets to large amounts, and the secular dailies, which devote many columns to their reports of games and races, minister to the craving which seeks in the following of the gambling habit to get something for nothing. Students of our current social phenomena on both sides of the sea unite in the testimony that gambling is one of our worst vices and perils, and that it leads in countless cases to embezzlement and other forms of financial dishonesty. Let us bear our testimony with all possible earnestness against all the nefarious brood of gambling practices which infest and curse the land.

We congratulate President Roosevelt and the United States Congress upon the laws which have been recently passed, protecting our markets and our homes against impure foods, providing for the cleaning up of the great meat-packing houses, and brining about other civic and financial reform. We also give due credit to the National Department of Justice for its vigorous prosecutions of unlawful combinations in restraint of trade, of trusts which have violated the laws of the land, of railroads which have been accomplices in the matter, and we hope that the well-begun work will go on until all such offenders are punished and these infamies are brought forever to an end.

c. DIVORCE.

The large number of divorces annually sought and granted; the ominous and growing percentage of divorces to marriages, and the indecent haste of many divorced persons to re-marry, are but the beginning of a dark story. In our own and other States no legal contract is so easy to break as the marriage contract. People turn to divorce with shameful readiness. A certain class of not over-scrupulous attorneys go out of their way to seek this particular line of business, and even suggest divorce where it would not otherwise have been thought of. Our judges, as a rule, to their credit be it said, would prefer to grant few divorces, and groan for more stringent legislation, but are helpless.

The obstacles in the way of reform, though great, are not insurmountable. In the way of getting uniform legislation the greatest hindrance is our Federal system. In the way of drastic legislation the greatest hindrance is general apathy. A widespread and persistent agitation would overcome both difficulties. As ministers of the Gospel, we should do our utmost to swell the volume of this agitation. We should scrupulously comply with our Discipline in the matter of marrying divorced persons. We should, in our ecclesiastical gatherings, and in our religious press, study what more we may do to remove this national reproach.

d. TEMPERANCE.

The Cincinnati Conference can not add to, and will not subtract from, its oft-repeated declarations of uncompromising hostility to the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage. It shall be our settled practice to strike it as often as we can, as hard as we can, and anywhere that we can. It is one of the most dangerous enemies that the Church of Jesus Christ has ever had to meet, and we can not rest until it is finally and completely exterminated.

We appreciate the increasing effectiveness of the Anti-Saloon League, and are encouraged by the results achieved by it during the last session of the legislature. We have confidence in its leadership and commend it anew as more needed than ever in law enforcement, in securing more advanced reform legislation, and in educating the people to touch not, taste not, handle not the accursed stuff. We commend the action of the last legislature in passing the Woods Search and Seizure Law and the Jones' Residence District Bill; and we now declare ourselves in favor of a County Option Law, and pledge to use our influence, wherever possible, for its passage.

We nominate as our representative on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, H. D. Ketcham, and John Pearson and S. Van Pelt as delegates, and C. W. Sullivan and O. M. Sellers as alternates to the national convention of the Anti-Saloon League, to meet in St. Louis, Mo., Monday, November 19th, to Thursday, November 22d, 1906.

e. STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We urge our people to hold family worship, and exalt the standard of home religion; to beware of the fascinations and bewilderments of that sort of worldliness that eats out the very heart of religion; to bring the children of all our households to the preaching service on the Lord's-day; to read the Epworth Herald, the Western Christian Advocate, and the New York Advocate—especially their own Western—and thus keep in touch with the work of Christendom; and to see to it that their example, their influence, and their experience comport with their profession as followers of our Divine Lord. A. B. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

JESSE BOWMAN YOUNG, *Secretary.*

F. CHURCH AND PARSONAGE INSURANCE.

When the Board of Insurance met in annual session in February, the total business of the National Mutual Church Insurance Company of Chicago had increased from $23,913,926.00 the year before to $26,756,513.00. Since then the total has passed the *twenty-eight million dollar* mark. Total increase of over four million dollars for the year.

The total losses up to August 25th were 1,112, amounting to $256,762.29. In spite of the fact there is now in the hands of the policy holders

considerable more than a quarter of a million dollars which would have been collected by the company had this business been written under the stock company plan; a 10 per cent dividend was declared on last year's business. The cash reserve, as required by law, is now approximately $40,000.00 in addition to the premium of notes not yet due, about $265,000.

As is always the case with this company there is not a dollar of losses due and unpaid. The amount of losses in process of adjustment is estimated at $4,900.00. In addition to the losses of more than a quarter of a million dollars reimbursed to our Church societies and preachers, the dividends paid up to this time have aggregated over $33,000.00, making a total of approximately $300,000.00 of Methodist money that has been returned to the members. And what is greater still, *Methodism has been saved* in many localities where churches and parsonages could not have been rebuilt but for the assistance of this company, no insurance having been carried before, and many preachers have been saved from embarrassment by carrying policies in this company.

Your committee recommend that in so far as it is possible the Churches and members of our Conference place their insurance with our own company.

L. O. HARTMAN.
O. D. BECKER.
CREIGHTON WONES.

E. BURDSALL, *President.*
A. W. LEONARD, *Secretary.*

G. RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Presidency of Bishop Joseph Berry, anticipated with pleasure, has more than met our expectations; dispatching business with celerity and without friction, free from pragmatism and *ex cathedra* prerogatives, fraternal in bearing and easy of approach, enriching our thought, expanding our affections with wise and devout speech stimulating to youth, and approved by age and experience, he has daily grown in our esteem; and he will be heartily welcomed by the Cincinnati Conference whenever it may please the Episcopal College to assign him to its Chairmanship.

Resolved, That the presence of Bishop J. M. Walden in the Conference and in the chair has been especially gratifying and aidful in the despatch of business, and we assure him that he is always welcome, both as an emeritus member of the Conference and as a bishop of the Church.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. O. Royal remains in our esteem the prince of the pen, and is entitled to all just praise for the skill with which he records our proceedings and publishes our Minutes. In this enconium we also include his able assistants.

Resolved, That we appreciate the arduous labor of our Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, and the delicate duties of our Board of Stewards, their duties being privatory, denying them the pleasure of attending Conference sessions, they are entitled to special recognition for their gratuitous and secluded service.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the pastors and Churches of Eaton who have so generously placed their edifices at the disposal of the Conference for business and worship.

Resolved, That the Rev. W. A. Wiant, upon whom has fallen the burden of superintending our entertainment, and who has with exquisite grace presided as our official host, has exceeded the pledges made by him at Springfield, and fully vindicated the high claims he made as to the savory quality of Eaton hospitality, and, therefore, to the constellation of Asters we add the star of our gratitude to his well-won crown as a Conference boniface.

Resolved, That we have been edified by the music furnished us by the excellent organ and choir of the Eaton Methodist Church.

Resolved, That our welcome and stay in this lovely town has been one prolonged pleasure which memory will amber, that, recollection of its delights in hours of retrospection, may serve to aid in allaying future privations and pains and remain a joy forever. Eaton—a community of homes—has been a hospice as welcoming to ecclesiastical gypsys as was the tent of Abraham to the angelic visitors that shared its hospitality. The people have acted as if their guests were angels, while their visitors have felt so much at ease that they have folded their wings without a desire to fly away. We have had a week of fellowship, preachers with people, typical of that communion of saints which we hope to enjoy in our Heavenly Father's House. We tender our hosts grateful thanks, and in bidding them a reluctant good-bye, pray that heavenly benedictions may fall on all the hearts and homes that have been open to us during the festival week of Conference. J. E. H. SENTMAN, *Chairman.*

HOWARD HENDERSON, *Secretary.*

W. P. THIRKIELD.

WHEREAS, Dr. W. P. Thirkield, an honored member of this body, has been unanimously elected President of the Howard University, an institution standing in close relation with the National Government at Washington, D. C., therefore,

Resolved, 1. We realize a sense of great loss in the severance of the relations that Dr. Thirkield has sustained to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, in which relations he has rendered most efficient service as instructor and Corresponding Secretary for a period of twenty-three years.

2. We recognize the fact that in the selection of Dr. Thirkield to the responsible position to which he has now been called, which came to him unexpectedly and without solicitation upon his part, not only has a distinguished honor been bestowed upon our brother, but honor has likewise come to our Conference and to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. We shall ever follow the career of President Thirkield with prayerful and sympathetic interest, and wish for him the largest measure of success in his new field of labor.

HEBER D. KETCHAM,
CREIGHTON WONES,
Committee.

H. WOMAN'S WORK.

We rejoice in the extraordinary facilities afforded in our age for the education of our girls and young women, and in the unprecedented opportunities given to women for self-support. The openings for usefulness in the various women's enterprises in the Church are also amazing in number and fruitfulness. The growth of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with its hosts of teachers, medical missionaries, and native helpers and Bible readers in many lands; the advances made by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with its homes, schools, immigration stations, training institutions, and other agencies of usefulness; the progress registered by the deaconess training-schools, and the increasingly fruitful work done by deaconesses, nurses, and other carefully equipped laborers; the victories achieved by the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the cause which it represents—are all matters of re-

joicing with us. In the spirit of the Apostle to the Gentiles we would help in all possible ways this great army of women who labor with us in the Gospel. J. R. HILL, *Chairman.*

JESSE B. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

I. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

We are grateful to God for the continued efficiency of the Epworth League not only in "looking up" and "lifting up" the young and old, but also, for its loyalty and conservative power in the Church. While we are not unconscious of the fact that there are defects, weaknesses, and criticisms which by wise and consecrated officers and leaders may be overcome, we record our unswerving loyalty to it and recommend:

That the pledge be used in all the Leagues as a safeguard against undisciplinary amusements; also, that our young people seek and help others attain the highest New Testament standard of experience and life.

We urge a deeper spirituality and renew their efforts in evangelism.

We commend the Mission Study Course, the Morning Watch, and the Bible Study Course prescribed by the General Officers and committees of the Epworth League for enlightenment and religious fervor.

We particularly emphasize the importance of the Junior Epworth League, and urge that it be maintained so that it may become more efficient in bringing the children into the Church and holding them there. The Epworth League should recognize the constitutional relation to the Junior Epworth League.

We record our appreciation of the faithful and efficient service of our General Secretary and commend the Epworth Herald as the best paper for our young people. Its circulation should be doubled.

With gratitude to God for the past and hope for the future, we look for great results from these young people's societies.

VI.

Miscellany.

I. CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

THE Board has licensed the following named deaconesses: Marguerite Gloud, Elenora Kittell, Evangeline Loofbourrow, Bertha Lukemeier, Cynthia Richardson, and Estelle Trusler.

We recommend the renewal of licenses for the following named deaconesses: Dora Adron, Effie Austen, Lucy Banting, Anna Bassett, Felicia Black, Mary V. Cameron, Cara H. Close, Adda B. Day, Florence Deaver, Anna Dwinnell, Emma Enders, Mary Eyre, Blanche Fuller, Marguerite Gloub, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Nettie B. Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Lucelia House, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jacques, Elenora Kittell, Evangeline Loofbourrow, Bertha Lukemeier, Lelia Lybarger, Mary McEwen, Harriet Malott, Lillian Manker, Mrs. S. M. Martin, Edyth L. Nevitt, India Paff, Ida Pennell, Mary Pickett, Hannah M. Pierce, Minnie Post, Clara V. Potter, Cynthia Richardson, Anna H. Sandidge, Francis Saunders, Lottie Sinnett, Ella Slear, Bessie Smith, Clora Solomon, Alice Thatcher, Carrie Thompson, Estelle Trusler, Margaret Wilson, and Nellie Young.

Our property at Christ's Hospital, valued at $175,000, is insured for $100,000; the furniture in the Deaconess Home is insured for $4,000; insurance on the Withridge Deaconess Rest at Epworth Heights is $250. Our cottage at Lakeside is also insured for $250.

Detailed and accurate reports of the receipts and disbursements for the Hospital and Deaconess Home will be found in the forthcoming annual report, but the approximate receipts and disbursements for the Conference year are $60,000.

The financial statement of the Methodist Home for the Aged Corporation, to June 1, 1906, close of the fifth fiscal year:

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—		
Home Grounds	$20,000 00	
Home Building (Expended)	122,851 99	
Home Equipment	1,914 15	
Investment, Real Estate	13,200 00	
Investment, Securities	13,345 50	
Investment, Bills Receivable	26,484 50	
Bills Receivable, Subscriptions, Notes	86,025 00	
Accounts Receivable	1,400 00	
Deficit and Surplus Account (7 years)	5,572 83	
		$291,878.25
Liabilities—		
Home Fund	$212,970 70	
Admission Fund	12,007 70	
Endowment Fund	31,100 00	
Annuity Endowment Fund	10,800 00	
Bills Payable	25,000 00	
		$291,878 25

Budget Account for 1905-1906—	
General Fund, Receipts from all Sources	$10,384 55
Disbursements for Current Expenses, Including Annuities Paid	10,204 07
Surplus for the Year	$180 48

At the meeting of the Conference Deaconess Board in Cincinnati, August 16th, reports in detail were received from Glenn Home, Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, and from Christ's Hospital. Tabulated lists were furnished of the number of hours of service given, meetings held or attended, visits to the sick, books and tracts distributed, baskets of food given, children brought into the Sunday-school, kindergarten children taught, conversions which could be reported, garments given away, enrollment in industrial schools, number of individuals assisted by Travelers' Aid, and much other good work. The report of the Biblical Department of the training-school shows a wide range of studies pursued by the deaconesses, and a generous co-operation of the pastors of the city in giving regular instruction, amounting at least to 251 hours of class work. The total number of hours engaged in work by the deaconesses was 44,370; the total number of visits reported was 11,201 the total number assisted by the Travelers' Aid was 2.100.

In the Hospital 2,226 patients were served during the year. Of these nearly one thousand were helped in their homes and through clinic work. From one-third to one-half of these were treated free. District nurses cared for the sick in their homes. There were from seven to nine applications for treatment declined every day because of our inability to care for all applicants. There was an average of thirty children per day in the children's ward. There was an average of six major operations per day in the surgical department. These are but a few of the figures which have been taken from the carefully recorded work of the various departments of our deaconess and hospital work. But figures can not express the work itself. One visit counts one on our books, but the word spoken and prayers offered, the comfort brought, cheer and hope wrought in sad hearts, and relief to suffering bodies goes into the record which God keeps of his workers. Souls were converted, distracted homes were brought into blessed reconcilement, children were rescued for a life of blessed service, and in a hundred ways the cause of the kingdom of Christ was set forward towards its final glory of conquest by the faithful, self-sacrificing work of these servants of God in our Hospital and Deaconess Home.

The Nurses' Home, so much needed, is being built in the rear of the Hospital, by the gifts of Mr. James N. Gamble, Mr. David B. Gamble, Mrs. William Gamble, and Miss Lillie Gamble in memory of their sister, Miss Mary Gamble. The furnishing of the Nurses' Home by gifts from the people, is a work which readily appeals to all lovers of this noble work.

The Deaconess Conference, held in Trinity Church last November, was addressed by Bishop Spellmeyer, Dr. W. D. Cole, Dr. N. Luccock, of St. Louis, and Bishop Walden. This conference proved to be a bringer of blessing to all of our deaconesses who could avail themselves of the privilege of attending. We would call attention to the meeting of the Deaconess Commission in Cincinnati, in the ensuing October. The Commission, appointed by the General Conference, consists of Bishop Walden, Bishop Fowler, Bishop Goodsell, Bishop Wilson, Bishop FitzGerald, Rev. W. O. Shepherd, Rev. C. L. Goodell, Rev. Christian Golder, Rev. S. W. Thomas, Rev. C. L. Murdoc, Mr. James N. Gamble, R. S. Douglas, G. W. Brown, N. W. Harris, and J. E. Laycraft. The meeting of this Commission October 10th will be followed by a meeting of deaconesses from the different homes in the United States. We urge all of our brethren to attend this conference.

We recommend the election of G. Roughton, H. C. Weakley, and Mrs. T. H. Pearne as members of the Conference Board of Deaconesses for three years. Their term of office expires at this Conference.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. W. A. Robinson as corresponding secretary of the Deaconess Home Association. The annual report of his work for the Conference year will give some idea of the work accomplished, but can give but small conception of the work done in travel and daily solicitation, and correspondence, to secure the average monthly expenditure of $5,000.00 needed to carry on the great work of Christ's Hospital.

The Methodist Home for the Aged, in which some of our deaconesses are at work, has had a year of growth in its resources of comfort. The members of the Home have been kept in reasonably good health. Three only have been removed by death. The work on the new building at College Hill has been unexpectedly and unavoidably hindered, but is now rapidly approaching completion. The work for the cause has been set steadily forward by the untiring zeal and ceaseless watchfulness of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., the President of the Association. We recommend his reappointment to this position.

For the Conference Deaconess Board, JOHN A. STORY.

II. HOME FOR THE AGED.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The moral worth of a civilization, a nation, a church, a State, or a family may be estimated by the care it gives its aged. The Church gives no higher expression of its spirit and mission of helpfulness to mankind, than this gracious ministry to the aged. Our mission is to help the helpless, what a privilege to become workers together with the Great Helper of the helpless! He declared of every one that "doeth the will of God, the same is My brother, My sister, My mother." He committed to the care of "The beloved disciple" his own mother, Mary—advanced in years, stricken, bereaved, homeless, and dependent—saying to him, "Behold thy mother." The traditions of the Church tell us that for nine years John was a dutiful son and caretaker of a woman who was not his mother. Why? Simply because of her relation to and of his discipleship to Christ.

In every county of the great commonwealth of Ohio there are women and men who are just as truly the wards of the Methodist Church as was Mary the natural ward of the Infant Church. Will the Church of the nineteenth century neglect them? Applications for admission come every week in the year from aged, homeless Methodists, of long standing, members forty, fifty, or sixty years, for whom this Church ought to provide shelter and care in the period of their helplessness. An average of five cents from the membership of Ohio Methodist Sabbath-schools will support 100 of these deserving unfortunates, and ten cents annually from our Church membership (300,000 strong in this great State) will provide for 200 more. Alas, not one-third of the membership are doing this much for the Home as yet. Brother, sister, commence at once, your pastor or our helper in your region will receive and forward your gift, be it large or small. The best way to get the blessing of God, is to do something He can bless, however small it is, *because it needs to be done,* then to keep doing it while the need exists.

Though unavoidably delayed in our building project, we have abundant occasion for gratitude for the help given and the outlook. Never did the enterprise seem so necessary, vast, or important, nor have we ever needed the co-operation of benevolent friends so much. Somehow we feel as-

sured that as the gracious ministries of this house-of-mercy come to be known and understood by Ohio Methodism, all needed funds will come to our treasury, and confidently rely upon the Church for the same. We are grateful for all the words of appreciation of this enterprise, the expressions of sympathy in the co-operation thus far given, but let not the Church or benevolent public get the idea that provision has been made for its necessities. Not more than one-half the money needed for the completion and equipment of our new Home building on College Hill is in hand. Scores of distressingly urgent appeals come to us, as we await its finishing, from persons utterly unable to help themselves.

We are still in our temporary quarters at Granville, Ohio, and will be for eight or ten months, when we expect to get into the new building on College Hill, Ohio. The main building and north wing are under roof and being plastered. When finished these will accommodate 192 persons. The power and laundry building, an absolute necessity, will cost $15,000, and is yet to be constructed. We hope some individual will make this possible speedily. Reader will you consider this need?

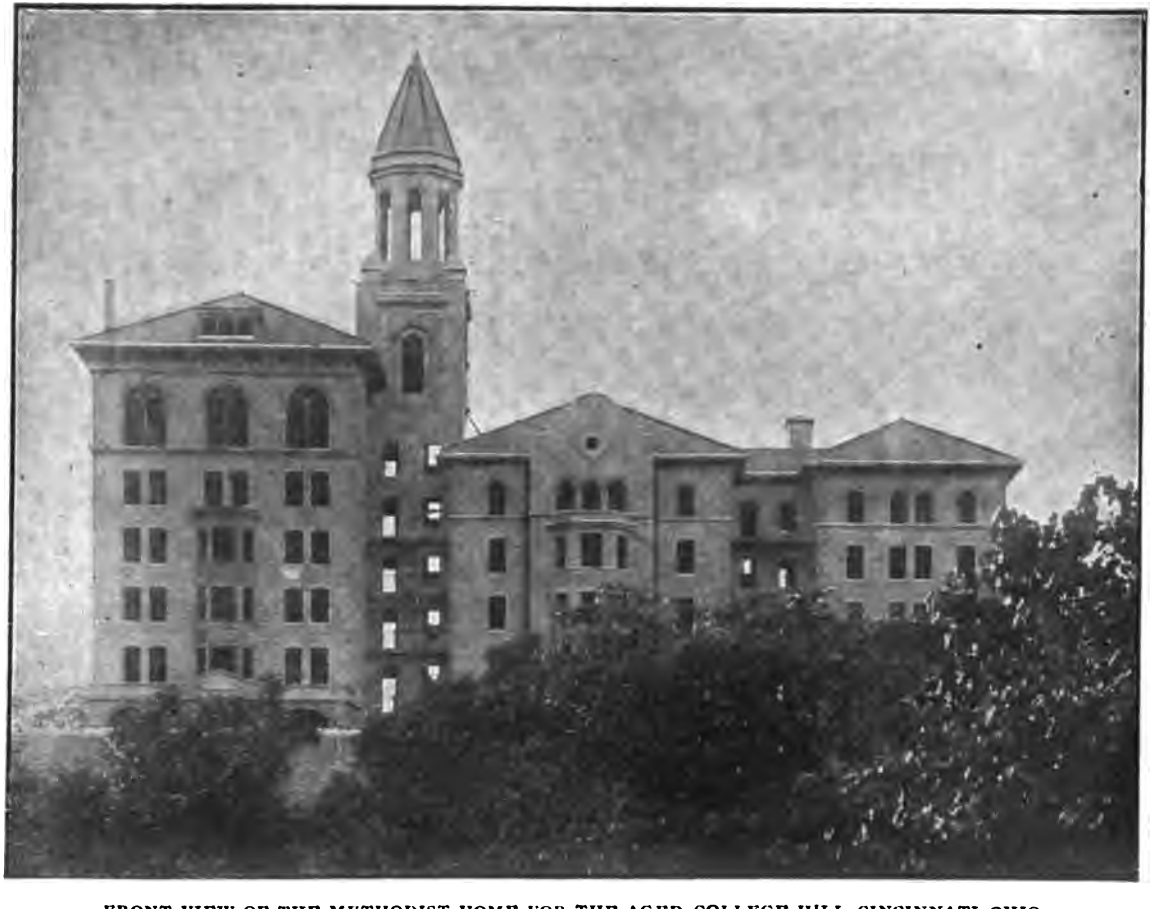
The Building Committee feel that all this work should be and must be done, in keeping with the cause and all for which the Home stands and the fact that we are building for the centuries; which means substantial, modern, and fire proof construction throughout. As is usually the case, the cost at every point far exceeds our expectations. This fact makes generous co-operation a necessity.

The sainted Sarah M. Young Whetstone, recently called to her reward, one of the chief founders of this Home, was profoundly interested in all that pertained to it up to the day of her death, March 15, 1906, and made liberal provision for it by bequest. This large brained, large hearted, large souled woman came to and took this cause to her heart, thought about it, planned and prayed for its usefulness, welfare, and development with all the energy of her great womanhood. She had wrought faithfully and diligently at other tasks in the interest of the needy, but was most devoted to this. As she became older and more helpless, with wealth to get anything that would relieve her distress or contribute to her comfort, she thought of those in like helplessness, yet homeless. Her name will be as ointment poured forth to the multitude of pious souls who find shelter in the John L. Whetstone Memorial Building she erected there on College Hill, Cincinnati, where over 100 needy persons can be cared for always by deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This good woman once said to the President: "I am never happier than when I am writing a check for our Home for the Aged." Turn to your copy of the Western Christian Advocate of March 21, 1906, and read the tribute paid her therein, and study that strong, kind, benign face; or having none, send to the undersigned for a copy.

Death has called several of our family from suffering to rest, and peace, and joy; all of whom, before leaving the world, with profound earnestness expressed deep gratitude for the care given them by the Home.

We consider ourselves highly favored by a gracious Providence in the class of women sent us to manage and operate the internal affairs of this Christian retreat. Not one of them has ever hesitated a moment to meet the most unpleasant task at any hour, day or night, though they daily have such work of necessity. The age of our population has averaged over eighty years, four now suffer from broken hips and a few always require almost constant attention. One of our deaconesses is seeking restoration to health at Colorado Springs, Colo., Miss. Ella M. Wright, our efficient and faithful office clerk.

The old people for the most part meet the feebleness, limitations, and inactivity of old age courageously, and triumphing over its weakness, are cheerful, contented, peaceful, and happy. The regular religious services



FRONT VIEW OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED, COLLEGE HILL, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

are exceptionally spiritual, impressive, and inspiring. Nearly all of them were active and influential in the Churches whence they came to the Home, not drones. Indeed we do not consider that our mission is to the pauper element, or those who were worthless or useless in the working period of their lives. Bishop Spellmeyer says, "Every good old man is a preacher of righteousness." We have six such in our Home—unsurpassed in any community in serene composure and moral worth and modest bearing; as well as women, whose invalid chairs are pulpits. One, ninety-three years of age, whom it is a privilege to meet, many years an educator, she now is an inspiration to all teachable spirits who come under her blessed influence. Her class are the ones who most highly appreciate the care given them as guests of the Church. We find that the more people have had and the more they have done for others in the past, the more they appreciate the devotion of the noble women who give their time and energy to, and who do, make this Home good enough for anybody on earth. But all are not so—the grumbler will probably be around until the millennium dawns. Here, as everywhere, there are those who as yet have not let grace complete its work in them sufficiently to say with Paul "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." One of our purposes is, that the Home shall be a school with the great Teacher as Master. Eternity alone will reveal the influence of the prayers of the faithful who dwell here on the work for the Home and of the kingdom of God among men.

Epworthians are cordial in their co-operation, having furnished the family with canned fruit from the start, and are sending vegetables now. Let this continue, for the need constantly increases.

The admission fee is not a uniform one, it necessarily varies according to the financial ability of the applicant, or that of those naturally and morally bound to support or aid in their support. We do not exist to make it easy for kin people to neglect duty in this matter. Let the Church and the benevolent public understand that the Board of Managers, representative men and women, appointed by the five Ohio Annual Conferences, have a high appreciation of the importance, magnitude, and gravity of their work, and plan for a just, wise, economical, and safe administration of the trust committed to them.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED CORPORATION, JUNE 1, 1906. AT THE CLOSE OF THE SEVENTH FISCAL YEAR:

BALANCE SHEET.

Resources—	
Home Building (Expended on)	$122,951 99
Home Grounds	20,000 00
Home Equipment	1,914 15
Investments, Real Estate	13,200 00
Investments, Bills Receivable	26,484 50
Investments, Securities	13,345 00
Bills Receivable, Notes	86,025 00
Accounts Receivable	1,400 87
Cash on Hand	983 91
Deficit in Budget Account for Seven Years	5,572 83
Total	$291,878 25
Liabilities—	
Home Building Fund (Trust)	$192,970 70
Home Fund Land only (Trust)	20,000 00
Endowment Fund (Trust)	31,100 00

REAR VIEW OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED, COLLEGE HILL, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

From a photograph taken Sept. 1, 1906, from a point 300 ft. away, the tower being 150 ft. high.

Annuity Fund (Trust)	10,800 00
Admission Fund (Trust)	12,007 55
Bills Payable	25,000 00
Total	$291.878 25

Statement Relative to Home Buliding Fund and Building now in Process of Erection—

Original Gifts Invested in Yellow Springs Property	$5.500 00
Gifts and Subscriptions Paid	101.445 70
Subscription Notes	86,025 00
Total	$192.970 70

Accounted for as Follows—

Expended on Building from this Fund	$106.945 70
Subscription Notes not Collected	86,025 00
Total	$192.970 70

Budget Account, 1905-6—

General Funds, Receipts from All Sources	$10,384 55
Disbursements, Including Annuities Paid	10.204 07
Surplus for the Year	$180 48

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. NORCROSS, *Treasurer.* H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*
A. J. LYON, *Secretary.*

III. STATEMENT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Receipts—		
From Balance Last Year	$532 71	
From Conference Fractions	14 61	
From Advertisements (net)	377 98	
From Sale of Minutes, 1905	85 90	
		$1.011 20
Expenditures—		
For Publishing Committee	$12 66	
For Printing and Publishing	487 06	
For Miscellaneous	5 00	
		$504 72
Cash Balance on hand July 31st		$504 48
Resources—		
Balance on Hand July 31, 1906	$504 48	
Amount Due from Preachers	152 07	
Credits with Jennings and Graham	17 38	
Amounts Due on Advertisements	23 00	
		$696 93

Liabilities—
None.

Respectfully submitted,
S. O. ROYAL, *Chairman and Treasurer.*

September 3, 1906.

We, the Auditing Committee of the Cincinnati Conference, have examined the books and accounts of the Publishing Committee and found the above statement correct. JOHN E. BEERY, *Chairman.*
GEO. H. SMITH, *Secretary.*

IV. PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

Report of the Treasurer.

Resources—		
Real Estate	$24,692 24	
Bills Receivable	25,501 10	
Cash on Hand	1,508 12	
		$51,701 46
Liabilities—		
Capital Account	$48,629 90	
Income Account	1,571 56	
Annuity Account	1,000 00	
Bequest Account	500 00	
		$51,701 46
Receipts—		
Cash on Hand September 1, 1905	$1,860 60	
Rents	664 43	
Interest	1,191 29	
Donations	32 00	
Membership Fees	140 00	
Loans Paid	6,344 00	
		$10,232 32
Expenditures—		
Donations	$675 00	
Expenses	299 20	
Loans on Notes	7,675 00	
Interest, Annuity Gift	75 00	
Cash on Hand August 23, 1906	1,508 12	
		$10,232 32
Analysis of Expense Account—		
Taxes and Repairs	$170 84	
Bond of Treasurer	25 00	
Salary of Treasurer	50 00	
Safety Deposit Box	3 50	
Certificate of Secretary of State	1 00	
Bookkeeper	20 00	
		$270 34
Committee Work:		
Meetings of Board	$16 95	
Stationery, Letter Heads	2 50	
Expenses of Treasurer	9 41	
		$28 86
		$299 20

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 23, 1906.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. ROYAL,
Treasurer.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, mortgages, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. EASTON.
H. C. WEAKLEY.
R. H. RUST.

V. MEARS BEQUEST.

CINCINNATI, August 30, 1906.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Eaton, Ohio:

The undersigned Trustees of the John Mears Bequest respectfully report their receipts and disbursements for the past year as follows:

Principal of Trust Fund	$3,000 00
Receipts—	
To Balance Cash on Hand September 1, 1905	$120 70
To Interest Collected on Investments	350 09
Making Total of	$470 79
Disbursements—	
By Cash to Ohio Wesleyan University	$75 00
By Cash to Illinois Wesleyal University	75 00
By Cash to Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society	150 00
By Cash to Cincinnati Conference Claimants	150 00
By Cash to Fifth National Bank (rent of box)	4 00
By Cash Balance on Hand	16 79
Making Total of	$470 79

Respectfully,

JNO. PEARSON, *President,*
W. F. BOYD, *Treasurer,*
W. A. ROBINSON,
Trustees.

September 1, 1906.

Examined and found correct by the Auditing Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEO. H. SMITH, *Secretary.* GEO. H. DART, *Chairman.*

VI. LAKESIDE.

Resolved, That we recommend that a Bible Study Conference be held at Lakeside during the ten days preceeding the English camp-meeting for the season of 1907. or at such time as the Executive Committee shall decide, providing not less than $500.00 can be raised to provide for the expense of the program and advertising. (The attempt will be made to raise as much as possible, and the sentiment was that at least $1,000.00 ought and could be raised.)

We recommend that Dr. J. W. King and W. W. McEwen, from the East Ohio Conference; C. C. Peale and J. E. Abrams, from the Cincinnati Conference; Jesse Swank and A. A. Thomas, from the Central Ohio Conference; Dr. E. S. Lewis and another whom Dr. Lewis shall name, from the Ohio Conference; D. Matthaei and John Mayer, of the Central German Conference; and B. J. Mills and John Blackburn, of the North Ohio Conference, be appointed as a Committee to see to the raising of funds for the Conference, and that this Committee shall act as a temporary Executive Committee until the election of the permanent committee.

We recommend that a Program Committee of five members from each Conference be selected by the contributors of that Conference, which Committee shall act as an Executive Committee to work in harmony with

the management of Lakeside in carrying out the work of arrangements for the Conference. This Committee to meet at Columbus at the time of the annual meeting of the Lakeside Board of Trustees, early in October.

Resolved, That we are heartily in favor of an Epworth League Institute being held at Lakeside during the season of 1907, providing the State Epworth League shall decide to hold such an Institute, and we most cordially urge the State Board of Control of the Epworth League to bring such Institute to Lakeside, and we will gladly co-operate in every way possible in making it a success.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a Sunday-school Institute being held at Lakeside next season, providing funds can be raised for such Institute, and we recommend that Dr. E. S. Lewis and M. C. Howey be appointed as a committee to devise plans for holding such an Institute.

We recommend that the Lakeside Committee in each of the Patronizing Conferences be requested to select one man in each Presiding Elder's District, who is thoroughly interested in Lakeside, who will act as a Lakeside representative in the District to work up the interests of Lakeside,

We recommend the indorsement of the plan.

We also recommend the election of the following as Trustees for the term of two years, the Rev. J. E. Abrams and S. B. LeSourd, Esq.

C. C. PEALE,
C. L. CONGER,
Committee.

VII. THE METHODIST LAYMAN'S RELIEF LEGION.

Report of the Special Committee on the Work of the Methodist Layman's Relief Legion for the assistance of our Churches in California.

We recognize with pleasure the layman's movement for the relief of our Churches in stricken California, in the organization of the Methodist Layman's Relief Legion, and we cordially indorse its appeal and its plan, and urge our people to give it immediate consideration and a liberal response.

We will do all we can in personal work with the laymen in our charges to become members of the Legion, and we will present the cause in every Church, in which a collection for our own Church work in California has not already been taken, on the fourth Sunday in September.

We request that the Executive Committee of the Relief Legion have sent to our pastors literature and subscription forms to assist them in taking the offering.

We have heard with great interest the graphic presentation of the condition and needs of our Church work in California, by the Secretary of the organization, the Rev. F. M. Larkin, a member of the California Conference, and recommend the pastors to secure him wherever possible to give his illustrated lecture on "The Double Calamity; Earthquake and Fire." (Signed)

JOHN PEARSON, *Chairman.* W. E. HAMMAKER.
C. L. CONGER. MARION LESOURD, *Secretary.*
E. P. EDMONDS.

VIII. GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has just completed fifteen years of missionary work in Cincinnati

The work is carried on at three points which are open every day of the week. The Glenn Home, 641 West Fourth Street; the Glenn Home Mission, corner Fifth and Front Streets; and The Cottage, at Riverside, in the rea of the Fleischmann Distillery.

Our boarding department is always full. Thirty girls can be accommodated at one time. We are glad this department is not large as the girls come in close touch with the superintendent and missionaries and the atmosphere is homelike.

The rates are three dollars per week for board, light, and heat. As this is a missionary home, reductions in board amounting to one hundren and thirty-nine dollars were made during the year to enable some of our girls who were beginning their business careers to live until their salaries would justify the payment of this nominal sum.

Three kindergartens, with an enrollment of one hundred and sixteen names, were sustained. The average attendance was good. At one of the mothers' meetings held last January, twenty-two children were baptized by Rev. Cole, and six mothers joined the Church.

Two Sunday-schools were held regularly. My heart rejoiced upon a recent visit when I saw the interest, heard the songs, the repetition of the Lord's Prayer, Creed, Catechism, and responses to questions on the lesson. A charter pupil is now an earnest teacher in the Sunday-school—a young man of whom we are justly proud.

The Glenn Home Camp had one hundred and twenty-five members, the attendance was large.

The kitchengarten had sixty enthusiastic members.

The two sewing schools were largely attended. One hundred and twenty-nine names were enrolled.

Six missionary organizations were carried on regularly. Several hundred dollars have been placed in their treasuries. The allowance of our deaconess has been paid, the Home and the general treasury of the Woman's Home Missionary Society have received generous gifts. Thus God's poor have known the joy of service.

Through the Poor Closet 2,780 garments were distributed. A small return was asked for each garment that the recipient might not be pauperized.

Three missionaries, one deaconess, and three kindergartners were sustained during the year. They made over 4,000 visits and many thousands of papers and leaflets were distributed, many needy souls professed conversion. In behalf of the Board,

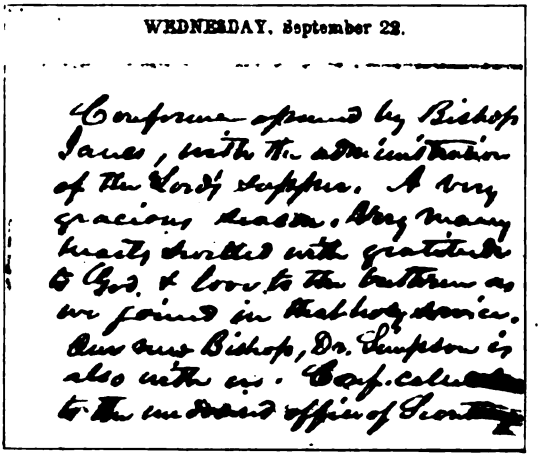
MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman.*

VII.

Historical.

THE SECRETARYSHIP IN THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

By the Editor.



WEDNESDAY, September 22.

Conference opened by Bishop James, with the administration of the Lord's Supper. A very gracious season. Very many hearts thrilled with gratitude to God & love to the brethren as we joined in the holy service. Our own Bishop, Dr. Simpson is also with us. Conf. called to the unfinished affairs of Scioto

Jno. T. Mitchell

We are fortunate in being able to present both the photograph and autograph of the first Secretary of the Cincinnati Conference. We also have access to the diary which he kept during the first session of the Conference in 1852. We reproduce the entry made on the day of his election. In order to give a glimpse of his spirit there is also printed herewith several pages of his diary, kept during this first Conference. It is certainly a valuable portraiture of the Conference week in the olden days, as well as a view of the devout spirit of him who penned it.

FROM DIARY OF REV. JOHN T. MITCHELL.

Tuesday, September 21, 1852.—A very agreeable ride in the cars with many brother preachers, to Xenia, the seat of the Conference. Sixty miles in about three hours. What a change from the old method of toiling on horseback through the mud for two days to accomplish the same distance.

WILLIAM H. SUTHERLAND.

Wednesday, September 22.—Conference opened by Bishop Janes, with the administration of the Lord's Supper. A very gracious season. Very many hearts swelled with gratitude to God and love to the brethren as we joined in that holy service. Our new bishop, Dr. Simpson, is also with us. Conference called me to the undesired office of Secretary.

Thursday, September 23.—My soul enjoys a divine peace, and in the midst of business a heavenly calm. Glory to God! I am all the time happy in His love. We had a fine sermon in the evening by Brother Sutherland.

Friday, September 24.—Still my soul is full of sacred peace. We have now three bishops, Bishop Morris having arrived. Dr. Thompson gave us in the evening an able and excellent address on Christian Education, and received a subscription of $1,000.00 for a New Year's gift to the University at Delaware, Ohio.

Saturday, September 25.—This evening I tried to preach on "The Old Paths," and showed that "'to raise a holy people' and 'to spread Scripture holiness over these lands'" was the great calling of Methodism and Methodists; and that the Church needs, for the work of this age, an increased measure of spiritual purity and power. The Lord was in His Word.

Xenia, Ohio. September 2nd, 1863.

I succeeded the Rev. Dr. John T. Mitchell, as Secretary of the Cincinnati Conference; and I served in that capacity for fifteen consecutive years.

The Conference presented me a splendid Silver Coffee and Tea Set, as a reward of service.

Wm H. Sutherland

Sunday, September 26.—A day of grace and peace. Attended a prayer-meeting at sunrise, a glorious love-feast at 8, and sermon and ordination at 11 A. M. A powerful sermon at 3 P. M., and preaching again at 7. Blessed be God! But I had also sweet seasons of private communion through the day. O how good the Lord is!

Monday, September 27.—The highest interest of the day was an excellent missionary meeting in the evening. Bishop Simpson gave a glorious address. O when will the Church sanctify herself and all her resources to the work of God! What might not be accomplished in this generation if all Christians were enlightened and devoted to God!

Tuesday, September 28.—The business of the Conference progresses slowly. The Lord graciously preserves my soul in peace, but this evening my body is weary and pleads for rest. I thank God! I am kept from all anxiety about my future field, leaving all in His hands with sweet confidence.

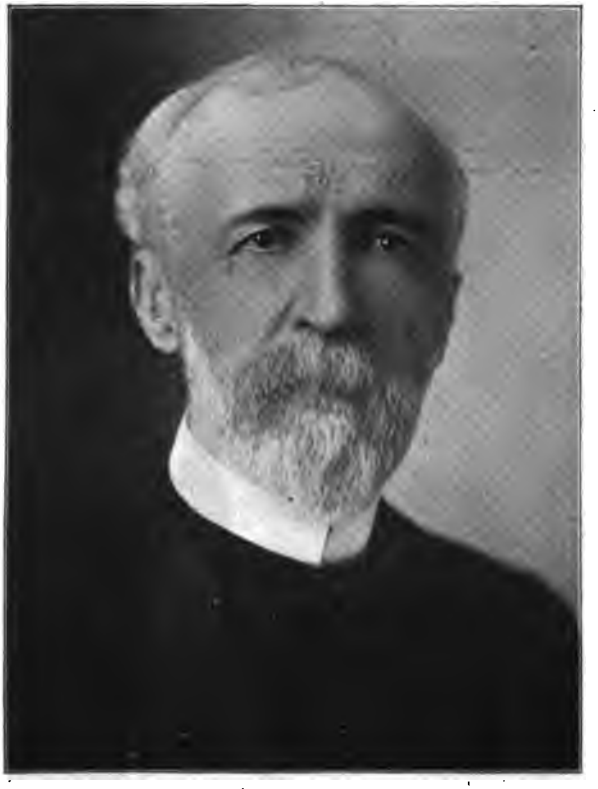
Wednesday, September 29.—Rested sweetly last night, as infants sleep, and awoke to a delightful morning, with which my whole being seemed in sweet harmony in the will of God. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Thursday, September 30.—Our Conference closed at 10.30 P. M. Now at near 12, I write, having finished the record of the Journal. I bless God for the peaceful and pleasant session we have had. My appointment is to Urbana. I trust it is of the Lord, and that His presence will go with me, and give me rest to my soul, and good success in my work. Amen.

The next Secretary, Wm. H. Sutherland, is with us still. His portrait and penmanship are given. This specimen of his penmanship was written in 1906, and those who heard his ringing response to the last Conference roll call, can testify that his tongue also is as "the pen of a ready writer."

The third Secretary, D. J. Starr, served a full apprenticeship. He began work under J. T. Mitchell, having charge of the statistics. In this capacity he served two years. He assisted Dr. Sutherland through his

fifteen years of service. In 1878 he was elected to the office of Secretary, and filled it until he was made Presiding Elder in 1883. Dr. Starr's administration was marked with several features worthy of special mention. By his motion the printed Minutes, duly signed, were made the official record. Thenceforward the voluminous records in manuscript were not



Frank S. Mitchell.

sent to the General Conference for examination. He introduced the custom of securing revenue through advertisements, thus doing away with the old-time collection for Conference expenses and for printing the Minutes, etc. At the time of his retirement from office he turned over to the Conference the sum of $818, profits accumulated in the Publishing Fund. Of this amount, $150 was, on his motion, distributed by the Stewards among Conference Claimants, and $68 were left in the Treasury of the Publishing Committee.

Dr. Starr's service in Secretary work was sixteen years as assistant, and six years Secretary; a total of twenty-two years.

Frank G. Mitchell had eleven years of apprenticeship; five as Statistical Secretary, and six as first assistant. A remarkable parallel between his relations to the office, and those of his father, John T. Mitchell, is worthy of notice. In 1852 the father was chosen Secretary, and at the close of the Conference was removed from a Cincinnati charge and ap-

pointed to First Church, Urbana. From that place he was appointed presiding elder in the Urbana District. In 1884, the son was elected Secretary, was removed from a Cincinnati charge to First Church, Urbana, and his next appointment was to the Springfield District, the same field as the father's, only with another name. With this appointment to the presiding eldership, his three years' Secretaryship closed in 1886, after fourteen years' service in connection with that office.

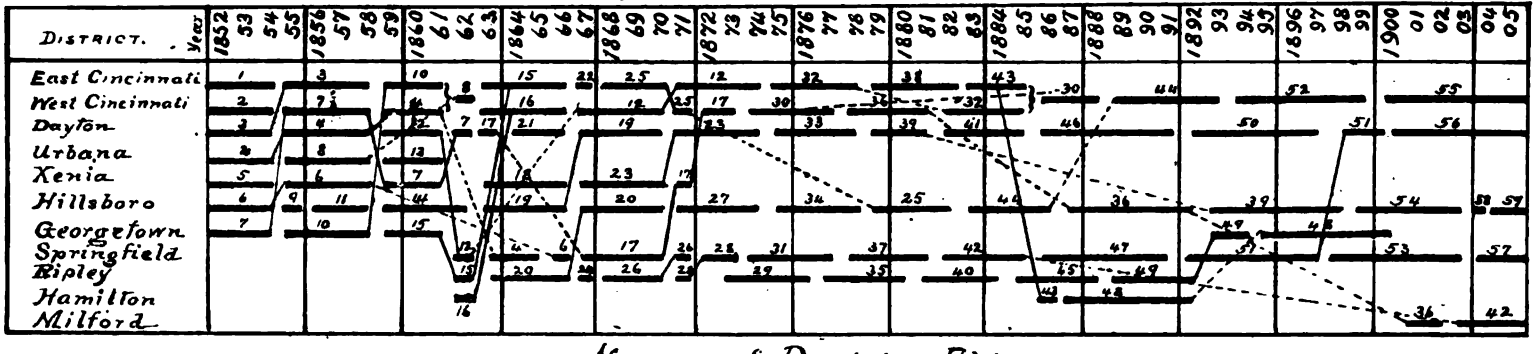
Stanley O. Royal began his service as assistant secretary for statistics in 1880. He continued work at the statistical tables until in 1885 he became the first assistant to F. G. Mitchell. In 1887, on motion of Dr. Mitchell, he was elected Secretary, and has served in that office until this date, a period of twenty years. Whatever of success has attended his efforts to serve the Conference in this position is largely due to a corps of various and valued assistants, especially to V. F. Brown and D. L. Aultman, who have faithfully stood by him in recording the journal through these years.

Sincerely Yours
D. Lee Aultman

V. F. Brown.

Without their faces and sign manual on these pages, his very shadow would be lonesome indeed. Scarcely of less value in his esteem is the patience of the members of the Conference, who have kindly brought to his attention unnoticed errors in the Minutes. During recent years some historical features have been added, which, it was hoped, might be of general interest to the Church. This feature brightens the mass of dry figures and necessary official details, and furnishes stories of pathos, and humor, and pictures of primitive conditions when Methodist itinerants were "so happy, and so pore," yet victorious as winners of men.

Exhibit of Presiding Elderships in the Cincinnati Conference. 1852-1905



Names of Presiding Elders.

1. John F. Wright — 3 yrs
2. Augustus Eddy — 3 ,,
3. Wm Herr — 3+4 = 7 ,,
4. Michael Marlay — 3+4+3·3 = 13 ,,
5. W. I. Ellsworth — 3 ,,
6. Wm Simmons — 3+4 ⁘ 1 = 8 ,,
7. David Reed — 3+4+3+1 = 11 ,,
8. John T Mitchell — 4 ··· 1 = 5 ,,
9. Geo. W. Walker — 1 ,,
10. Wm Young — 4+3 = 7 ,,
11. Geo. C Crum — 3 ,,
12. Jas F. Chalfant — 3+1 ···· 4+4 = 12 ,,
13. David Warnock — 3 ,,
14. Michael Kaufman — 4 ,,
15. J. W. Fowble — 3+1+4 = 8 ,,
16. W. H. Lawder — 1+4 = 5 yrs
17. Asbury Lowrey — 1 ··· 4+1+2 = 8 ,,
18. J. F. Conrey — 4 = 4 ,,
19. Mighill Dustin — 4+4 = 8 ,,
20. Jas. Kendall — 4+4 = 8 ,,
21. W. H. Sutherland — 3 = 3 ,,
22. J. M. Walden — 1 ,,
23. J. W. Weakley — 4+4 = 8 ,,
24. J. G. Black — 1 ,,
25. L. F. Van Cleve — 3+1 ····· 4 = 8 ,,
26. Silas Bennett — 3+1 = 4 ,,
27. S. D. Clayton — 4 ,,
28. A. Meharry — 1+2 = 3 ,,
29. Granville Moody — 4 ,,
30. C. W. Ketcham — 4 :::: 2½ = 6½ ,,
31. J. W. Cassatt — 4 yrs.
32. W. L. Hypes — 4 ··· 4 = 8 ,,
33. Jas. Stephenson — 3½ ,,
34. J. T. Bail — 4 ,,
35. W. I. Fee — 4 ,,
36. Wm. Runyan — 4 ··· 6 ⁝⁝ 2 = 12 ,,
37. S. A. Brenster — 4 ,,
38. A. B. Leonard — 4 ,,
39. T. H. Pearne — 3½ ⁘ 6 = 9½ ,,
40. S. B. Smith — 4 ,,
41. T. S. Condon — 4 ,,
42. A. N. Spahr — 4 (17 yrs) 3 = 7 ,,
43. D. J. Starr — 3+1 = 4 ,,
44. John Pearson — 4 ··· 5½ = 9½ ,,
45. J. P. Porter — 4 ,,
46. Adam Bowers — 6 yrs.
47. F. G. Mitchell — 6 ,,
48. G. H. Dart — 6 ·· 6 = 12 ,,
49. J. W. Mason — 6 ,,
50. E. T. Wells — 6 ,,
51. J. F. Marlay — 6+3 = 9 ,,
52. R. H. Rust — 6 ,,
53. C. W. Barnes — 6 ,,
54. Y. F. Brown — 5 ,,
55. D. W. Clark — 6 ,,
56. H. D. Ketcham — 5 ,,
57. G. W. Dubois — 2 ,,
58. A. C. Turrell — 1 ,,
59. D. L. Ault man — 1 ,,

KEY. 1. The heavy broken horizontal lines show the date and length of each term of eldership; 2. The numbers connected with the heavy broken lines refer to the name of the elder in second chart. 3. The light diagonal lines connect the terms when an elder is changed to another district. 4. The dotted diagonal lines show when an elder is reappointed after an interval of other service. 5. To the right of each elders name the figures show the total number of years of service, and the length of time on each district, each year. 6. The (+) shows that the service was continuous, and the dots (···) show an interval, one dot for

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

DIRECTORS.

Term expires 1906.—F. G. Mitchell, S. O. Royal, A. B. Austin.
Term expires 1907.—D. J. Starr, C. H. Haines, C. L. Conger.
Term expires 1908.—W. H. Wehrly, Geo. Vorhis.

OFFICERS.

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Vice-President.—C. L. Conger.
Secretary.—W. H. Wehrly.
Treasurer.—C. H. Haines.
Custodian.—S. O. Royal.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Members of the Conference who pay $5 or more to the Society.

*Asbury Lowrey, D. D.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those who pay $3 or more to the Society, or make valuable and approved contributions to the Society.

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Miss Vina Dickey.
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Elijah M. Fitch.
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*John W. Dale.
Rev. Geo. W. Vorhis.
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Rev. C. W. Taneyhill.
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Rev. T. A. Goodwin, D. D.
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R. T. Miller.
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Rev. S. W. Edmiston.
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Rev. Merrick E. Ketcham.
Mrs. John F. Wright.
J. A. Easton.
Mrs. R. K. Deem.

MEMBERS.

All members of the Conference are members of the Historical Society, and are entitled to a voice and vote in all meetings.

Received this year:

From Rev. J. A. Winkler: Corner book shelf used by Rev. Henry Bascom.

*Deceased.

PASTORAL RECORD.

N. B.—Dates given mark the beginning of appointment. Supply appointments are inclosed in brackets.

ABRAMS, JAMES E. Cincinnati: 1889, King's Creek; '90, '91, Dialton; '92, Catawba; '93-'97, Ripley; '98-1902, Miamisburg; '02-'06, First Church (Urbana).

ARMACOST, HARLEY E. Cincinnati: 1893-'94, Marathon; '95-'98, at school; '99, 1900, Aberdeen; '01, '02, Amelia; '03, '04, New Carlisle; '05, '06, Grace (Piqua).

AULTMAN, D. LEE. Cincinnati: 1872, Decatur; '73, '74, Clarksville; '75-'77, Bowersville; '78, '79, Manchester; '80-'82, New Richmond; '83, supernumerary [South Lebanon]; '84, '85, South Lebanon; '86, '87, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '88-'91, Assistant Recording Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; '92-'96, Madisonville; '97-1900, Middletown; '01-'04, Field Agent Book Concern; '05, '06, P. E. Hillsboro District.

AUSTIN, ALPHEUS B. Cincinnati: 1886, at school; '87, '88, Columbia; '89-'91, Ivanhoe; '92-'94, York Street (Cincinnati); '95-'98, Winton Place; '99-1901, Franklin; '02-'04, Greenville; '05, '06, Hamilton.

AUSTIN, GILBERT P. Ohio: 1883, '84, Wheelersburg and Sciotoville; '85-'87, Wellston; '88, Moxahala Avenue (Zanesville). Cincinnati: '89-'91, Lynchburg; '92, Waynesville; '93, supernumerary; '94, '95, Delhi; '96-1900, Sabina; '01-'04, Tippecanoe City; '05, '06, Port Union and Glendale.

BAIL, JAMES T. Ohio: 1848, Waverly; '49, West Jefferson; '50, Worthington; '51, Kingston. Cincinnati: '52, 53, Vienna; '54, Fletcher; '55, North Lewisburg; '56, '57, King's Creek and Mechanicsburg; '58, Raper (Dayton); '59, Asbury (Cincinnati); '60, '61, Madisonville; '62, '63, McKendree (Cincinnati); '64, York Street (Cincinnati); '65-'67, South Charleston; '68-'70, Yellow Springs; '71, '72, Monroe; '73, '74, Troy; '75-'78, P. E. Hillsboro District; '79, '80, Waynesville; '81, '82, Ripley; '83, '84, New Richmond; '85, '86, Fairfield; '87, Price Hill (Cincinnati); '88, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '89-'91, Mason; '92-'94, Camden; '95, '96, West Carrollton; '97-1906, superannuated.

BAILEY, HENRY W. Kentucky: 1875, Bangor; '76, Lawrence; '77, Coalton; '78, supernumerary; '79, '80, Asbury and Alexandria; '80, '81, Fleming; '82, '83, Somerset; '84, '85, Louisville; '85-'88, Covington. Alabama: '88-'90, Anniston. North Ohio: '91, Bloomville. Cincinnati: '92, '93, Rainsboro; '94-'96, Bethany; '97-1902, Batavia; '03-'06, Ripley.

BAILEY, JAMES M. Cincinnati: 1902, '03, Sinking Spring; '04-'06, Winchester.

BAKER, WILLIAM J. Cincinnati: 1874, Addison; '75, Amelia; '76, Pendleton; '77, Camp Dennison; '78, Decatur; '79, '80, Marathon; '81-'83, Sugar Tree Ridge; '84, '85, Clarksville; '86, Cedarville; '87, '88, New Jasper; '89, Fairfield; '90, '91, Rainsboro; '92, '93, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '94, Summerside; '95-'97, New Richmond; '98, '99, Manchester; 1900-'02, Goshen; '03-'05, Felicity; '06, Amelia.

BARBER, GEORGE F. Cincinnati: 1904-'06, Carthage.

BECKER, OREN D. Cincinnati: 1888, '89, Loveland, '90-'93, Bowersville; '94, Germantown; '95, '96, Fort Jefferson; '97-1903, Venice; '04-'06, New Burlington.

BERRY, JOHN E. Wisconsin: 1891, Kendall, Wis.; '92-'94, Kilbourn City, Wis.; '95, Richland Center, Wis. Cincinnati: '96, Covington; '97, West Union; '98, '99, New Richmond; 1900-'05, First Church (Norwood); '06, Greenfield.

BELL, SHERIDAN W. Cincinnati: 1898-1902, Price Hill (Cincinnati); '03-'06, Miamisburg.

BENTON, GUY POTTER. South Kansas: 1897, '98, Professor of History in Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. Upper Iowa: '99-1901, President Upper Iowa University. Cincinnati: '02-'06, President of Miami University.

BLACK, JOHN G. Cincinnati: 1852, No Creek, Ky.; '53, Montgomery, Ky.; '55, Mechanicsburg and King's Creek; '56, '57, Tremont; '58, '59, Fletcher; '60, Highland; '61, Winchester; '62, '63, Union; '64, Fairfield; '65, '66, Jamestown; '67, P. E. Ripley District; '68, superannuate; '69-'71, Tremont; '72, '73, Fairfield; '74-'76, New Carlisle; '77-'79, Tremont; '80-'82, New Lexington; '83, '84, Cedarville; '85, Moorefield; '86, '87, Williamsburg; '88, West Chester; '89-1906, superannuated.

BOICOURT, WILLIAM L. Cincinnati: 1905, '06, Asbury (Cincinnati).

BRIGGS, CHARLES W. Cincinnati: '87, Sugar Tree Ridge; '88-'90, Maineville; '91, Bethel; '92-'94, Moscow; '95, Summerside; '96, Mutual; '97-1901, New Jasper; '02, Leesburg; '03-'06, Lynchburg.

BROKAW, ABRAHAM L. Cincinnati: 1891-'93, Troy Circuit; '94, Clifton Avenue (Springfield); '95, New Carlisle; '96, at school; '97-1901, Amelia; '02-'06, Northside (Cincinnati).

BROWN, VALOROUS P. Cincinnati: 1879, Loveland; '80-'82, Morrow; '83-'85, Asbury (Cincinnati); '86, Waynesville; '87-'89, Broadway (Dayton); '90-'94, Troy; '95-'98, Center Street (Springfield); '99-1903, P. E. Hillsboro District; '04-'06, Raper (Dayton).

BROWN, WM. B. Kentucky: ————————. Ohio: 1886, South Salem; '87, '88, Washington Circuit. Des Moines: ————————. Cincinnati: 1898, Sugar Tree Ridge; '99, Martinsville; 1900, '01, Sinking Spring; '02, '08, Summerside; '04-'06, Owensville.

BROWN, WILLIAM K. Pittsburg: 1856, Fayette, Pa.; '57, Rostraver and Elizabeth, Pa.; '58, Franklin and Independence, Va.; '59, '60, Hillsboro, Pa.; '61, '62, Pine Run, Pa.; '63, '64, Greensburg, Pa.; '65, Bridgewater, Pa.; '66, '67, New Lisbon, O.; '68, Alliance, O.; '69, Damascoville, O.; '70, Marlboro, O.; '71, Carrollton, O.; '72, Canton, O.; '73, '74, Franklin, O.; '75, Marion, Pa.; '76, Springdale, Pa.; '77, '78, Walton Church (Pittsburg, Pa.); '79, Wesley Chapel (Pittsburg); '80, Banksville, Pa.; '81, Homewood; '82-'84, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College. Cincinnati: '85-'91, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '92, Groesbeck; '93, North Fairmount (Cincinnati); '94, Lebanon Circuit; '95-1903, Professor Miami Military Institute; '04, Harrison; '05, Assistant St. Paul's (Cincinnati); '06, Twin Valley College.

BURDSALL, EDMUND. Cincinnati: 1869, '70, Sinking Spring; '71, Highland; '72-'74, Mooresfield; '75-'77, Seven Mile; '78-'80, Port Union; '81-'83, Waynesville; '84-'86, South Charleston; '87-'91, Greenfield; '92, Grace (Urbana); '93-'95, St. Paul (Dayton); '96-'98, Lebanon; '99-1904, Winton Place; '05, '06, Batavia.

CAMPBELL, SAMUEL W. Cincinnati: 1886-'89, Laurel; '90, '91, West Union; '92-'95, Felicity; '99, Catawba; 1900-'02, Clifton Avenue (Springfield); '03-'06, Arcanum.

CAREY, SAMUEL W. Cincinnati: 1865, Seven Mile; '66, Camden and Winchester; '67, '68, Lewisburg; '69, New Paris; '70-'72, Concord; '73-'75, Red Lion and Springboro; '76, Fairfield; '77, King's Creek; '78, Mutual; '79, '80, Union; '81, '82, East Liberty; '83, King's Creek; '84-1906, superannuated.

CHAPMAN, CHARLES L. Cincinnati: 1895-'97, West Alexandria; '98-1900, Camden; '01, supernumerary; '02, '03, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley; '04-'06, New Jasper.

CHENOWETH, JOHN F. Cincinnati: 1901, Linwood (Cincinnati); '02-'04, Clifton; '05, '06, St. Paul (Springfield).

CHERINGTON, EDGAR H. Cincinnati: 1882, Harrison; '83-'85, St. John's; '86, '87, Pleasant Ridge; '88-'90, Hartwell; '91-'95, Oxford; '96, '97, Mechanicsburg; '98-1903, Grace (Urbana); '04-'06, First Church (Xenia).

CLARK, DAVIS W. Cincinnati: 1875, Brandt; '76, Hartwell and Carthage; '77, Columbia. Ohio: '78, '79, Broad Street (Columbus). Cincinnati: '80-'82, Franklin; '83-'85, Trinity (Xenia); '86, '87, Hillsboro; '88-'92, Raper (Dayton). Kentucky: '93-'97, Union Church (Covington). Cincinnati: '98, Assistant, Trinity Church (Cincinnati); '99, Columbia (Cincinnati); 1900-'05, P. E. Cincinnati District; '06, Assistant, Trinity Church (Cincinnati).

CLARK, WILLIAM F. Cincinnati: 1904, Troy Circuit; '05, '06, at school.

CLEMANS, FRANCIS M. Cincinnati: 1866-'68, Union; '69-'71, Fairfield; '72-'74, Middletown; '75, '76, King's Creek; '77-'79, Mechanicsburg; '80-'82, Miamisburg; '83, '84, Ripley; '85-'87, Jamestown; '88-'92, Franklin; '93-'97, Broadway (Dayton); '98-1903, Agent Anti-saloon League; '04-'06, supernumerary.

COFFMAN, W. M. Cincinnati: 1891-'95, Fair Haven; '98, Port Union and Glendale; '99-1903, Waynesville; '04-'06, Sabina.

COLE, WALTER D. Northwest Iowa: 1889, Spirit Lake. Wisconsin: '90, '91, Delavan, Wis.; '92-'94, Whitewater; '95-'98, Summerfield (Milwaukee). Northwest Indiana: '99-1904, Trinity (La Fayette). Cincinnati: '05, St. Paul's (Cincinnati).

COLLEY, JAMES E. 1878-'86, Wesleyan Church, England. Minnesota: '86, Forest City; '87, '88, Paynesville; '89, Albert Lea. Oregon: '91, '92, Clark Church (Portland). Cincinnati: '93, South Lebanon; '94, '95, Sabina; '96-1900, Christie (Cincinnati); '01-'05, Delhi; '06, Trinity (Xenia).

COMPTON, HARRISON H. North Indiana: 1894, Portland Circuit '95, Philadelphia; '96, Cadiz; '97-'99, Trenton; 1900, '01, Ridgeville; '02-'04, Perkinsville. Cincinnati: '05, '06, Clarksville.

COMPTON, HARRY. (Bishop Taylor's Mission, 1888-'89.) Cincinnati: 1890-'92, at school. 1891, '92, Chilian District. '93, Serena, Chili. South American: 1894, Concepcion; '95, '96, Montevideo; '97-1900, Mendoza, Argentine; 1901, '02, Cuenca, Ecuador; '03, '04, Quito, Ecuador. Andean: Quito, Ecuador. Cincinnati: '06, Quito, Ecuador.

CONGER, CHARLES L. North Ohio: 1878, '79, Iberia. Cincinnati: '80-'82, Columbia; '83-'85, Morrow; '86-'89, New Vienna; '90, '91, Waynesville; '92-'94, Christie (Cincinnati); '95-1901, Greenville; '02-'04, Central (Springfield); '05, '06, Jamestown.

COOPER, WILLIS A. New York East: 1883, '84, Shelton, Conn. Austin: 1885, Abilene, Tex.; '86, Mobeetie, Tex.; '87, Clarendon; '88, Canadian; '89-'91, P. E. Clarendon District; '92-'97, Dennison, Tex.; '98, '99, San Antonio, Tex. Colorado: 1900-'03, Santa Fe, N. M. Cincinnati: '04-06, Lebanon.

CORLEY, JESSE LEE. Cincinnati: 1904, '05, Bond Hill; '06, First Church (Norwood).

COWGILL, AMOS T. Cincinnati: 1885, Blanchester; '86-'88, Clarksville; '89-'93, Newtown; '94-'98, Waynesville; '99-1901, Glendale and Port Union; '02-'05, South Charleston; '06, Blanchester.

CRUM, CAREY T. Cincinnati: 1867, Lewisburg; '68, Fletcher; '69, North Bend; '70, New Burlington; '71, Brandt; '72, Centenary; '73-'75, Concord; '76, Jasper; '77, '78, Maineville; '79, Columbia; '80-'82, West Chester and Sharon; '83-'85, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '86-'88, Cumminsville; '89, Mount Washington and Red Bank; '90, Lewisburg; '91, West Alexandria; '92-'94, Goshen; '95, '96, Harrison; '97, Camp Washington; '98, '99, Hopple Street (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, Delta Avenue (Cincinnati); '02, Camden and Somerville; '03, Amelia; '04, Mt. Washington; '05, '06, superannuate.

CUNDY, THOMAS. Philadelphia: 1871, Tacony (Philadelphia); '72, Raubsville, Pa. Kentucky: '73, '74, Ludlow; '75, '76, Asbury; '77, '78, Catlettsburg. Cincinnati: '79, New Richmond; '81, Leesburg; '82-'84, Belfast; '85, Winchester; '86, '87, Feesburg; '88, '89, Bethel; '89, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '90, Camden; '92, Montgomery; '93, '94, Venice (Ross); '95, '96, West Chester; '97, King's Creek; '98, '99, West Elkton; 1900, Belfast; '01, '02, Clarksville; '03, '04, Bowersville; '04, '05, Mutual; '06, Gordon.

CURLESS, H. G. Cincinnati: 1891, '92, Sinking Spring; '93-'97, at school; '98-1902, Rainsboro; '03-'06, Clifton Avenue (Springfield).

DALBEY, JOHN L. Cincinnati: 1888, '89, Germantown; '90, Covington; '91-'93, Christiansburg; '94-'96, Arcanum; '97-'99, Mutual; 1900-'03, Dialton, '04-'06, Catawba.

DARLING, J. D. Cincinnati: 1892-'94, Centenary; '95-1900, Moscow; '01-'03, Williamsburg; '04-'06, Riverside (Cincinnati).

DART, GEORGE H. Cincinnati: 1856, Lewisburg; '57, Camden; '58, New Lexington; '59, '60, Clarksville; '61, '62, Wilmington; '63, Mt. Auburn; '64-'66, McKendree (Cincinnati); '67, High Street (Springfield); '68-'70, Finley (Cincinnati); '71, '72, McKendree (Cincinnati); '73-'75, Grace (Urbana); '76, '77, Hamilton; '78-'80, Middletown; '81-'83, Milford; '84-'86, Lebanon; '87-'92, P. E. Hamilton District, Hamilton, Ohio; '93, '94, Hillsboro; '95-1900, P. E. Georgetown District; '01, '02, First Church (Urbana); '03-'06, supernumerary.

DAVIS, JOHN H. Cincinnati: 1874, Winchester; '75, '76, Butlerville; '77, '78, Rainsboro; '79, supernumerary; '80, Marshall; '81, '82, Catawba; '83, Brandt; '84, '85, North Hampton; '86, '87, Martinsville; '88, '89, supernumerary; '90-'92, Sugar Tree Ridge; '93, '94, Hillsboro Circuit; '95, Bethel; '96, '97, Feesburg; '98, Laurel; '99, Sinking Spring; 1900-'06, superannuate.

DAVIS, LUCIEN M. Cincinnati: 1871, '72, Newtown; '73, '74, Batavia; '75, '76, Amelia; '77, '78, New Richmond; '79, supernumerary; '80, '81, Bantam; '82, '83, Moscow; '84, New Boston and Newtonville; '85-'88, Lynchburg; '89-'93, Sabina; '94, Rainsboro; '95, '96, New Moorefield; '97-1902, Newtown; '03-'06, Loveland.

DAVIS, WILBUR L. Y. Cincinnati: 1892, Valparaiso, S. A.; '93, '94, Groesbeck; '95-'99, First Church (Norwood); 1900-'06, Lockland-Wyoming.

DEATON, W. A. Cincinnati: 1892, '93, Germantown; '94, Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '95-'98, Columbia (Cincinnati); '99-1902, Madisonville; '03-'06, Hillsboro.

DEPUTY, LEONIDAS O. Cincinnati: 1880, Sugar Tree Ridge; '81, Winchester; '82, Decatur; '83, '84, Manchester; '85, Chilo; '86, '87, New Boston; '88, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '89-'91, Olive Branch; '92, '93, South Charleston Circuit; '94, '95, Troy Circuit; '96, '97, Clarksville; '98, New Paris; '99-1905, superannuated.

DUBOIS, GEORGE W. Cincinnati: 1875, Venice; '76, Walker and Union; '77-'79, Morrow; '80, Pearl Street; '81-'83, Mt. Washington; '84, Fairmount; '85-'89, Hamilton; '90, '91, St. Paul (Springfield); '92-'95, First Church (Urbana); '96-'99, Walnut Hills; 1900-'03, Troy; '04-'06, P. E. Springfield District.

DUNHAM, WARREN J. Cincinnati: 1896, '97, Cleves; '98, Groesbeck; '99-1901, Felicity; '02-'05, New Richmond; '06, Williamsburg.

DUCKWALL, JOHN L. Cincinnati: 1897, Sinking Spring; '99-1904, Grace (Springfield); '05, '06, Finley (Cincinnati).

EASTON, GEORGE S. Kentucky: 1882, '83, Dayton; '84, '85, Maysville; '86, Main Street (Covington). **Cincinnati:** '87, '88, Gordon; '89, Montgomery; '90, '91, Addyston. **Louisiana:** '92-'94, St. Charles Avenue (New Orleans). **Cincinnati:** '95-'97, Goshen; '98-1902, West Union; '03-'05, Leesburg; '06, Morrow.

ENWALL, HASSE P. New England: 1904, '05, Barham Memorial. **Cincinnati:** '05, '06, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati).

EASTON, JOHN A. Cincinnati: 1874, Sardinia; '75, '76, New Burlington; '77, '78, Brookville; '79, Cheviot; '80-'82, Venice; '83-'85, Wright Chapel (Cincinnati); '86, '87, West Chester; '88, New Moorefield; '89, New Carlisle; '90, Norwood; '91-'93, Clarksville; '94-'96, New Vienna and Lexington; '97, '98, Bethany; '99, 1900, Tippecanoe City; '01, Winchester; '04, '05, Field Agent Preachers' Relief Society; '06, Belfast.

ECKLES, JOHN C. Des Moines: 1872, Indianola Circuit; '73, '74, Jefferson; '75-'77, Carroll; '78, '79, Boone; '80, Glenwood; '81, '82, Shenandoah. **Mississippi:** '83-'85, P. E. Holly Springs District; '86-'89, P. E. Aberdeen District. **Upper Mississippi:** '90, '91, P. E. Aberdeen District; '92, '93, P. E. Holly Springs District; '94-'96, President Murphy College, Tenn. **Holston:** '97, '98, Marysville Circuit; '99, Harriman. **Cincinnati:** 1900, '01, Concord Circuit; '02, '03, McKendree (Cincinnati); '04, Westville and Concord; '05, '06, New Moorefield.

EDGAR, GEORGE M. Cincinnati: 1855, Winchester; '56, '57, Highland; '58, Clarksville; '59, '60, Sinking Spring; '61, Lynchburg; '62, New Lexington; '63, '64, Jamestown; '65, '66, Addison; '67, New Burlington; '68-'70, Highland; '71, '72, Winchester; '73, Lynchburg; '74, Addison; '75, '76, New Lexington; '77, '78, Sinking Spring; '79, Fairfield; '80, '81, Troy Circuit; '82, New Paris; '83, Marshall; '84, Feesburg; '85, Aberdeen; '86, Moscow; '87, Fair Haven; '88, Venice; '89-1906, superannuated.

EDMISTON, SULLIVAN W. Cincinnati: 1857, Cumminsville; '58, '59, Winchester; '60, Raysville; '61, '62, Venice; '63, '64, Madisonville; '65, '66, Moscow; '67-'69, Aberdeen; '70, '71, New Lexington; '72, North Bend; '73-'75, Winchester; '76-'78, Sardinia; '79, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '80, '81, Decatur; '82, Marshall; '83, Winchester; '84, '85, Hillsboro Circuit; '86, Agent Hillsboro College; '87-'89, Decatur; '90-1906, superannuated.

EDMONDS, EUGENE P. East Ohio: 1876, Tyrone Circuit; '78, Caldwell; '79, Newton Falls; '80, '81, Woodsfield; '82-'84, Chagrin Falls; '85-'87, Hamline Church (Steubenville); '88-'90, Euclid Avenue (Cleveland); '91-'95, First Church (Canton); '96-'98, Trinity (Youngstown). **Cincinnati:** '99-1904, Forest Avenue (Avondale); '05, '06, High Street (Springfield).

ELLIOTT, CALVIN W. Cincinnati: 1888-'90, Red Lion; '91, '92, Carthage and Elmwood; '93-'95, Mt. Washington; '96, '97, New Carlisle; '98-1901, Yellow Springs; '02-'04, Broadway (Dayton); '05, Greenville; '06, supernumerary.

ELLSWORTH, EARL M. Cincinnati: 1895, Brandt; '96-'98, Grace (Springfield); '99-1902, Trinity (Dayton); '03-'05, Price Hill (Cincinnati); '06, Eaton.

ENGLISH, FRANK C. Cincinnati: 1890, Bethel; '91, Williamsburg Circuit; '92, Bethel; '93-'96, at school; '97, Groesbeck; '98, '99, Cleves; 1900-'03, Columbia (Cincinnati); '04-'06, President Moores Hill College.

ENGLISH, WILLIAM D. Cincinnati: 1897, Gordon; '98, Centenary; '99, Peebles; 1900, '01, Owensville; '02, '03, Red Lion and Merrittstown; '04, '05, Venice; '06, Mutual.

EWRY, D. S. Cincinnati: 1892, Lewisburg; '93, '94, King's Creek; '95, Christiansburg; '96, '97, South Charleston Circuit; '98, '99, Mt. Orab; 1900,-'02, supernumerary; '03, '04, Decatur; '05, '06, Bethel.

FIDLER, THORNTON E. Cincinnati: 1858, Lewisburg; '59, Winchester; '60, Aberdeen; '61, Piqua Circuit; '62, '63, North Lewisburg; '64, '65, Catawba; '66-'68, West Union; '69, Bethel; '70, '71, Addison; '72-'74, King's Creek; '75, '76, Tremont; '77, Germantown; '78, '79, Concord; '80, '81, New Paris; '82, North Bend; '83, '84, Venice; '85, Groesbeck; '86, '87, North Hampton; '88-1906, superannuated. Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

FRENGER, GEORGE R. Kentucky: 1882, '83, Louisa; '84-'86, Greenup; '87-'90, Ashland; '91, '92, Dayton; '93-'98, P. E. Covington District; '99-1901, P. E. Ashland District; '02, Latonia. **Cincinnati:** '03, Mt. Washington; '04, '05, Amelia; '06, Troy Circuit.

FULLER, M. B. Cincinnati: 1891, '92, Manchester; '93-'95, Georgetown; '96-1900, First Church (Urbana); '01-'05, Trinity (Cincinnati); '06, Grace (Dayton).

FULTON, GEORGE M. Cincinnati: 1883-'85, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '86, '87, Aberdeen; '88-'92, Amelia; '93-'97, Williamsburg; '98-1902, Maineville; '03-'06, Goshen.

GABLE, GEORGE. Columbia River: 1899-1900, Hilliard (Spokane, Wash.); '01, Harrison, Idaho. **Puget Sound:** '02, First Church (Seattle). **Cincinnati:** '04, '05, Greenfield; '06, Assistant, Hillsboro.

GADDIS, JOHN W. **Cincinnati:** 1874, Decatur; '75, '76, Columbia; '77, McLean (Cincinnati); '78-'80, Davisson (Dayton); '81, '82, Asbury (Cincinnati); '83-'85, Tremont; '86, '87, New Carlisle; '88-'90, Leesburg; '91-'94, Centerville; '95-'99, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati); 1900, McKendree (Cincinnati); '01-'05, West Carrollton; '06, Mechanicsburg.

GADDIS, EUGENE S. **Cincinnati:** 1888, Cleves; '89, '90, Price Hill; '91, Pendleton (Cincinnati); '92, supernumerary; '93, '94, St. John (Cincinnati); '95, Mason; '96-1900, Loveland and Branch Hill; '01, '02, Loveland; '03, superintendent Epworth Heights Camp-meeting Association; '04, Conference Evangelist; '05, Financial Agent Epworth Heights Camp-meeting Association; '06, supernumerary.

GEISSINGER, JAMES ALLEN. **Cincinnati:** 1896-'98, Finley (Cincinnati); '99, 1900, Ripley; '01-'04, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '05, '06, Oxford.

GILBERT, JAMES E. **Cincinnati:** 1871, New Lexington Circuit. **Wisconsin:** '71, Sunday-school Agent. **Cincinnati:** '72-'74, Asbury (Cincinnati). **Kentucky:** '75-'77, Lexington. **Kansas:** '78, '79, First Church (Topeka). **Wisconsin:** '80-'82, Summerfield Church (Milwaukee). **Michigan:** '83, '84, Division Street (Grand Rapids). **Indiana:** '85-'87, Meridian Street (Indianapolis); '88-'97, Secretary American Society of Religious Education. **Cincinnati:** '98-1906, Secretary American Society of Religious Education, Washington, D. C.

GILLILAND, JAMES P. Eleven years in Wm. Taylor's work in Chile, S. A. **Cincinnati:** 1890-'91, P. E. Chile District; '92, Spanish pastorate; '93-'97, Home on leave of absence; '98-1900, Concordia, Argentina, S. A.; '01, '02, Mendoza, Argentina. **Cincinnati:** '03, Lewisburg and West Alexandria; '04, '05, Assistant, St. Paul (Dayton); '06, supernumerary.

GILLILAND, WILLIAM T. **Central Ohio:** 1903, New Dover. **Cincinnati:** '04, '05, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley; '06, West Carrollton.

GLASCOCK, J. L. **Cincinnati:** 1882, Groesbeck; '83-'85, Harrison; '86, Mt. Lookout; '87-'89, Milford; '90, Eaton; '91-'93, supernumerary; '96, Conference Evangelist; 1901, supernumerary; '02-'06, Conference Evangelist.

GOWDY, CLARK L. **Cincinnati:** 1905, '06, West Chester.

GRAUSER, CLARENCE S. **Cincinnati:** 1906, New Paris.

GRAY, WALTER S. **Cincinnati:** 1890, Jacksonville; '91, Centenary; '92, '93, Williamsburg Circuit; '94-'96, Chilo; '97-'99, Marathon; 1900-'02, Decatur; '03-'05, Maineville; '06, Martinsville.

HAINES, CHARLES H. **Cincinnati:** 1880-'82, Cumminsville; '83, '84, Groesbeck; '85-'89, Delhi; '90-'92, Broadway (Dayton); '93-'96, Franklin; '97, Monroe; '98-1900, Blanchester; '01, '02, Eaton; '03-'05, Mechanicsburg; '06, Greenville.

HAMILTON, ANDREW. **Cincinnati:** 1866, '67, Lynchburg; '68, Batavia; '69, Brandt; '70, '71, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '72, St. Paul and Mears Chapel (Cincinnati); '73, '74, Monroe; '75, '76, New Richmond; '77, Reformed Episcopal Church (Toronto); '78-'80, Blanchester; '81, '82, Batavia; '83, McLean (Cincinnati); '84-'86, Yellow Springs; '87-'89, Port Union; '90, McKendree (Cincinnati); '91-'94, Seven Mile; '95-'97, Blanchester; '98, '99, Monroe; 1900, '01, Cedarville; '02-'04, New Vienna; '05, Williamsburg; '06, Osborn.

HAMMAKER, W. E. **Cincinnati:** 1901-'03, Riverdale (Dayton); '04-'06, Middletown.

HARRIS, THOMAS J. **Cincinnati:** 1860, Collins (Cincinnati); '61, Mt. Auburn and Collins; '62, Mt. Auburn; '63, Georgetown; '64, Mt. Washington; '65-'67, Eaton; '68, '69, Mechanicsburg; '70-'72, Oxford; '73-'75, Hamilton; '76-'78, Ripley; '79-'81, High Street (Springfield); '82-'84, Wesley (Cincinnati); '85, '86, supernumerary; '87-'89, Norwood; '90, supernumerary; '91-1906, superannuated.

HARTMAN, LEWIS O. **Cincinnati:** 1903, Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge; '04, Pleasant Ridge; '05, '06, Christie (Cincinnati).

HAWK, JACOB J. **Cincinnati:** 1902, Fort Jefferson; '03, Walker and Union; '04-'06, Germantown.

HENDERSON, HOWARD A. M. **Alabama:** 1858, '59, Newberne; '60, '61, Demopolis; '62-'65, in army; '66-'70, Frankfort, Ky.; '71, Lexington; '72-'79, superintendent public schools of Kentucky. **California:** '80, San Francisco, Cal. **Missouri:** '81, '82, Hannibal, Mo. **Newark:** '83-'86, Jersey City. **New York:** '86, '87, New York City. **Cincinnati:** '88-'90, Trinity (Cincinnati); '91-'95, Hartwell; '96-1900, Delhi; '01, McKendree (Cincinnati); '02, Glendale; '03-'06, superannuate.

HERSHEY, HENRY. **Cincinnati:** 1888, '89, Walker and Union; '90, Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill; '91, Mission Circuit (Cincinnati); '92, St. John (Cincinnati); '93-'95, Pendleton; '96, Groesbeck; '97, '98, Harrison; '99-1901, Red Lion and Merrittstown; '02, '03, New Jasper; '04, Conference Evangelist; '05, New Paris; '06, Venice.

HICKMAN, JEREMIAH W. **Minnesota:** 1880, St. James, Minn.; '81, Waterville, Minn. **Central Ohio:** '82, Willshire; '83, '84, Ayersville; '85, New Madison. **Cincinnati:** '86, Gordon; '87, Walker and Union; '88, '89, Fair Haven; '90, '91, Cleves; '92, supernumerary; '93, Loveland; '94, Williamsburg Circuit; '95-1906, superannuated.

HILL, JAMES R. **Cincinnati:** 1890, Brandt; '91-'93, Covington; '94-'96, Tippecanoe City and Milton; '98, '99, Arcanum; 1900-'02, Catawba; '03-'06, Highland.

HOFFMAN, OLIVER P. **Cincinnati:** 1897-'99, Ebenezer; 1900-'04, Seven Mile; '05, '06, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati).

HORN, C. W. **Cincinnati:** 1892-'95, Glendale and Sharonville; '96-'98, Aberdeen; '99-1904, Georgetown; '05, '06, Cleves and Harrison.

HULL, JOHN F. **Cincinnati:** 1863, Catawba; '64, Fairfield; '65, Spring Grove; '66, '67, Buckeye Street (Dayton); '68, Vienna; '69, Batavia; '70, supernumerary; '71, East Liberty; '72, '73, New Paris; '74, New Burlington; '75-'77, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley; '78, '79, North Bend; '80-'86, supernumerary; '87-1906, superannuated.

HUMPHREY, U. G. **Cincinnati:** '91, '92, Pleasant Ridge; '93-'95, Winchester; '96, '97, New Burlington; '98-1900, Jamestown; '01-'03, Middletown; '04-'06, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League (Indiana).

HUNTER, J. RAPER. **Cincinnati:** 1868, Venice; '69, Fletcher; '70, Clarksville; '71, Amelia; '72, '73, New Lexington; '74-'76, Sinking Spring; '77-'79, Venice; '80-'82, Moorefield; '83, '84, East Liberty; '85-'87, Addison; '88, New Paris; '89-'92, Tippecanoe City and Milton; '93, '94, Mutual; '95, '96, Owensville and Newtonville; '97, supernumerary; '97-1906, superannuate.

HYPES, BENJAMIN D. **Cincinnati:** 1879-'81, Pendleton; '82, Finley (Cincinnati); '83, '84, Delhi; '85, Grace (Piqua); '86-'90, Arcanum; '91-'95, South Charleston; '96-'99, McKendree (Cincinnati); 1900, '01, Cleves and Addyston; '02-'06, Yellow Springs.

JACKSON, EDGAR S. **Cincinnati:** 1905, '06, at school, Madison, N. J.

JACKSON, WILLIAM P. **Cincinnati:** 1865, Laurel. **Holston:** '66, Elizabethtown, Tenn.; '67, Hendersonville, N. C.; '68, Little River, Tenn.; '69, Strawberry Tenn. **Cincinnati:** '70, Chilo; '71, '72, Deerfield and Zoar; '73, '74, Amelia; '75, Decatur; '76, Aberdeen; '77, '78, East Liberty; '79, '80, Catawba; '81-'83, Marathon; '84-'86, Decatur; '87, '88, West Union; '89-'92, Winchester; '93-'95, Amelia; '96, '97, Rainsboro; '98-1906, superannuated.

JAMES, EVAN P. **Cincinnati:** 1856, Williamsburg; '57, Walnut Hills; '58, New Burlington; '59, Camden; '60, Venice; '61, North Bend; '62, Winchester; '63, Oldtown; '64, Addison; '65, Hamersville; '66, Aberdeen; '67, Moscow; '68, '69, Concord; '70, '71, New Paris; '72-'74, East Liberty; '75, '76, Laurel; '77, '78, Marathon; '79-'81, West Union; '82, '83, Feesburg; '84, Bantam; '85, '86, Bethel and Laurel; '87, '88, Brandt; '89, '90, Gordon; '91-'93, Agent American Bible Society; '94-1906, superannuated.

JAMESON, HENRY C. **Central Ohio:** 1886, Rawson Circuit; '87, '88, Howard Church (Findlay); '89-'93, Fostoria; '94-'96, First Church (Findlay); '97-1901, William Street (Delaware). **Cincinnati:** '02-'05, Grace Church (Dayton); '06, P. E. Cincinnati District.

JENKINSON, JAMES A. **Cincinnati:** 1896, West Elkton; '97-1902, West Chester; '03-'06, Monroe.

KALBFUS, CHARLES H. **Cincinnati:** 1871, '72, Laurel; '73-'75, Miami; '76-'78, Oldtown; '79, '80, North Hampton; '81, '82, Gordon; '83-'85, New Paris; '86, '87, Camden; '88, Springboro; '89-'91, West Chester; '92, Red Lion; '93, '94, Walker and Union; '95-'97, Laurel; '98-1900, Feesburg; '01-'06, superannuated.

KECK, HENRY M. **Cincinnati:** 1856, Vienna; '57, '58, Addison; '59, Red Lion and Springboro; '60, Port Union; '61, Catawba; '62, Lewisburg; '63, Laurel; '64, Williamsburg; '65, Aberdeen; '66, '67, Winchester; '68, Manchester; '69, Wilmington; '70-'72, Batavia; '73-'75, Felicity; '76-'78, Yellow Springs; '79, Lockington; '80, '81, Concord; '82, '83, Lewisburg; '84-'86, New Jasper; '87, Cedarville; '88, supernumerary; '89-1906, superannuated.

KEEN, GEORGE W. **Cincinnati:** 1904, Homestead Avenue (Dayton); '05, '06, Lewisburg and Brookville.

KEEN, SAMUEL A. **Cincinnati:** 1899-1901, Troy Circuit; '02, New Carlisle; '03, '04, Westwood Circuit; '05, '06, supernumerary.

KESTLE, ASA J. **Cincinnati:** 1901, '02, Mt. Washington; '03, '04, Rainsboro; '05, '06, at school, Madison, N. J.

KETCHAM, HEBER D. **Cincinnati:** 1884, '85, Blanchester; '86-'88, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '89-'91, Wilmington; '92-'94, Clifton (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Hillsboro; '97-1900, Greene Street (Piqua); '01-'05, P. E. Dayton District; '06, Trinity (Cincinnati).

KIRGAN, FRANCIS M. Cincinnati: 1880, Walker and Union; '81, '82, Brandt; '83-'85, Lockington; '86, Blanchester; '87-'89, Centerville; '90-'92, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '93-'97, Carthage and Elmwood; '98-1906, Fairmount.

KUGLER, MATTHIAS M. Cincinnati: 1875, '76, Cheviot; '77, '78, Loveland; '79, '80, St. John's (Cincinnati); '81-'83, Davisson (Dayton); '84-'86, Mechanicsburg; '87-'89, Lebanon; '90, '91, Winton Place; '92, Delhi; '93-'96, Cheviot; '97, '98, Westwood (Cincinnati); '99, Assistant at Trinity (Cincinnati); 1900-'06, Instructor Deaconess Home (Cincinnati).

LAIRD, JOHN F. Cincinnati: 1885, Carthage; '86, Groesbeck; '87, Chilo; '88, '89, Marathon; '90, '91, Laurel; '92-'96, West Union; '97, '98, New Moorefield; '99-1901, Christiansburg; '02, '03, Troy Circuit; '04-'06, Dialton.

LANE, EDWARD T. (Omitted at his own request.)

LATSHAW, DAVID G. Cincinnati: 1809-1904, Westwood; '05, '06, St. Paul (Dayton).

LEASE, JOHN H. Central Pennsylvania: 1860-'63, Principal in Union Seminary, New Berlin, Pa.; '64, '65, Professor in Pennsylvania Agricultural College; '65-'69, Professor of Ancient Languages in Northwestern College, Napierville, Ill. St. Louis: '70-'72, Holden, Mo.; '73, '74, Knob Knoster, Mo. Cincinnati: '75-'77, Batavia; '78-'80, Asbury (Cincinnati); '81-'83, Wilmington; '84-'86, Madisonville; '87-'89, York Street (Cincinnati); '90-'94, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati); '90-'94, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati); '95, Bond Hill; '96,-'99, Seven Mile; 1900-'04, Bethany; '05, '06, New Vienna.

LEEVER, FRANK. Cincinnati: 1876, West Union; '77, '78, Amelia; '79, Cumminsville; '80, '81, St. Paris and Lena; '82, '83, New Boston; '84-'86, Miami; '87, Springboro and Red Lion; '88-'90, Seven Mile; '91-'93, Bethany; '94-'96, Union; '97-'99, Tremont City; 1900-'02, Monroe; '03-'05, Osborne; '06, New Jasper.

LEONARD, ADNA B. Pittsburg: 1860, Marlboro, O.; '61, '62, Allegheny, Pa.; '63, Butler, Pa.; '04, '65, Alliance, O. Kansas: '66, '67, Leavenworth, Kan.; '68, '69, P. E. Leavenworth District. Pittsburg: '70-'72, Smithfield Street (Pittsburg, Pa.) Cincinnati: '73, St. John (Cincinnati); '74-'76, Walnut Hills; '77, '78, Grace (Dayton); '79-'82, P. E. East Cincinnati District; '83-'85, Central (Springfield); '86, '87, Greene Street (Piqua); '88-1906, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society (150 Fifth Avenue, New York).

LEONARD, ADNA WRIGHT. Italy: 1901, '02, Rome. Cincinnati: '03, '04, Grace (Piqua); '05, '06, Central (Springfield).

LeSOURD, MARION. Cincinnati: 1881-'83, Carthage and Pleasant Ridge; '84-'86, Winton Place; '87-'91, Christie (Cincinnati); '92-'96, Greenfield; '97-'99, Hillsboro; 1900-'06, Milford.

LEWIS, BENJAMIN H. Cincinnati: 1905, Mt. Washington; '06, Decatur.

MADDOX, ALLEN D. Cincinnati: 1875, Lynchburg; '76-'78, Bethel; '79-'81, Clarksville; '82-'84, Lynchburg; '85-'87, Winchester; '88-'90, Cheviot; '91, '92, Fairmount; '93, Waynesville; '94-'96, Newtown; '97-'99, Cedarville; 1900-'03, Tremont City; '04-'06, Centerville.

MARSH, SEREN N. Cincinnati: 1869, Clarksville; '70, Bowersville; '71, Georgetown; '72, Laurel; '73, '74, Centenary; '75, '76, Manchester; '77-'79, Aberdeen; '80, '81, Moscow; '82-'86, supernumerary; '87-1901, superannuated. Montecito, Cal.

MARSHALL, ISAAC B. Cincinnati: 1893, Brandt; '94, Bethel; '95, Springboro; '96-'98, Fairhaven; '99, 1900, Finley (Cincinnati); '01, Conference Evangelist; '02, Port Union; '03-'06, supernumerary.

MARTIN, WILLIAM FRANK. St. Louis: 1897' '98, Lincoln and Warsaw; '99-1901, at school, Boston, Mass.; '02, Marshall, Mo.; '03, '04, Daily Church (Springfield, Mo.) Cincinnati: '05, '06, Aberdeen.

MATTHEWS, DUDLEY. Cincinnati: 1905, Springboro and Lytle.

McCOLM, JAMES F. Cincinnati: 1874, '75, Feesburg; '76, Bantam; '77, '78, Collins; '79, '80, Olive Branch; '81-'83, Blanchester and Butlerville; '84-'86, Goshen; '87-'90, Union; '91, Leesburg; '92, '93, Arcanum; '94, '95, Port Union; '96, '97, Winchester; '98, Martinsville; '99-1901, Fairhaven; '02, West Milton; '03, '04, West Chester; '05, Troy Circuit; '06, Rainsboro.

McCOLM, REUBEN S. Cincinnati: 1889, Blanchester; '90, '91, South Charleston Circuit; '92-'96, New Jasper; '97-'99, Dialton; 1900-'04, New Moorefield; '05, '06. Concord and Westville.

McGEE, JAMES ELLINGTON. St. Louis: 1889. Cincinnati: 1905, '06, Pleasant Ridge.

MIDDLETON, HOMER C. Cincinnati: 1863, '64, Aberdeen; '65, '66, Amelia; '67, Batavia; '68-'70, Georgetown; '71, '72, New Richmond; '73-'75, Loveland and Maineville; '76-'78, Goshen; '79-'81, Felicity; '82-'84, Amelia; '85, Cedarville; '86-'89, Tremont City; '90-'94, Yellow Springs; '95, Centerville; '96-1901, Leesburg; '02-'06, Cedarville.

MITCHELL, FRANK G. Cincinnati: 1867, '68, North Bend; '69, Catawba; '70-'72, Williamsburg; '73-'75, Greenfield; '76-'78, High Street (Springfield); '79, '80, Ripley; '81-'83, York Street (Cincinnati); '84, '85, First Church (Urbana); '86-'91, P. E. Springfield District; '92-'96, Greene Street (Piqua); '97-1901, Greenfield; '02-'06, Hartwell (Cincinnati).

MITCHELL, WM. C. Cincinnati: 1893, Bethel; '94, '95, Covington, O. Columbia River: '96, Grangeville, Idaho; '97, '98, Milton, Ore. Puget Sound: '99, Linden, Wash. Cincinnati: 1900-'02, Lewisburg; '03-'06, West Union.

MOORE, C. J. Cincinnati: 1901, Sugar Tree Ridge; '08-'06, at school, Boston.

MOORE, E. J. Puget Sound: 1886, '87, La Conner, Wash.; '88, Coupeville; '89, Chehalis; '90-'92, Puyallup; '93, Tacoma. East Ohio: '94, President West Farmington Seminary; '95, Asbury (Cleveland); '96-'98, Wade Park (Cleveland); '99-1900, Ravenna; '01, '02, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League. Cincinnati: '03-'06, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League.

MOORE, THOMAS D. Northwest Indiana: 1887, Rose Lawn; '88, '89, Medaryville. North Dakota: '89, '90, Grafton; '91, Mayesville; '92, '93, Devil's Lake. Cincinnati: '94-'97, Manchester; '98, Bond Hill; '99-1901, Harrison; '02, Cleves and Addyston; '03, Cleves and Harrison; '04, Elmwood Place and Camp Washington; '06, Camp Washington and Reading.

MUNSEY, CANARO D. Holston: 1879, '80, Taylorsville, Tenn.; '81, Second Church (Knoxville, Tenn.); '82-'84, Sevierville, Tenn. Cincinnati: '85, King's Creek; '86, '87, New Paris; '88, '89, Dialton; '90-'92, Tremont City; '93-'95, Catawba; '96, Amelia; '97-'99, Clifton Avenue (Springfield); 1900-'02, Mutual; '03-'06, superannuate.

MYERS, CLIFFORD L. Cincinnati: 1895-'99, Linwood; 1900, Germantown; '01-'04, Christie (Cincinnati); '05, '06, New Carlisle.

NEWTON, ABBOTT G. Cincinnati: 1888, Centenary; '89, '90, Feesburg; '91, '92, Chilo; '93-'95, Decatur; '96-1901, Bethel; '02, '03, Owensville; '04-'06, Summerside.

NINDE, JOHN P. Cincinnati: 1890-'93, Concord; '94-'98, Trinity (Dayton); '99-1901, Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge; '02-'06, Delta Avenue (Cincinnati).

PATTON, JOSEPH. W. Cincinnati: 1894-'96, Red Lion; '97-'99, Lewisburg; 1900-'04, Springboro and Lytle; '05, '06, Seven Mile.

PATTON, W. M. Cincinnati: 1892, Cleves and Addyston; '93, '94, New Moorefield; '95-'99, Osborn; 1900-'02, Lynchburg; '03-'06, Union.

PEALE, CHARLES C. Cincinnati: 1895, Sugar Tree Ridge; '96-'99, Bowersville; 1900-'02, Highland; '03, '04, Asbury (Cincinnati); '05, '06, Grace (Norwood).

PEARSON, JOHN. Cincinnati: 1865-'69, Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission—('65-'67, Mears; '68, 69, Carr Street and Clark Street); '70, Union; '71, New Carlisle; '72, '73, Waynesville; '74-'76, St. Paris and Lena; '77, Port Union; '78-'80, Mt. Auburn; '81, '82, First Church (Urbana); '83-'86, P. E. Hillsboro District; '87, Central (Springfield); '88, Wesley (Cincinnati); '89-'93, P. E. Cincinnati District; '94, '95, Asbury (Cincinnati); '96, '97, St. Paul (Dayton); '98, Wilmington; '99-1905, Field Agent for American Bible Society; '06, Madisonville.

PETERS, JOHN W. Cincinnati: 1866, Georgetown; '67, Columbia and Pendleton; '68, '69, Mt. Auburn; '70-'72, Spring Grove. Ohio: '73-'75, Second Street (Zanesville); '76, Athens; '77-'79, Bigelow (Portsmouth); '80-'82, London; '83-'85, Washington C. H.; '86, Newark. Cincinnati: '87-'89, Lockland and Wyoming; '90-'93, Avondale; '94-'98, Hamilton; '99-1904, St. Paul (Springfield); '05, '06, Clifton (Cincinnati).

PETTINGELL, GEORGE H. Troy: Tinmouth and Danby, Vt. Cincinnati: 1905, Walker and Union; '06, at school.

PHILLIPS, JOHN. Indiana: 1891, Marengo; '92-'94, Francisco; '95, '96, Jennie De Pauw (New Albany). Kentucky: '97, '98, Wesley (Louisville); '99-1900, supernumerary (Linwood, supply). Cincinnati: '01, Branch Hill; '02, Felicity; '03, '04, Peebles; '05, '06, Moscow.

POLLARD, SAMUEL G. Kentucky: 1872, Orangeburg; '73, '74, Sherburne; '75, Vanceburg; '76, Shelbyville; '77, '78, Greenup; '79, '80, Somerset; '81-'83, Shinkle Chapel (Covington); '84, '85, Dayton; '86-'90, Bellevue. Cincinnati: '91, Groesbeck; '92-'94, Columbia (Cincinnati); '95-'97, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '98-1903, Carthage and Elmwood Place; '04-'06, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati).

POWELL, ELMER E. **Illinois:** 1886, Kinderhook; '87-'89, Student, Boston School of Theology. **Italy:** '90, '91, Florence; '92-'95, Rome; '96-1901, supernumerary; '02-'04, superannuate. **Cincinnati:** '05, '06, Professor in Miami University.

PUMPHREY, CHAS. P. **Cincinnati:** 1899, 1900, South Charleston Circuit; '01, Arcanum; '02-'04, at school; '05, '06, Lindenwald (Hamilton).

PUMPHREY, JOHN S. **Cincinnati:** 1863, Concord; '64, '65, Oldtown; '66-'68, Fairfield; '69, Bethany; '70, '71, Harrison; '72, '73, Cumminsville; '74-'76, Camden; '77-'79, Mingo and Tabor; '80-'82, Bethany; '83-'85, Lexington and New Vienna; '86, '87, Leesburg; '88-'92, Jamestown; '93, Trinity (Dayton); '94-'97, Miamisburg; '98-1901, South Charleston; '02-'06, Wilmington.

PUTT, WM. E. **Kansas:** 1890, '91, Hamilton, Kan.; '92-'94, at school, Evanston, Ill.; '95, '96, Oakland Church (Topeka); '97, Parkdale Church (Topeka). **Cincinnati:** '98-1902, Morrow; '03-'06, Mason.

RAMSEY, WILLIAM W. **Cincinnati:** 1863, Aberdeen Circuit; '64, Moscow Circuit; '65-'67, York Street (Cincinnati); '69, '70, Grace (Dayton). **Erie:** '71-'73, First Church (Akron); '74-'76, First Church (Erie). **Kentucky:** '77, '78, Union Church (Covington). **Pittsburg:** '79-'81, Christ Church (Pittsburg). **Detroit:** '82-'84, Central Church (Detroit); '85-'87, Ann Arbor; '88-'90, Central Church (Detroit). **New England:** '91-'95, Tremont Street Church (Boston). **Philadelphia:** '96-1901, Arch Street (Philadelphia). **Kentucky:** '02, Lexington. **Cincinnati:** '03-'06, superannuate.

REINBARTH, FRED J. **Cincinnati:** 1903, '04, West Milton; '05, '06, Christiansburg.

RISHELL, CHARLES W. **Cincinnati:** 1876, '77, Finley (Cincinnati); '78, '79, Winton Place and Camp Washington; '80-'82, Delhi; '83-'85, Avondale; '86-'88, First Church (Urbana); '89, '90, supernumerary; '91-'93, Asbury (Cincinnati); '94, Central (Springfield); '95-1906, Professor Historical Theology, Boston School of Theology.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM A. **Cincinnati:** 1869, '70, Venice; '71-'73, Christie (Cincinnati); '74-'76, Raper (Dayton); '77-'79, Central (Springfield). **North Ohio:** '80-'82, Franklin Avenue (Cleveland). **Pittsburg:** '83-'85, North Avenue (Allegheny, Pa.) **North Ohio:** '86-'88, Franklin Avenue (Cleveland). **Kentucky:** '89-'92, Union Church (Covington). **Cincinnati:** '93-'97, Grace (Dayton); '98-1900, Trinity (Cincinnati); '01-'06, Corresponding Secretary for Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association.

ROYAL, STANLEY O. **Cincinnati:** 1877, '78, Grace (Piqua); '79-'81, Finley (Cincinnati); '82-'84, Hartwell; '85-'87, Raper (Dayton); '88-'91, Grace (Urbana); '92, '93, Middletown; '94, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '95-'99, Troy; 1900-'02, Hillsboro; '04, '05, Madisonville; '06, P. E. Dayton District.

ROUGHTON, GERVAISE. **Cincinnati:** 1890-'94, Finley (Cincinnati); '95, Pearl Street and Riverside (Cincinnati); '96, Riverside (Cincinnati); '97-1906, Wesley Chapel (Cincinnati).

RUGGLES, JAMES S. **Kentucky:** 1875, Owensboro, Ky.; '76, '77, Germantown, Ky.; '78-'80, Mt. Olivet, Ky.; '80, Harrison and Nicholas, Ky.; '81, Greenup, Ky. **Southeast Indiana:** '82, Jonesville, Ind.; '83, Castleton, Ind.; '84, '85, located. **Cincinnati:** '86, '87, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '88, Olive Branch; '89, Bethel; '90, Aberdeen; '91-'93, supernumerary; '94, South Lebanon; '95, Rainsboro; '96, '97, Martinsville; '98-1900, Clarksville; '01, '02, Mt. Orab; '03, Mutual; '04-'06, superannuate.

RUST, RICHARD H. **New York East:** 1868-'70, Nostrand Avenue (Brooklyn); '71, '72, Sag Harbor; '73-'75, New Britain, Conn.; '76, Greenwich, Conn. **South New England:** '77-'79, St. Paul's (Fall River, Mass.) **Cincinnati:** '80, '81, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '82-'84, Grace (Dayton); '85-'89, High Street (Springfield). **Detroit:** '90, Ann Arbor. **Cincinnati:** '91, supernumerary; '92, President Wesleyan College, Cincinnati; '93, Mt. Auburn, (Cincinnati); '94-'99, P. E. Cincinnati District; 1900, '01, Clifton (Cincinnati); '02-'05, Trinity (Xenia); '06, Assistant, St. Paul (Cincinnati).

RUST, RICHARD S. **New England:** 1844, Springfield, Mass.; '45, Worcester, Mass. **New Hampshire:** '46-'49, Principal New Hampshire Conference Seminary and State School Commissioner of New Hampshire; '50, '51, Portsmouth, N. H.; '52, '53, Great Falls, N. H.; '54, '55, Lawrence, Mass.; '56, Manchester, N. H.; '57, Haverhill, Mass. **Cincinnati:** '58-'61, President Wilberforce University (Xenia); '62, Morris Chapel (Cincinnati); '63-'65, President Wesleyan Female College (Cincinnati); '66, '67, Field Superintendent Freedmen's Aid Society; '68-'87, Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society; '88-1906, Honorary Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society.

SALT, THOMAS W. **Central Tennessee:** 1884, Cairo; '85, Carroll; '86, '87, Student, U. S. Grant University; '88, Nashville; '89, President Bloomington College; '90, Nashville; '91-'95, Huntington, and Principal McLemoresville College; '96-'98, Lexington; '99-1901, P. E. Huntington District. **Cincinnati:** '02, Moscow; '03, '04, Williamsburg; '05, '06, Georgetown.

SCHENK, C. E. Cincinnati: 1892, left without appointment to attend school; '93, '94, Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge; '95-'98, Clifton (Cincinnati); '99-1904, Hamilton; '05, '06, Forest Avenue (Avondale).

SCUDDAY, HORACE G. M. E. Church, South. South Carolina: 1888, Darlington, S. C. **East Texas:** 1889-'93, Marshall, Palestine, Longview; 1894-'96, Evangelist. **Gulf:** 1897-1902, Conference Evangelist. **Cincinnati:** 1903-1906, Conference Evangelist.

SELLERS, OWEN M. Cincinnati: 1887, '88, King's Creek; '89-'91, New Moorefield; '92-'95, Leesburg; '96-'98, Troy Circuit; '99, 1900, Grace (Piqua); '01, '02, Mechanicsburg; '03-'06, Trinity (Dayton).

SENTMAN, JACOB E. H. Cincinnati: 1875, '76, Miami; '77, '78, Camden; '79-'81, Fairmount; '82-'84, St. Paris and Lena; '85-'87, New Richmond; '88, Georgetown; '89, '90, Miamisburg; '91-'93, Union; '94, Belfast; '95-'99, Highland; 1900, '01, Peebles; '02-'04, superannuate; '05, Rainsboro; '06, Maineville.

SERL, ELMER WILLIS. Holston: 1900, '01, Ridgedale (Chattanooga). Cincinnati: '02, '03, Riverside and Camp Washington (Cincinnati); '04-'06, Riverdale (Dayton).

SEWARD, OLIVER L. Cincinnati: 1901, Brandt; '02, '03, Christiansburg; '04-'06, Covington.

SHIVELY, JACOB L. Cincinnati: 1884-'86, Walker and Union; '87, '88, Carthage and Bond Hill; '89, '90, Carthage and Elmwood; 91, Middletown; '92-'96, Eaton; '97, '98, Madisonville; '99-1903, Lebanon; '04-'06, Santa Fe, N. M.

SHULTZ, J. McKENDREE. Ohio: 1860, Wheelersburg; '61, Burlington; '62, Wheelersburg; '63, Pomeroy; '64, Dunbarton; '65-'67, Piketon; '68, '69, South Bloomfield. Cincinnati: '70, Butlerville; '71, Sharon and West Chester; '72-'74, New Lexington; '75, Lewisburg; '76-'78, Centerville; '79, '80, New Carlisle; '81-'83, Red Lion and Springboro; '84, '85, Leesburg; '86-'88, Sabina; '89, '90, South Charleston; '91, Arcanum; '92, Lynchburg; '93-'95, Gordon; '96-'98, Springboro; '99, 1900, New Paris; '01-'06, superannuated.

SMITH, BERT E. Cincinnati: 1904, '05, Belfast; '06, at school, Evanston, Ill.

SMITH, GEORGE H. Cincinnati: 1890-'93, left without appointment to attend school; '94-'96, Concord; '97, Walker and Union; '98-1900, Winchester; '01-'03, New Burlington; '04-'06, Columbia (Cincinnati).

SMITH, RANDOLPH E. Cincinnati: 1866, Hamersville; '67, Laurel; '68, '69, Marathon; '70-'72, Bethel; '73, '74, Rainsboro, '75, '76, Mt. Washington; '77-'79, New Lexington; '80-'82, Greene Street (Piqua); '83-'85, Franklin; '85, '86, Helena, Montana (Missionary in Montana). **Montana:** '87, P. E. Helena District; '88, President and Agent Montana Wesleyan University. **Cincinnati:** '89, '90, Manchester; '91, supernumerary; '92-'94, Milford; '95, Christie (Cincinnati); '96, '97, Field Secretary Anti-saloon League; '98, '99, Lynchburg; 1900-'02, Osborn; '03, '04, Port Union and Glendale; [Grace, Springfield] '05, '06, superannuated.

SPAHR, ALBERT N. Cincinnati: 1855, New Burlington; '56, New Carlisle; '57, Fairfield; '58, New Burlington; '59, '60, New Lexington; '61, '62, Sinking Spring; '63-'65, Batavia; '66, '67, Amelia; '68, '69, Felicity; '70-'72, Wesley (Cincinnati); '73-'75, York Street (Cincinnati); '76-'78, Grace (Urbana); '79, Oxford; '80, '81, Eaton; '82-'85, P. E. Springfield District; '86-'90, Trinity (Xenia); '91-'94, Greenville; '95-'97, Wilmington; '98-1900, Mechanicsburg; '01, Grace (Piqua); '02-'06, P. E. Milford District.

SPURRIER, WILLIAM B. Cincinnati: 1890-'92, South Lebanon; '93, Sinking Spring; '94, '95, Montgomery; '96-1901, Summerside; '02-'05, Laurel; '06, Felicity.

SPYKER, WILLIAM H. Kentucky: 1888, '89, Shelbyville; '90-'92, at school; '93, Bowling Green; '94, Bellevue. Cincinnati: '95, St. John's; '96, St. John's and Pearl Street; '97, York Street; '98-1902, Asbury; '03, '04, Batavia; '05, '06, Linwood (Cincinnati).

STARR, DAVID J. North Indiana: 1856, Warren, Ind.; '57, Albany. Cincinnati: '58, Camden; '59, Lewisburg; '60, Raper (Cincinnati); '61, Raper and Fairmount; '62, Port Union; '63, Mission (Cincinnati); '64, '65, Wayne Street (Piqua); '66, '67, Lebanon; '68, '69, Middletown; '70-'72, Hamilton; '73, '74, Trinity (Xenia); '75-'77, Lockland; '78-'80, York Street (Cincinnati); '81, '82, Hillsboro; '83-'85, P. E. East Cincinnati District; '86, P. E. Hamilton District; '87, '88, supernumerary; [Groesbeck] '89, Agent of Conference Tract Society; '90, superannuate [Harriman, Tenn.]; '91-'93, Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '94, Miami; '95, Finley (Cincinnati); '96-'99, Delta Avenue (Cincinnati); 1900-'06, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary.

STEPHAN, SAMUEL A. Cincinnati: 1895, '96, Butlerville; '97-1900, at school; '01, '02, Germantown; '03, '04, Lindenwald (Hamilton); '05, '06, Tippecanoe City.

STORY, JOHN A. Cincinnati: 1877, Miami Circuit; '78-'80, Mt. Washington; '81-'83, Mt. Auburn; '84-'86, Lockland-Wyoming; '87-'91, Madisonville. **Pittsburg:** '92-'94, North Avenue (Allegheny, Pa.) **Cincinnati:** '95-1904, High Street (Springfield); '05, '06, Westwood.

SULLIVAN, CHARLES W. Central Ohio: 1896, '97, Hardin Circuit; '97-1900, Belle Center; '01-'03, Ottawa. Cincinnati: '04, '05, Grace (Urbana); '06, Price Hill.

SUTHERLAND, WILLIAM H. Ohio: 1843, Winchester; '44, Charleston, W. Va.; '45, West Union; '46, Hillsboro; '47, Athens; '48, Harmar; '49, Lancaster; '50, Main Street (Chillicothe); '51, Asbury (Cincinnati). Cincinnati: '52, '53, Wesley (Dayton); '54, Lebanon; '55, High Street (Springfield); '56, '57, Christie (Cincinnati); '58, '59, Trinity (Cincinnati); '60, '61, First Church (Xenia); '62, '63, Lockland; '64-'66, P. E. Dayton District; '67-'69, Greene Street (Piqua); '70-'72, Ripley; '73, '74, First Church (Urbana); '75, '76, Middletown. Ohio: '77, Sixth Street (Portsmouth). Cincinnati: '78-'80, Batavia; '81, '82, Yellow Springs; '83, '84, Monroe; '85-'87, Felicity; '88-'92, Williamsburg; '93, '94, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '95-1906, superannuated.

SWEAT, NORMAN O. Cincinnati: 1905, '06, Ebenezer and Woodward Avenue.

TAYLOR, ALFRED. Cincinnati: 1905, Tremont City; '06, Laurel.

THIRKIELD, WILBUR P. Cincinnati: 1878, '79, Germantown; '80-'83, McLean (Cincinnati). Savannah: '84-'99, Dean Gammon School of Theology; '99, General Secretary Epworth League. Cincinnati: 1900-'05, Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society; '06, President Howard University, Washington, D. C.

THOMAS, JOHN ELBERT. Kentucky: 1893, Beattyville and Camden; '94, Shelbyville and Oldham; '95-'98, Student, Boston University. New England Southern: '98-1902, South Somerset, Mass. Cincinnati: '03, '04, Linwood; '05, '06, Winton Place.

TIMMONS, STEPHEN B. Cincinnati: 1895-'97, Miami; '98, Mt. Washington; '99-1901, Groesbeck; '02, Harrison; '03-'06, Camden and Somerville.

TRAVIS, GILBERT L. Cincinnati: 1875, Winchester and Germantown; '76, Concord; '77, Mt. Washington; '78-'80, Miami; '81-'83, New Burlington; '84, Maineville; '85, '86, Concord; '87, Covington; '88, '89, Troy Circuit; '90, Centerville; '91, '92, supernumerary; '93, '94, Lewisburg; '95-'97, Camden; '98-1903, Covington; '04, Lewisburg; '05, '06, superannuate.

TROUT, PHILIP. Cincinnati: 1889, '90, Clarksville; '91-'95, New Burlington; '96-'99, Centerville; 1900-'03, Spring Valley; '04-'06, Waynesville.

TROXEL, JAMES R. Northwest Indiana: 1895, Veedersburg; '96, '97, Coatesville; '98, '99, Perrysville; 1900-'02, Morocco. St. John's River: '03, '04, Daytona, Fla. Cincinnati: '05, '06, Section 2, Westwood.

UTTER, OLIVER L. Kansas: 1895, '96, Axtell; ('97, Wood's Holl, Mass.; '98, Falmouth, Mass.; '99, Barnstead, N. H., supply). Cincinnati: '99, South Lebanon; 1900-'02, Ebenezer and Homestead Avenue (Dayton); '03-'06, York Street (Cincinnati).

VANCE, JOHN. Cincinnati: 1854, Vienna; '55, North Lewisburg; '56, Fletcher; '57, King's Creek and Mechanicsburg; '58, Vienna; '59, '60, New Paris; '61, '62, New Burlington; '63-'65, Jamestown; '66, '67, Union; '68-'70, New Carlisle; '71, Lynchburg; '72-'74, Catawba; '75, Laurel; '76-'78, Olive Branch; '79-'81, Amelia; '82-'84, Felicity; '85-'89, Mutual; '90-1906, superannuated.

VAN PELT, CYRUS M. Cincinnati: 1890-'98, Morrow; '94-'98, Trinity (Xenia); '99-1901, Central (Springfield); '02-'05, Oxford; '06, Grace (Urbana).

VAN WICKLEY, PURDY L. Cincinnati: 1904-'06, Bowersville.

VAUGHAN, JOHN G. Louisiana: 1882-'84, Ames (New Orleans, La.) Cincinnati: '84-'86, Red Lion and Springboro; '87, Yellow Springs; '88-'92, St. Paul (Dayton); '93-'97, Grace (Urbana); '98-1904, St. Paul's (Dayton); '05, '06, Field Agent India Jubilee Fund.

VERITY, JONATHAN. Cincinnati: 1859, Addison; '61, Lewisburg; '62, '63, Fletcher; '64, '65, North Lewisburg; '66, Vienna; '67, Addison; '68-'70, Jamestown; '71, '72, Union; '73, '74, Columbia and Pendleton; '75, Fairmount; '76-'78, supernumerary; '79, Conference missionary; '80-'82, Georgetown; '83, '84, McKendree (Cincinnati); '85, Monroe; '86-'89, supernumerary; '90, St. John (Cincinnati); '91-'93, Trinity (Dayton); '94, Cleves; '95-'99, supernumerary; 1900-'02, Conference evangelist; '03, '04, Manchester; '05, '06, Peebles.

VERITY, WILLIAM E. California: 1902, Penryn, Cal. Cincinnati: '03, '04, Ebenezer and Woodward Avenue (Dayton); '05, Miami; '06, Newtown.

VORHIS, G. W. Cincinnati: 1891, New Madison; '92, Gordon; '93-'95, West Carrollton; '96, Glendale and Sharonville; '97, Homestead Avenue and Riverside; '98-1900, Riverdale; '01-'05, Blanchester; '06, South Charleston.

WALTER, THOMAS P. Kentucky: 1887, Louisville. Indiana: '88, Petersburg; '89, '90, Evansville; '90, '91, Indianapolis. Cincinnati: '92, New Carlisle; '93, Montgomery; '94, '95, Aberdeen; '96, Peebles; '97, Covington; '98, at school; '99, 1900, supernumerary; '01, '02, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '03-'05, Newtown; '06, Branch Hill.

WARNER, WILBUR G. Cincinnati: 1883, '84, Cheviot; '85, Camden; '86, '87, Seven Mile; '88, '89, New Richmond; '90, '91, supernumerary; '92, Riverside; '93, Grace (Springfield); '94, '95, Morrow; '96, Mason; '97-1901, supernumerary; '02, Homestead Avenue (Dayton); '03-'06, supernumerary.

WASHBURN, D. W. C. **Cincinnati:** 1888, Covington; '89, Cleves; '90, '91, Columbia (Cincinnati); '92, '93, Ivanhoe; '94, '95, Peebles; '96, Pleasant Ridge and Montgomery; '97, St. John (Cincinnati); '98, South Charleston Circuit; '99, New Moorefield; 1900, Sugar Tree Ridge; '01-'03, Belfast; '04-'06, Red Lion and Merrittstown.

WASHBURN, LEWIS A. **Cincinnati:** 1898, Montgomery; '99, Williamsburg Circuit; 1900, '01, Marathon; '02-'04, Bethel; '05, '06, Manchester.

WEAKLEY, HENRY C. **Cincinnati:** 1877, Catawba; '78-'80, McLean (Cincinnati); '81, Hartwell; '82-'84, Tippecanoe City; '85-'88, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '89, '90, Financial Secretary of Deaconess Home and Superintendent of Christ's Hospital; '91-'99, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association (Cincinnati); 1900-'06, President Home of the Aged.

WEEKS, SYLVESTER. **Cincinnati:** 1858, Concord; '59, North Bend; '60, Lewisburg; '61, Red Lion; '62, '63, Winchester; '64, Manchester; '65-'67, Greenfield; '68, Wilmington; '69, Madisonville; '70-'72, Felicity; '73-'75, Ripley; '76-'78, Wesley (Cincinnati); '79, Franklin; '80-'82, Trinity (Xenia); '83-'85, Miamisburg; '86-'88, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '89, Batavia; '90, '91, Delhi; '92-'94, Winton Place; '95-1906, supernumerary.

WEHRLY, W. H. **Cincinnati:** 1891, '92, Springboro; '93-'95, Grace (Piqua); '96-1901, Hartwell; '02, '03, Greenfield; '04-'06, Troy.

WELCH, HERBERT. **New York:** 1890, '91, Bedford Station, New York; '92, St. Luke's, New York City. **New York East:** '93-'97, Summerfield (Brooklyn); '98-1901, First Church (Middletown, Conn.); '02, Student in Europe; '03, '04, Chester Hill, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. **Cincinnati:** '05, '06, President Ohio Wesleyan University.

WELLS, CHARLES J. **Cincinnati:** 1871, Decatur; '72, Lewisburg; '73, Addison; '74, '75, Lockington; '76, Marathon; '77, '78, West Union; '79, '80, East Liberty; '81, '82, Sabina and Bowersville; '83, '84, Sinking Spring; '85-'87, Rainsboro; '88, Martinsville; '89-'91, Owensville and Newtonville; '92, '93, Summerside; '94, '95, Mt. Orab; '96-1906, supernumerary.

WELLS, EDWARD T. **Cincinnati:** 1867, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '68-'70, Wayne Street (Piqua); '71, '72, Mechanicsburg; '73, Madisonville; '74-'76, Central (Springfield); '77-'79, Raper (Dayton); '80, '81, First Church (Xenia); '82-'84, Troy; '85-'87, Grace (Urbana); '88-'91, Greene Street (Piqua); '92-'97, P. E. Dayton District; '98, '99, Lockland-Wyoming; 1900, '01, Wilmington; '02-'06, supernumerary.

WEST, WILLIAM M. **Baltimore:** 1871, Buckeye Town, Md.; '72, '73, Pleasant Grove, Md.; '74, Elk Ridge, Md.; '75, Forestville, Md. **West Virginia:** '76, Wesley (Wheeling, W. Va.); '77, Marshall, W. Va.; '78, '79, Evansville, W. Va.; '80, '81, Prunty Town, W. Va.; '82, Buckhannon, W. Va.; '83, '84, Buckhannon, W. Va. **Cincinnati:** '85, Fair Haven; '86, Lewisburg; '87, '88, Feesburg; '89, West Union; '90, Troy Circuit; '91, Brandt; '92-'94, New Paris and Fort Jefferson; '96, Venice; '97, Branch Hill; '98-1906, superannuated.

WHITE, JOHN A. **Cincinnati:** 1877, Walker and Union; '78, Finley (Cincinnati); '79, '80, Carthage and Pleasant Ridge; '81-'83, North Hampton; '84, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '85, '86, Columbia; '87-'91, Catawba; '92-'94, Monroe; '95, '96, Tremont City; '97-'99, Union; 1900-'03, Centerville; '04-'06, McKendree (Cincinnati).

WHITING, HERBERT R. **Cincinnati:** 1906, Bond Hill.

WIANT, W. A. **Cincinnati:** 1892-'96, Dialton; '97-1902, Mason; '03-'05, Eaton; '06, Delhi.

WILLIAMS, THOMAS G. **Cincinnati:** 1888, Concord; '89, '90, Christiansburg; '91, King's Creek; '92-'95, Feesburg; '96-'98, Decatur; '99-1901, Laurel; '02, Aberdeen; '03, '04, Mt. Orab; '05, West Milton; '06, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley.

WILSON, JOHN. **Cincinnati:** 1870, North Bend; '71, Cumminsville; '72, '73, Seven Mile; '74, Venice; '75, Harrison; '76, New Paris; '77, '78, Groesbeck; '79, '80, Winchester; '81-'83, Leesburg; '84, '85, Camp Dennison, '86, '87, Bowersville; '88, Winchester; '89-'91, Moscow; '92, Pendleton; '93-'96, Lynchburg; '97-1901, New Vienna; '02, Union; '03, Catawba; '04-'06, supernumerary.

WINKLER, J. A. **Cincinnati:** 1889-'91, Venice; '92, Montgomery; '93, Belfast; '94, '95, Bowersville; '96, Mt. Orab; '97, South Lebanon, '98, Gordon; '99, 1900, Ft. Jefferson; '01, Aberdeen, '02, '03, Marathon; '04, Moscow; '05, Decatur; '06, supernumerary.

WONES, CREIGHTON. **Cincinnati:** 1882-'84, South Charleston Circuit; '85, Price Hill; '86-'88, Harrison; '89-'91, Monroe; '92-'96, Cumminsville; '97, Eaton; '98-1901, Broadway (Dayton); '02-'06, Franklin.

WYCKOFF, E. J. Cincinnati: 1892-'95, left without appointment to attend school; '96-1900, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '01-'06, Greene Street (Piqua).

YOUNG, JESSE BOWMAN. Central Pennsylvania: 1868'70, York Springs Circuit; '71-'73, Gettysburg; '74-'76, Curwensville; '77-'79, Carlisle; '80-'82, Eighth Avenue (Altoona); '83, '84, Financial Agent Dickinson College; '85-'87, Grace (Harrisburg). St. Louis: '88-'92, Grand Avenue (Kansas City); '92-'99, Editor Central Christian Advocate. Cincinnati: 1900-'06, Walnut Hills (Cincinnati).

YOUNG, LAFAYETTE. Cincinnati: 1871, Sardinia; '72, Addison; '73, Lockington; '74, New Lexington; '75, '76, Sinking Spring; '77-'79, New Paris; '80-'82, Lockington; '83, '84, Trinity (Dayton); '85-'87, Franklin; '88, '89, Yellow Springs; '90, Trinity (Dayton); '91, St. John (Cincinnati); '92, '93, Delhi; '94, '95, supernumerary; '96-1906, superannuated.

YOUNG, JAMES S. Kentucky: 1887-'90, Nicholasville. Des Moines: '91, '92, Carlisle, Iowa; '93-'95, Griswold; '96, '97, College Springs; '98, '99, Des Moines; 1900-'03, Seymour. Cincinnati: '04, Cleves; '05, Conference Evangelist; '06, supernumerary.

ZINK, MILTON P. Ohio: 1849, Aberdeen; '50, '51, Georgetown. Cincinnati: '52, Batavia; '53, Clinton Street (Cincinnati); '54, '55, Winchester; '56, Clarksville; '57, '58, Aberdeen; '59, '60, Williamsburg; '61, '62, Hamersville; '63, Amelia; '64, '65, New Lexington; '66, '67, Sinking Spring; '68, New Market; '69, '70, Winchester; '71, '72, Clarksville; '73, '74, Batavia; '75, Cedarville; '76, Lewisburg; '77, '78, Addison; '79, Sinking Spring; '80, '81, Lynchburg; '82, '83, Bethel; '84, Bethel and Laurel; '85, Bantam; '86, Chilo; '87, Maineville; '88, Hillsboro Circuit; '89-1906, superannuated.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 7, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat,	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky., ...	W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O., ...	Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule, ...	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree. .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	J. Emory, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., ...	O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., ...	B. Waugh, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., ...	E. Hedding, . . . J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.

OHIO CONFERENCE.—Continued.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... L. L. Hamline, .	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	E. S. Janes, . . . T. A. Morris, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . .	T. A. Morris.	J. M. Trimble.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8, .	Lebanon, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7, .	Dayton, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5, .	Oxford, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4, .	Springfield, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2, .	Xenia, O., ...	O. C. Baker, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8, .	Greenfield, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. Thomson, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . .	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . .	Piqua, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . .	Dayton, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O., ...	I. W. Wiley, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . .	Springfield, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. G. Andrews, . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . .	Oxford, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5, .	Xenia, O., ...	G. Haven, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4, .	Piqua, O., ...	W. L. Harris, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1, .	Middletown, O., ...	Jesse T. Peck, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7, .	Springfield, O., ...	Isaac W. Wiley, . .	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6, .	Dayton, O., ...	T. Bowman, ...	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5, .	Hamilton, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	J. M. Walden, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5, .	Jamestown, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4, .	Xenia, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . .	Greenville, O., ...	I. W. Joyce, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . .	Middletown, O., ...	W. X. Ninde, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	J. F. Hurst.	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5, .	Wilmington, O., ...	D. A. Goodsell. . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	C. D. Foss, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1897.	September 1, .	Springfield, O., ...	W. F. Mallalieu, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1898.	August 31, . .	Xenia, O., ...	John H. Vincent, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1899.	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1900.	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1901.	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O., . . .	Jas. N. FitzGerald,	Stanley O. Royal.
1902.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1903.	September 2, .	Wesley, Cint'i, O	C. H. Fowler, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1904.	August 31, . .	Miamisburg, O., ...	J. W. Bashford, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1905.	September 6, .	High St., Springfield, O.	Earl Cranston, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1906.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O., ...	J. F. Berry. . . .	Stanley O. Royal.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

OF THE

REV. GEORGE W. MALEY.

(Written about the year 1852.)
(Continued.)

On Thursday, November 2, 1820, I was married by Rev. Eli Truitt to Sarah, third daughter of David and Mary Enyart, born August 3, 1799, in Hamilton County, Ohio. She was in Christ before me—a member of my class. I had often heard her called upon by the circuit preacher to pray in large congregations—deeply pious and gifted and active in all the meetings of the society. We walked together in the "commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." In the cabin where we commenced our domestic life, we prayed at morn and night alternately, and the Lord dwelt with us.

VISITS HOME.

The following spring after my marriage, in the month of April, I took a journey to Columbia County to see my father, whom I had not seen for nearly four years. At Lebanon I was introduced to the Rev. James Conwell, of Indiana, on his way to the State of Delaware, the land of his nativity. We traveled nearly 300 miles together, through mud and flood. Our progress was slow on account of bad roads and high waters. We had a "way-bill" from Rev. Samuel Baker, and we spent our nights with Methodist families. Brother Conwell generally preached in the evenings, whether town or country place, and enjoined on me an exhortation, and the closing services of the occasion. At one point on the Scioto, we were detained several days at the house of one of the wealthiest families of the country. Milling, merchandizing, and farming on a large scale engaged the superintendence of the old gentleman and sons over a number of operations. The family worship the first night and morning was attended only by the good old people and one daughter. The rest were all busy. The next night, as we entered our lodging-room, Brother Conwell proposed making a covenant with me to unite, in special prayer for the family and inmates, adding: "I feel that the devil is in this house, and the world holds possession. Let us pray them out of the house. You see how few come in to prayers."

I agreed, of course. Conwell was a man mighty in prayer, and a powerful preacher. The number of attendants increased afterwards at every morning and evening sacrifice, and before we left the room was filled and good meetings were enjoyed. On the waters of Paint Creek we spent the Sabbath at the house of Rev. Isaac Pavey, once a traveling preacher, but now in old age living on a farm enjoying the "horn of plenty." As we were setting off the old man said to me, "Be faithful, the Lord has more for you to do." We had a precious meeting. Mourners were at the bench seeking the salvation of their souls until a late hour on Sabbath night.

When I reached the place of my destination, I spent but one Sabbath, had an appointment to hold a meeting at my father's house. After breakfast I retired to the woods to meditate, read, and pray. While there engaged in prayer, I fell into a kind of trance—my soul drawn out in an extraordinary manner. Such manifestations and views of the divine goodness I had never before experienced in my "second life." When I opened my eyes on the New Testament, these words seemed to fill the whole

page, and I could see nothing besides: "Be not thou ashamed of the testimony of the Lord." From head to foot, a power pervaded my system which rendered me for some time powerless. I wept and rejoiced, and believed from that holy morning until this day, that God called me then and there to preach the Gospel. I resolved to commence that day in that strange place, and at the same time a text was deeply impressed on my mind to use. I looked at my watch and found that the hour for meeting had come. I left that sacred grove, and that ancient mossy log where I had knelt, and where I had lain on the ground, where Jesus revealed Himself to me, saying: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." When I got to the house I found the house and yard full of strangers. An old Brother C. met me and said: "You must preach for us to-day." I answered, "I am no preacher, only an exhorter." "No difference," said he, "the people expect it and will be disappointed if you don't preach." "Well," I said, "go in and sing. I will follow soon and follow the best light I have in the path of duty." There I stood by the side of the house weeping, afraid of the people, and tempted to draw back from the vow which I had made in the woods. There was an augur-hole in the house log where I stood. I wished I could creep in and hide myself. But I slowly moved to the door, and with chair in front I gave out my hymn: "When all Thy mercies, O my God."

I prayed with a load on my spirit, but with no guilt—arose and gave out the text, proceeded to speak in slow solemn tone of the ignorance of heathenism and of the divine forbearance, the universality of the command to repent, the reason therefore, a future judgment day by Him whom God the Father had raised from the dead. When I advanced in my thought to speak of the great day of the judgment, suddenly a flash of the fires of the Holy Ghost enwrapped my soul. My voice elevated to the highest pitch, my gestures rapid, I lost my sound by the sound of a multitude of voices—some calling for mercy, some shouting glory, some running out, some rushing in, some on the floor, the rest on their feet. "The Lord gave the Word, great was the number of them that published it." This was the beginning of days to me. As long as life endures I shall not forget it.

I held one more meeting before I left home. The Lord was present, but not in so marvelous a manner. At this appointment, I saw Dr. Shadrack Bostwick, a Methodist preacher of renown in his day. On this journey, I put up one night with a most religious and happy family of the United Brethren Christians—Unitas Fratrum. They treated me kindly, without fee or reward. At family prayer the good brother led in singing. His good wife and some eight or ten children and some of them not over seven years, all chimed in. Better singing I had never heard. O, how my spirit was united with that Godly family. They repeated a chorus at the end of every verse of the hymn. Though novel at such a time, it was inspiring, viz.: "Hallelujah, Hall—Praise the Lord? O pray on, brethren, pray on sisters, come my loving neighbors and serve the Lord."

After about a month's absence, I was restored in mercy and peace to my humble habitation without sin, and joined by wife in returning thanks to Almighty God for his kind preserving care over us both.

Called to Preach.

I now felt a commission which none knew but Him who gave it to me. I had many invitations to hold meetings for exhortation. The Holy Spirit thrust me out, and uniformly some passage of Scripture would crowd my thoughts and afford me a subject for the edification of my congregation. My public exercises were very different from what they had been before I felt this new life and commission. I had a faith, a power with God and with the people I never felt and knew before. I was happy. I had an understanding in the Scriptures, and a perception of the glorious

plan of salvation unknown and unfelt before. Often I awoke myself in the night watches, preaching or praying or singing or shouting. O, how abiding were those blessings! What a calm and heavenly frame they left for days! How I loved the souls for which Jesus died! How I longed for their salvation!

The patriarchal M. Crume, and that prodigy of the Ohio Conference, A. W. Elliott, were traveling the old Miami Circuit. Brother Elliott called on me in the month of June to accompany him down to Indian Hill, in Hamilton County, to a two days' meeting, promising to give me a book, "Jones on the Trinity," as a remuneration. I agreed. How I was surprised when an appointment was announced for me on Saturday afternoon in Armstrong's barn, which was the chapel of the occasion. The Lord blessed me and the people for Jesus' sake. To perpetuate that aged saint of the Lord in whose barn that meeting was held, a brick chapel has stood for many years past.

Visits Cincinnati.

I had now been nearly two years within twenty miles of Cincinnati, without seeing the city of such fame. I saddled my horse, and proceeded down to the vicinity, and put up for the night with a family of style. Here I found the notable J. H. Piatt, of banking and building fame. The city contained at that time (June, 1820) about twelve thousand inhabitants, the largest place I had ever seen. "I sought my brethren," found Rev. A. Goddard, E. Hall, old Judge Burke, a pioneer itinerant of Kentucky and Ohio, met in the store of Mrs. Langdon, who afterward became the wife of Dr. T. Bishop. Was invited and accompanied by Brother Lamon, who still lives, to my first class-meeting in that city. My spirit was refreshed by the recital of God's dealings to these strange brothers and sisters.

About this time the circuit preacher began to talk to me about preaching and urged my consent to have my name brought before the Quarterly Meeting Conference for that purpose. Accordingly, I appeared before my brethren. The meeting was held in the barn of Brother Wm. Ludlow, five miles north of Cincinnati, on Mill Creek. How solemn was the season to me, while the Conference was considering my case to recommend me to the District Conference. I stood weeping in a cabbage patch near the barn. I felt the Spirit of the Lord come upon me, and I could hardly refrain from preaching to the cabbage stalks as men. I was called in and informed by the presiding elder, W. Griffith, that I was recommended.

Licensed.

Not many days after, in company with Father Crume, we reached the District Conference and camp-meeting in connection, near Lawrenceburg, Ind., on the land of Mr. Crab. I was licensed as a local preacher, and recommended the same day to the traveling connection, with J. T. Donahue and R. Brandriff. This was a glorious camp-meeting. Many were converted and the Church was united and happy. James Collard and J. P. Durbin were on the Lawrenceburg Circuit. O. M. Spencer was the Conference Secretary. Brother Collard was subsequently printer on the Christian Advocate and Journal, New York. And after serving the Church many years in that capacity died and is gone from labor to reward.

Brother Spencer is also gone to the grave—distinguished in life for Christian generosity, and public usefulness, and in death for genuine penitence.

First Sermon.

The following Sabbath I met my class at the little log meeting-house on the Mound, five miles west of Lebanon. After class the brethren urged an appointment from me that afternoon to preach at a private

house two miles off. My wife wished to go along, but I remonstrated, saying it was too far to walk. But my private reason was the cross. So I departed with Brother White to dine, and at the appointed hour I met the whole neighborhood, glad to have an opportunity to warn them to flee from the wrath to come, and yet afraid of my incompetence. My soul was happy, and the meeting a kind of little heaven. When I dismissed, out from behind the door slipped my good wife, with an air of victory for having carried out her wishes to hear me. After dinner at home she saddled Prince, the horse that carried me to my first circuit, and arrived at the meeting during the opening prayer, and, to be unobserved by me, sought a seat behind the door.

Admitted to Conference.

The Ohio Conference met that year at Lebanon, five miles from B Station, where I lived. What anxiety I felt during Conference week none know but they who have passed through the same ordeal. I felt and feared—felt I never could be happy unless I spent my life preaching the gospel; feared, as there were many recommended; if any were rejected I should be the mournful one. I cared not where the Church might send me, or how poor I might be or what hardships might be my lot Only "loose me and let me go," was my prayer. To proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ and tell of the love of God which glowed in my heart. Almost every evening after I dismissed my little school I rode up to Lebanon to enjoy the preaching and prayer-meetings—to see the preachers, that noble band of Messiah's noiseless soldiers. How I loved them and the ground upon which they made footprints. Near the close of the session Father Crume informed me that I was admitted. The tidings made me weep, while my heart leaped within me, to go "with a zeal that could not be awed by the snows of Greenland, nor checked by the fevers of the torrid zone." The last night of Conference was a prayer-meeting. Brother Bigelow led and requested me to pray. Greatly blessed in the dead. What a union of spirit I felt with that devoted body of "ambassadors for Christ," like to that of David and the loving Jonathan. Conference business all transacted except reading out the appointments. I was told to return early and get my appointment. I thought it was a strange ecclesiastical arrangement when it was then near midnight. But such was the custom in those days, and for many years afterwards also. No probationer was allowed to take a seat in an Annual Conference until he was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Next morning I overslept my usual hour, having a composure of mind, and a decision having been made in my case, which held me waking in suspense for many nights when I needed "tired nature's kind restorer, balmy sleep." As I entered town, I met Bishop McKendree, J. Stamper, and A. Robinson on their way to Kentucky. I regretted that I had not witnessed the closing hours of an Annual Conference. I passed along Broadway to the church to learn the place assigned me to labor. Good Brother Fagle (?) King (?) from a distance with a loud voice made this proclamation. "Mad River Circuit, Thos. Hitt, George W. Maley." It was like electricity. I soon found my principal representative in Conference (Moses Crume), who said he had interested himself in my appointment, and although I had to learn to be a Methodist preacher, the society at Urbana was one of the best west of the mountains, and they would bear with my qualifications for the work. So I found the sequel. Peace to their memories. Many of them have gone to their reward in heaven, I have no doubt. And I feel to-day in my heart an humble, happy hope of rejoicing those excellent men and women who prayed for me and helped me and done me and mine good, and not evil, all the days we sojourned there.

FIRST CIRCUIT.

A few weeks after the adjournment of Conference I compromised with my employers for the unexpired term of my engagement with them, in trying to teach "the young ideas of their children how to shoot." I held my last class in the society and neighborhood where I was born of the Spirit. O, how we prayed and wept and rejoiced. I left my wife to complete some domestic matters, prayed, and mounted my horse in tears and fears, and started in the name of the Lord for my first circuit. Reached Mr. Fisher, where I was welcomed with great hospitality. Next day, in Springfield, Clarke County, and being directed, called at the house of company with several preachers, crossed Mad River to a camp-meeting near Rector's meeting-house, in the bounds of Piqua Circuit. Here I first saw R. W. Finley and his noblest son, John P. Finley; heard him preach apostolic-like. The brethren assigned me an appointment one evening. "Pray without ceasing" was my theme. I understood more about prayer than about theology in general. This was the fifth time I had taken a text. The Lord helped me, and the strange brethren gave me the right hand of fellowship, and bade me God-speed. So I took courage. The meeting was a blessing to many. I proceeded on to Urbana, the metropolis of my circuit, sought out my colleague, and found the amiable young man sick at the house of his father, Rev. Moses Hitt. Next day set off, radiating from this center to my first preaching place, at the house of Esquire Jones, piloted by Job, a colored man, and one of the most eloquent exhorters in the Mad River Valley. Next evening, at S—— Meeting-house, on "Ye Must Be Born Again," met the class, and all seemed right until after meeting, when I was powerfully tempted by the devil to doubt my call to this ministry. Mournfully and painfully I spent the night with the tempter, and the toothache for the first time in my lift. Next morning being Friday and my fast-dav, I got my horse out to start for Dr. Eberts very early, intending to have my tooth extracted, and get rid of one tormenter, if I could not of the other. My intention was then to return from whence I came. On my way to the doctor's I had to pass by my appointment. I concluded to ride up the lane to the house and inform Brother Goode of my distracted condition, and pass on. But the kind man insisted on my halting a while. The people gathered, and I was urged to talk a little to the congregation. I yielded, felt some comfort, but still the cloud hung in dark drapery over my spiritual sky. After meeting I, like Cowper's stricken deer "forsook the flock to seek a tranquil death." By a mountain slope I knelt, reclining my head upon an elm which had shed its bark and left a white surface. There I wrestled for deliverance and victory, Jacob-like, with the angel of the covenant, and, glory be to God, light and life and joy and peace flowed from heaven into my distressed spirit again. What I had taken for granted the night before as a voice audible from above, that I was mistaken in my calling, that I was running without being sent, I proved, or the Holy Spirit proved, was from beneath. My commission was then renewed and enlarged and confirmed by Him who dwelt in the burning bush on the mount where Moses of old was in audience with the Deity. That pathless desert did echo and re-echo with my voice praising and blessing my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When I returned to the house the brother was waiting to converse with me, and inquired why I had tarried so long. The battle I had just fought and the recovery of the suspended communion with my Lord flashed upon me. I praised the Lord as an answer to His question. Brother Goode joined me; Sister Goode dropped her work, and shouted the high praises of God with me, while we all three sang "How happy," etc.

At Urbana.

I went on my way to future appointments, having no use for forceps. My aching tooth and aching heart were both simultaneously cured, that by a fresh baptism, and from that afternoon, the second day I spent upon my first circuit, until this day, nearly thirty-seven years ago, I have never been assaulted or assailed in the same way by him "who walketh about seeking whom he may devour." I had spent about two weeks around the northern or frontier part of the circuit, as far out as Solomon's Town. Some of the Red Men were decamping from it on the day of my arrival for my first appointment. When I reached Urbana to spend my first Sabbath, I again put up with the venerable Moses Hitt. His son, the senior preacher, was still sick, and continued an invalid throughout the year, unable to preach a sermon. The old gentleman was quite a critic. On rising from my knees Sabbath morning in family worship, he took exceptions to the pronunciation of a word which I had used, which frightened me not a little. I referred him to W—— for authority. He said, "That Irish W—— was not a standard." I dreaded the presence of one so wise and so ancient in the ministry in my congregation that day. As we crossed the lawn between his suburban residence and the church, he walked in front, and I timidly in the rear. I looked at his noble stature, his extended brim, and long, flowing locks over his broad shoulders; execessive Methodistic coat, short pants and metallic knee buckles, which had crossed the Atlantic. I quailed, lifted my heart in supplication to the Lord for help. The congregation was larger and finer than I had been used to worship with. What a weight I had to carry till nearly done, when, sudden as "spark from smitten steel," the power of God came down upon me and upon the congregation. The inhabitants of the gallery broke the silence first, then several others in the crowd below. I lost sight of him of whom I had been afraid all the morning —saw the power of God in the sanctuary. My soul happy, faith increased, and cause of gratitude, humility, and consecration to service so Divine.

Roman Catholic Converts.

In the month of M——, at a prayer-meeting in the house of Rev. Thos. Shands, the work of the Lord broke out. I called for those who felt penitent to come forward to a seat vacated for the purpose. As soon as the invitation was given a good brother, "a knight of the thimble," and who had been a sailor, fell upon his knees and prayed for success. A Roman Catholic and wife, who stood at the head of the fashionable and pleasure-taking class of the place, immediately were side by side with a few others, and bowed before the Lord, with suppressed cries and sobs. O, what a shock it produced! How inspiring to the society, being the first invitation of the kind given since Conference (these offers were not so common in those days). The polite little lady was happily converted before she arose from her knees. Several of the choice spirits of the Church accompanied them home and continued to wrestle with God in mighty prayer for her husband. At midnight it was light; he obtained the "pleasures of a God," and all rejoiced and praised the Lord together. Next evening, at the house of Brother M. C——, a member of the bar, the large room was crowded by a variegated congregation to see sights. The shout of a king was in the camp, "the arm of the Lord was revealed." The work went gradually on, widening and deepening, until some thirty persons, nearly all heads of families, and such as the founder of the Quaker Society, George Fox, called "the respectables," were imbued with the spirit of the gospel, and subscribed to our doctrine and discipline. I shall long remember Brother I—— B——, who was of Germanic origin, and a Lutheran in the East, but chose to

make a change and become a Methodist. Some time after, as I was passing by his shop, he came out and invited me to call and see his sick wife. I had heard she was queer, and I was cautious. She was in bed between two feather-ticks, in August heat. But still I did not think she was sick, but *mad*. Her English was very broken. Complained to me of her husband, and told her religious experience to me: "When I was a gal of fifteen I went to catechism, then I took sacrament, then I took religion. This was my daddy's religion, and I think it is good enough for me. But Jacob puts away his daddy's religion, and has gone and got the Methodist religion." By this time the old lady was very much excited. I proposed prayer; she assented, and joined in German very loud, using her limbs with great violence, and as the ticks were not feather-proof, breathing was obstructed. I briefly gave her advice, and departed. Long since she has gone to try the value of birthright religion. And her husband held on his way, "seeking for immortality and eternal life."

Quaker Methodists.

Inskip's appointment, what was called the "Beech Woods" in those days, distinguished for the scene of useful action, for many years of old Dr. Elbert, father-in-law of Rev. G. W. Walker, and the neighborhood where Rev. D—— S—— was converted, called and licensed to preach some forty-five years since, had expelled from the paternal roof for this offense by a good, mistaken father. The community was composed of Methodists and Quakers. Each had their log meeting-house. The Methodist house had a substantial wooden floor, except a hollow square in the center, which was solid ground, where the charcoal fire heated the body in cold weather, while the fires of the Holy Spirit warmed and melted many a heart as it passed through the gospel crucible in that forest temple. Heavenly influences were enjoyed here from the beginning to the end of the year. About thirty educated Quakers gave their hands to be received into the Methodist Episcopal Church. O, what a happy, simple-hearted band of Christians! When the hymn was given out, or, if we sang without lining, all would sing, but not all the same tune, yet with the spirit if not with the understanding of the knowledge of music. This was a Saturday appointment. Well I remember about the middle of that year, on my way to this preaching-place, as I rode along anticipating a full house—as was common,—a good meeting, and accessions to the society, a heavy thunder gust overtook me in the woods, which hindered me from realizing my fond hopes. I murmured at the dispensation, said in my heart, "What a pity, what a loss to the cause, to have such weather to-day!" when He, whose acts are all wise and good, took me in hand and made me pay dear for my faultfinding. That whipping was a great blessing to me. I have never seen bad weather from that day, thirty-six years ago.

A Scotchman's Cabin.

Next appointment (Sabbath) at Zanesville, was in the *barroom* of Brother C——, one of the Circuit Stewards. Solomon's Town, as before noticed, was the frontier appointment on the north end of the circuit, in Logan County. My last round I had a "Macedonian call," almost, to go out to Roundhead Town, on the Upper Scioto River, and preach, and embrace them in Mad River Circuit. Accordingly, I set off late in the afternoon, accompanied by Brother Jacob C—— a Herculean exhorter, of Bellefontaine, and several others. Our journey led eleven miles through a dense forest. The road was a dim wagon track, newly cut out. Several times, in the thick darkness of the night, we lost our pathway, and came to a halt amid fallen timbers. The dernier resort was then to dismount and feel for the road. About midnight we reached

the cabin of the aged Scotchman, Father McArthur, a relative of Governor McArthur. We were refreshed with good johnny cake, bread, butter, and milk. Our pallets arranged, we commended ourselves to the protection of the God the balance of the night. "Slept and awoke and found our kind Preserver near." At eleven o'clock the colony gathered for the first time to hear "circuit preaching," as the word was. Several Scotch Presbyterian families, with a few others, eighteen in all, united to form the first Methodist Society in that section of the country. The Lord was present, and "commanded the blessing," even life for evermore. How solemn and affectionate was the parting! They have never seen my face since. I have often heard that they stood fast in the faith.

This was a good year to my soul. Urbana, greatly beloved, thy kindness to me and mine I shall never forget as long as life endures! What a host of preachers resided in this circuit! And several of them were entitled to the name the pope gave to Martin Luther "defenders of the faith," viz., S. Hitt, M. Hitt, T. Shands, John C. Pearson, clerk of the court; Joseph Mitchell, his son William, Saul Hinkle, clerk of the court, Springfield; Moses Hinkle, D. Sharp, John Inskip, and Wm. Sutton, who was employed by the Presiding Elder to travel with me, and last, but not least, R. Miller; also, an efficient band of exhorters—Horr, McCorkle, Inskip, Haines, Wm. Wood (father of Aaron and E. G. Wood, of Indiana, noble sons of a noble sire); also, S. A. Latta, Lafferty and Job Dundy, a colored man, one of nature's most eloquent production. What communion I enjoyed with those fathers and brothers! But, "having served their generation, by the will of God have fallen on sleep," except a few. The lovely John Strange was on that district, and baptized my first child, born in the house of John and Jane Reynolds, that good man and good woman, now sainted in heaven. On this circuit I traveled 3,350 miles, preached 254 times, received 210 men, and received $150.00 besides many presents. So that all our wants were well supplied. During this year I attended three camp-meetings, and at the close set off to attend the Conference at Marietta, 170 miles; passed on to Columbus, and spent the Sabbath with Brother Bigelow, and here I met Brother Wm. Simmons, who had spent two years in the work of the Master. On Monday we started on our journey. We halted at a little town to dine and feed our horses. It was a day of general muster. Whisky flowed freely among the military. Some one in the crown in front of the tavern cried out at the top of his voice several times, "Sweet potatoes!" Then came the "tug of war." I suppose a score of fists were brought into requisition, and the scene as we saw it from the high porch was dreadful. Good Brother Bigelow, as fearless as General Wayne storming Stony Point, sprang among the belligerents to make peace. I was afraid he would be slain. But many knew him, as it occurred within the bounds of Columbus Circuit. His well-meant efforts failed, and accused and accusers fought like tigers. A charge of stealing sweet potatoes and bad whisky kindled the fire and shed the blood of the occasion. When we reached Marietta we were assigned to different families by Cornelius Springer, the stationed preacher. I was sent in company with old Brother Foster to stay a week with a very poor, but kind, family on the suburbs of that ancient town among the chinquapin bushes, the first and last I ever saw grow. The Conference made a good impression on the New England population.

At this Conference, September, 1822, I was appointed to London Circuit, with A. Wood, who was just admitted, as my yoke-fellow. A good old sister of the county-seat, who felt the care of the Church to come upon her, said she did not know what the Conference thought to send two preachers to their circuit, and neither of them ordained—incapable of administering the sacrament.

(To be continued next year.)

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY. Conference.	Y'r.	Consecrated Bishop.	REMARKS.
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Phila	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Phila	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont	1857	1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880	Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, 03.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind.	1859	1888	Died in Minne'p'lis, Minn., July 28, '05.
Stephen M. Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Died in Keyport, N. J., Nov. 11, 1905.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky,	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.,	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Age.
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	 1864	63	31
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1826	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott,	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 27, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	35	26

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference	Time of Death.	Age	Years of Ministry
James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47
W. Simmons,	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54
N. C. Parrish,	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10
W. Routledge,	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32
M. G. Purkiser,	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10
J. C. Bontecou,	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48
N. Callender,	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51
P. A. Ogden,	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51
Samuel Brown,	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44
Wm. H. Lawder,	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43
Elijah H. Field,	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54
Alex. Meharry,	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37
Jos. A. Reeder,	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49
John C. Deem,	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48
John F. Wright,	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64
Wm. H. Miesse,	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10
John Barton,	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43
Herman Lüders,	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4
David Warnock,	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48
James Kendall,	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31
George C. Crum,	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45
Charles Kalbfus,	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19
Willis M. Boyer,	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27
David Kemper,	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
John N. Irvin,	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
Joseph J. Hill,	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
John C. Maddy,	1852	Dec 12, 1885	63	33
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
J. W. Stone,	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
David Whitmer,	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
Wm. Young,	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
T. S. Peregrine,	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
S. F. Conrey,	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
M. P. Gaddis,	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
William Mahon,	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
Jer'h H. Bayliss,	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Thomas Lee,	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
J. W. Keely,	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
J. F. Conrey,	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
L. F Van Cleve,	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
G. W. Kelley,	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
W. E. Hines,	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
W. N. Williams,	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
J. P. Bishop,	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
D. H. Sargent,	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
T. S. Cowden,	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
Henry Stokes,	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Benj. Glascock,	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
W. B. Jackson,	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
W. R. Webster,	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Jas. Murray,	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Mighill Dustin,	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
W. L. Hypes,	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
E. C. Smith,	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Henry Miller,	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
W. J. Quarry,	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
J. L. Grover,	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
L. D. McCabe,	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
Geo. T. Perry,	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Silas Bennett,	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Timothy Wones,	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Asbury Lowrey,	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
Jas. Stephenson,	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
F. W. Hypes,	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Patrick Carland,	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
M. Kauffman,	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
John W. Cassatt,	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Chas. H. Payne,	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Wm. B. Moler,	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
A. M. Griffith,	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	.	59
James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
William I. Fee,	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
James P. Shultz,	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
David C. Vance,	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
J. H. Middleton,	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
John F. Marlay,	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
T. H. Pearne,	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Thomas Collett,	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Adam Miller,	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
M. A. Richards,	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
C. W. Gullette,	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
George B. Shanor,	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Adam Bowers,	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
Wm. Runyan,	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
John F. Loyd,	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
J. L. Gregg,	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Wm. T. McMullen,	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
L. E. Prentiss,	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	29	55
R. K. Deem,	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	39	69
J. W. Mason,	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	46	68
G. W. Fee,	1858	Oct. 19, 1904	78	46
D. A. McColm,	1880	Jan. 8, 1905	65	24
A. C. Turrell,	1889	Feb. 6, 1905	15	40
J. P. Porter,	1864	May 9, 1905	68	41
W. N. Maxey,	1855	May 13, 1905	76	49
S. B. Smith,	1846	June 13, 1906	70	51
E. McHugh,	1856	May 6, 1906	69	48
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Memorial Sermon.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course."—2 Tim. iv, 7.

These were the comforting thoughts which St. Paul enjoyed as he calmly reviews his life now about to end. It was almost over. He writes to Timothy: "The time of my departure is at hand."

In his first imprisonment at Rome he looked on to a martyr's death as probable. During his second captivity at Rome he writes of the martyrdom as already beginning. For, he says: "I am already being offered." The words point to the drink offering of wine, which among the Jews accompanied the sacrifice. The allusion is to St. Paul's bloody death. So convinced was he that the dread moment for him was at hand, that as he thus *speaks*, he *feels* as though it was even then taking place, and he sees in his present sufferings, in his harsh treatment, the beginning of that martyrdom in which his life-blood would be poured out. But he would not allow Timothy or the many Christians who revered and loved him, to be dismayed by his sufferings or shocked at his painful death. He would show them by his calm, triumphant language that to him death was no terror, but only the appointed passage to Glory.

So he speaks of his life blood being shed under the well known peaceful image of the wine poured out over the sacrifice, the drink offering, the sweet savour unto the Lord.

"The time of my departure is at hand." It is the language of sailors. "The moment of my death so long looked for is now close at hand, is all but here; the ship's anchor is being raised, the cables are slipping, and presently she will be loosed and proceed on her destined voyage." And when at last he did set out on his voyage there was no man at the dock to bid him farewell, there was no waving of handkerchiefs. Tears there were in abundance as his friends knew of the hour of his sailing, but were not allowed to be present to console him at the last moment. None save his executioner saw him cross the bar or heard his farewell. But who will say that his bark went down in the shoreless sea to rise no more? We are fuly persuaded that he had a safe voyage and is now enjoying some of that blessedness which he idealized into "the crown of righteousness."

I think it will be helpful to us at this hour, when our hearts are tender, to think together for a little while of what St. Paul thought about most, what was most pleasant for him to contemplate, what gave him the greatest satisfaction as he looked back over his life and his death was imminent, "I have fought a good fight." That sounds warlike for a minister of the Prince of Peace—even bloody. Not so, his hands since his conversion were never dyed in his brothers' blood. His was not the ambition of a world ruler in that sense. But it is not at all strange that St. Paul should use military figures to clothe his thought. From his boyhood, a soldier was a familiar object. A great part of the life of the apostle was spent in contact with soldiers. He lived under the shadow of the greatest military power the world has seen. "Travel ever so widely he could not pass beyond the boundary of that empire gathering into its mailed hand the then unknown world." Roman colonies everywhere, everywhere gleamed the warlike symbols of the dominating power. Syria, rest-

less, turbulent Syria, was only kept quiet by the constant presence of 60,000 men. In all the great highways where St. Paul passed he would be met with the movements of troops, going from one province to another. Then, too, it was Paul's lot to be for long stretches of time in the grasp of the military. It was at Jerusalem when nearly torn to pieces by a Jewish mob in the temple courts, that Roman soldiers rescued him and took him prisoner. And directly afterward when he was sent to Felix at Cæsarea, 200 Roman infantry and 70 Roman cavalry, and 200 Roman spearmen were his escort on that night journey. Then he lay two long years a prisoner in the Roman garrison. Soldiers were his guard on his way to Rome. And for years in Rome he lived chained to a Roman soldier, his companion by day and by night.

How natural then that military figures "should leap to lip and pen" as he spoke and wrote of the conflict of his Lord with the powers of darkness, of his own contest with the evil within and without him. "I have fought a good fight." Is this boasting as if he would say, "I have put up a good fight, I have finished a fine course, or did n't I fight well? and did I not run well?" No, not that, "boasting is excluded," according to his own word. It is not to any *single contest* that he refers, but it is *the* fight. I (notice the remarkable use of the perfect tense to show sustained action) *have* finished my course, or made the circuit of the stadium, I *have* kept the faith. It was the lifetime conflict, or that which began with his conversion, the maintenance through the years of the Christian faith. The last enemy, it was true, was yet to be met, but of him he had no fear. His victory was complete. Nothing now is left but to calmly await sailing orders.

As we study that life and think of what gave him most comfort at its close as he reviews it, we can not but be deeply impressed with the sublime heroism of the man.

May we find comfort and inspiration this morning as we think of his heroic life and triumphant death. For St. Paul, it seems to me, next to his Divine Master, exhibited those qualities which make him truly heroic, more, perhaps, than any man.

But what is true heroism? What are its essential qualities? Is the world's standard of heroism the true one?

The heroes of history, the Alexanders, the Cæsars, the Napoleons, whose names are perpetuated by monuments and statues are generally those who have displayed the greatest power over physical forces. They are the great commanders of armies and navies. It is because they are so near to our bodily senses that they seem so large and brilliant. "But in the coming centuries the lustre of their fame will fade before the rising glory of a race of unknown and yet uncrowned heroes, men, women, and even little children, who shall display in their lives the qualities of real heroism." It is something more than animal courage. Brutes often exhibit greater bravery than any land or naval commander has ever shown. The high idea of heroism makes it necessary that there be:

1st. An understanding of what is to be done. There is intelligent consideration of the difficulties to be encountered. It is not blind to the work. Your real hero knows what he is about, follows no impulse, is not controlled by mere sentiment, nor is he an enthusiast, but is thoughtful and has convictions and feelings then dares maintain them at all hazards. Besides this there is the unflinching determination to make a certain self-sacrifice, if necessary, in order to overcome all these difficulties and to win.

2d. There must be the dominant purpose to do the thing because it is right and in pursuit or defense of the right the man is utterly a stranger to fear or being fearful overcomes his timidity and goes steadily on.

3rd. And generally speaking, in its purest manifestation, there is an element of unconsciousness in it. Your true hero does not pose for

effect. There is no conscious display of his courage. There is no bidding for applause, but just plain, earnest determination to do and dare because he is right. How different the conduct of the man moved by these considerations, when compared with the conduct of the man moved by the applause of the crowd or frenzied with hate or fear. Both may display equal courage, both may seem to be reckless of life or indifferent to danger. The one braves the opposition of enemies, defies their sentence of death because he feels he is right. The other risks his life or dies bravely stimulated only by the applause of the multitude or his comrades in arms or with the hope of fame. Which is the greater? Why, where the man is stimulated by applause or is moving on in a line in which is done a thousand things which men most applaud, he can scarcely know whether he is a hero or not. That is a reason why there must be a thousand-fold more of unrecorded heroism than that which is brought to the knowledge of men. It is not all recorded in books. Now and then we see it in its unconsciousness; and when we do so find it how our hearts warm within us: for then we know "that the true and living seed of real heroism is alive in the soil of the world." But there yet remains another element—the highest.

4th. The man who does the heroic deed, does it for others. It was not long since that I read of a young physician who, when a pestilence was raging among the poorest families in the city, believed he had discovered a cure for it and dared to try that cure upon himself. He knew in advance that it might prove fatal, but if his own life could prove the power of the new remedy, he was willing to sacrifice that life. He did the deed in no spasm of enthusiasm, for the noble fellow lay on his bed dying from the effects of his own treatment and until within a few minutes of his own death, noted on paper his observations of the action of the new remedy upon the system. Here is the sign of the blessed hero. He was dying for man, and that is, what shall I say, That is Christ-like. Such cases make us hopeful of our humanity. His name is not recorded, but the bare fact that such an incident is noted at all makes it seem to be more noble. These heroes of God are found ordinarily in the quietness of private life, in solitude away from the noise and glare of the public. Love of God and love to men give rise to this blessed heroism. The man who does the heroic deed, does it for others. For others: We are certain that St. Paul had no other motive for fighting the good fight than his love for others. It is this that dominates his whole life. From the hour "when," as he says, "it pleased God to reveal His Son in me," down to the fall of the executioner's axe, we have no knowledge that he ever swerved in the least from the path of his devotion to his Lord. With a clear and definite understanding of what he was set to do he held steadily and firmly on his way to the end. Paul does not speak very much about his devotion, but from his conduct at all times and the spirit which reveals itself everywhere in his work, we know its character and presence. Neither entreaty of friends, mob violence, false brethren, shipwreck, roaring sea, imprisonment, torture, nor cruel death could dissuade him from his high purpose. How sublimely simple the story of his heroic service. Here at Lystra, stoned and left for dead outside of the city walls, out on the commons, his friends looking on and weeping. Take it up and read it again, "Howbeit, as the disciples stood around about him, he rose up and came into the city, and the *next day*," mark you, "he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the Gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra and to Iconium and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to continue in the faith and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Suffering for others! This is the full measure of devotion. Follow him on his journey. Stop for a moment out there on the sands at Miletus, study that parting scene with the elders of Ephesus.

Hear his parting words as he declares how he was serving the Lord with all humility of mind and with many tears and temptations which befell him by the lying in wait of the Jews. "And now I go, bound in spirit, unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghose witnesseth in every city, Saying that bonds and afflictions abide me but none of these things move me, neither count my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the Gospel of the grace of God. And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more." Follow him a little further. Study that dramatic scene in Phillip's house up there at Cæsarea when Agabus took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet and prophesied that thus it would be with the owner of the girdle if he should persist in going to Jerusalem. With tears they begged him not to imperil his precious life. Now if anything would weaken a man's resolution, I am sure such a conduct would. He turns on them wonderfully, moved by their tender solicitude for him, and cries out in very agony of soul, "What mean ye to weep and break my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done." He had told them at Ephesus, "I must keep this feast that cometh at Jerusalem," and again at Jerusalem, "I must see Rome, also I must be brought before Cæsar." There was felt within him evermore that mighty tugging at the heartstrings of his devotion. Why the man seemed to have no fear whatever. See him, a furious mob of Jews, raging and yelling there in the temple courts at Jerusalem, Paul in the midst of them, torn, struck at, almost killed, with bloody face. When he was rescued by a phalanx of Roman soldiers and quiet was somewhat restored, he asked permission to speak to his brethren. Such courage commands the respect of both Jews and Roman soldiers, and they give him audience. Ah! here was courage, daring and heroism of a high order when the man avows openly his fealty to the man of Galilee, whom they hate. It is the more glorious exhibition when we know that silence would have saved the years of imprisonment at Cæsarea, if not at Rome. But follow him to his last day. Did he swerve in the least in his devotion?

On the Palatine Hill, in Rome, stands the Basilica of Cæsar—the building in which the emperors dispensed decisions. There is set in the marble floor a round purple stone on which the prisoner used to stand as he waited Cæsar's sentence. It was not impossible that the feet of Paul pressed that very stone as he stood before the emperor himself or before his representative, undergoing his last trial. He was alone then. You will remember what he wrote to Timothy. "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me, I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known and that all Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. But now, no human power awaits to keep him out of the mouth of that lion over in his palace yonder. So be it, since God wills it so. Does he fear the cruel monster in the semblance of man? Never, for it was not deliverance from Nero which he rejoiced in, he did not fear death, but deliverance from the temptation, through fear to deny his Lord. Hear him, as from the chill and darkness of the Mammertine prison, amid desertion of trusted friends, and the feebleness of age, and under the sentence of death, he sends to Timothy the record of the meaning of his life and the certainty of his triumph. "I am now ready to be offered," etc. Ah! it is a most heroic figure, the worn apostle, a prisoner, needing his cloak to protect him from the prison chill, begging the solace

of his favorite books and parchments, if the Lord should let him live a little longer deserted by his friends. No, not wholly, for he writes, "Only Luke is with me;" that tried and trusty friend and companion of many weary journeys, but confident to the last moment, "and by that steady life, 'sculpturing into human history, as by a chisel of tempered steel, the certainty and the satisfaction of his religion." How calmly and confidently he met death. Hear him, "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom; to whom be glory forever and ever." So rich is his triumph in this last arraignment and trial that he finishes his account of it with a doxology, and rejoices in the prospect of a speedy journey to his glorious reward. Would you know how it was done? Would you be like him? Listen, "This one thing I do," etc. The supreme motive of his life, his master passion is here revealed in that word. It is not too much to say that no greater hero ever lived. But from the humblest child of man clear up to the eternal throne, the noblest ideal of the highest heroism must ever be the doing good and suffering evil for others. Let us be heroes!

And now as to our brothers and sisters whose loss we lament to-day —I am thinking of that great picture by Elizabeth Thompson Butler. The scene is in the Crimea and represents a company of English soldiers drawn up after a battle to answer to their names. There is some attempt at proper alignment, but there is much confusion. The men are excited and weary. All bear the marks of the conflict. Many are wounded, some very seriously. One is delirious from a gunshot wound in the head, another is binding up his own hurt arm, with clenched teeth lest a groan should escape his lips; one is weeping, perhaps because of his failure to do what he expected to do, while in mockery his comrade next him is trying to cheer him up. One poor fellow, through exhaustion has fallen, perhaps to rise no more. As the orderly, himself wounded, walks down the line, calling the roll, he is followed by the commanding officer astride his weary horse, and even his stony heart is touched as he hears the names of the men who lately obeyed his orders reported "wounded" or "dead on the field." This scene to-day is not wholly unlike that. We have come fresh from the field of battle, from a more noble conflict. Many of us are here in strength to answer to our names, while others have made the journey through much pain, and some of us ought not to be here at all, if we would consider our physical condition. One desire rules all—that is to be ready to answer "here"—when the roll is called. Perhaps you feel that this may be your last answer, in all probability it will be for some that when the Secretary shall call your name, some one else will answer for you next year. The same joy and pride of comradeship was our brothers, the same strong desire to be present was also theirs. We think now of the long journey (in the one case) from Grand Rapids, and in another from distant Florida, and yet another from across the sea, just to be with us and to answer at roll call. But they are silent—dead on the field—and our hearts are sad.

And these faithful elect women who for years were the joy and the inspiration of their noble husbands, true yoke-fellows in the service of the Master, and who, like the wives of the soldiers in the Civil War, held the household intact while the husbands were at the front—to them be the same joy and victory. When we think of the years of their devotion could not each say of himself, at the end of life as we who bid them farewell and promise to cherish can say of them, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course." How beautiful are the words of St. Bernard, mourning the death of his beloved brother, Gerard: "This, our weeping, is not the mark of unbelief, but rather of our condition, because I groan when I am smitten, I do not arraign the striker. My words are charged with grief, but not with murmuring. Thou gavest me my brother; Thou hast taken him away. And if we mourn for being taken, we forget not

that he was given; and we render thanks that we deserved to have him, and wish not to harm him more than is expedient."

"We render thanks that we deserve to have him." Dare we use these strong words and apply them to our brothers and sisters? We may indeed think more nobly of ourselves because God intrusted to our keeping treasures so precious as our beloved friends and that we were counted worthy to have had them with us all these blessed years. We mourn for them, not as gone forever, for we shall soon meet again, but that they are gone from sight even for a little time, and we miss their blessed presence. We must be better now that they have gone away, for we shall not have their cheerful faces to calm us and to give us inspiration. We must pray oftener for ourselves, now that they have ceased to pray. Somehow we must try to make up to each other, and to the Church and to our fellow men this great loss. We must put more nobility into our plans; we must bear our burdens with more patience; we must do our work more cheerfully and thoroughly; we must give ourselves more freely and more lovingly both to God and men! Let us hold steadily on in our purpose to serve the Master and we may be able to say at our last hour: "I have fought the good fight."

Faith of our fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith
We will be true to Thee till death.

Memoirs.

REV. SAMUEL B. SMITH, D. D.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. SMITH, D. D., was born at Lockwood, N. Y. May 27, 1825, and died at his home in Grand Rapids Township, Mich., June 13, 1906. His ancestors were quakers, his father being a minister and his mother a deacon in that Church. His people moved to Michigan when he was one year old. At the age of sixteen he was converted, and, with the consent of his parents, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. When the Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized in 1843, he united with that Church. In 1846 Dr. Smith entered the ministry of that Church.

REV. SAMUEL B. SMITH, D. D.

So soon as the slavery question was settled, many of those who had gone into the Wesleyan Methodist Church returned to the Mother Church. After twenty-one years of faithful service in the Wesleyan Church, Brother Smith returned to the Methodist Episcopal Church, joining the Cincinnati Conference in 1867, bringing his Church in Troy, Ohio, with him. Of his thirty-nine years in the Cincinnati Conference, twenty-five were in the effective ranks. Those of us who have known him in the Conference will ever remember him as one of our most conscientious and faithful brethren. He ministered the Word of God in order to develop the Church and to win souls to Christ. His style was simple, sincere, and pure. No one could hear him without being impressed with the thought of his honesty. He preached the Word. His preaching was earnest, instructive, and convincing. He was a fearless advocate of all civic and moral reform. His revivals were of the most evangelical character. He was not noted for emotional preaching, but rather for his clear, warm, convincing reasoning. He was not devoid of emotion, but he did not make that the point to be reached in every discourse. From the very first of his connection with the Cincinnati Conference, Dr. Smith took rank. It was the privilege of the writer to be a member of his district for two years while he was Presiding Elder. Here he did the best and most faithful work of his ministry among us. At the close of his work on the district, his wife's health failing, he sought for her and for himself rest in his own home. Since the departure of his excellent wife to her reward, he has attended the sessions of our Conference regularly, taking a deep interest always in all the proceedings. He and his wife connected themselves with the Plainfield Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids. Here they exerted a constant influence for good, encouraging the pastor and contributing to the financial as well as the spiritual good of the Church. Dr. Smith was called upon

frequently to assist the pastors in Grand Rapids and other places in Michigan. His ministry was sought far and near, and always appreciated. For more than a year it has been evident that our brother was failing in health. He sought in many ways to regain his former strength. Last winter a year ago he spent in California, and returned to his home much invigorated by the change. But it was not permanent. The trouble proved to be a serious tendency to heart failure. As he came near the close of life he was cheered by the assurance of an abundant entrance into the heavenly life. To the writer he wrote just a few days before he passed to his reward. "The future is all bright through the grace that is in Christ Jesus." He requested that the writer should represent our Conference by a letter to be read at his funeral; also, to prepare this memoir for the Conference.

The funeral services were held in the Plainfield Methodist Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. J. H. Nease, Ph. D., pastor. Seven ministers, as well as several laymen, made remarks at his funeral. Dr. Smith had remembered this Church in his will by a donation of a thousand dollars. Through this gift and that of a good layman, Mr. R. N. Knapp, Plainfield Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church has one of the best parsonages in Michigan. Farewell, my brother, for a little while. We will miss thee here, but we shall hail thee soon where the shadows never come.

F. M. CLEMANS.

REV. CHARLES HARTLEY.

CHARLES HARTLEY was born in Preston, England, April 2, 1858. Being of sturdy English ancestry, he inherited those virtues that made him the agreeable friend, the earnest advocate, the man of power. He was married to Alice Barton in St. Helens, England, January 11, 1881. Four children blessed their home, two of whom, a daughter and a son, live an honor to their father's memory, a comfort to their mother in her need. He joined the Cincinnati Conference in 1887, served St. John in Cincinnati one year, Blanchester one year, Belfast four years, Riverside, Cincinnati, two years, was a supernumerary until 1901, served West Elkton two years, and after that was a Conference evangelist until his death.

REV. CHARLES HARTLEY.

It is an honor to speak a word in praise of one whose life was as transparent as the light, and whose every purpose was as open as the noonday. Such we believe was the life of our departed brother. He was consistent and constant, fearless yet kind, slow to censure and quick to pardon, repellent to the bad, responsive to the good, a fearless preacher, an honest man. He had early learned to grapple an opinion held with the tenacity of life, and with undaunted courage to follow it even to the death. His standard of Scripture experience was high, so that it sometimes eemed radical, yet he strove to bing himself

to the standard he set for others. The honors of the Conference were not always his, nevertheless he accepted his lot in the itinerant assignment without complaint and with deepest devotion. As a preacher there were few in our Conference who could excell him in clear analysis or effective appeal. He would mass the Scripture truths in martial array and hurl them like a solid phalanx against the unconverted or the inconsistent Church member. He would lay down the premise of his Scripture argument, and standing upon the varied propositions would appeal with the pathos of an angel of God. He was possessed, like all of us, of his faults, yet in the deeper analysis of character he was candid and honorable. We believe in truth that he walked with his God. Last December he returned from his evangelistic labors in Brunswick, Ohio, where the Master had graciously honored his work, stricken with death. While in the meeting he suffered from a hemorrhage, but pursued his work until dread pneumonia fastened upon him. On the 8th day of December he died, surrounded by his wife, children, and ministering friends, who had done all within their power to restore him, but to no avail. He appealed to the unsaved with his dying breath, and while lost to all conversation with his friends, shouted the praise of God. His body rests in a humble grave in the cemetery at Delaware, Ohio, but he lives in our love and will remain in memory an approved servant of our blessed Lord.

HEBER D. KETCHAM.

REV. EDWARD McHUGH.

FOR forty-eight years Edward McHugh answered the roll-call in this Conference. On the sixth of last May he was transferred to the company of "our fathers and brothers," who before joined the majority. In 1837, September 25th, he was born; in 1853, under the ministry of Charles Ferguson, he was born again. Just fifty years ago, in Ripley, Ohio, he was admitted on trial in this Conference. He was one of a class of fifteen, four of whom are still with us—Brothers James, Dart, Keck, and Black.

REV. EDWARD M'HUGH.

In 1858 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Janes; in 1860 Bishop Simpson ordained him to the eldership. For forty-seven continuous years he maintained his place in the effective ranks. Failing health demanded rest, and for two years he was supernumerary. Last year he asked and received the superannuate relation, and to-day he is with the Lord.

The McHugh family were living on a farm near New Carlise, Clark County, Ohio, when Edward was born. Soon after they removed to Rainsboro, Highland County, Ohio, where the old home still remains. Hi forty-even effective years were spent in the following appointments: 1856, New Lexington; 1857-58, Newmarket; 1859, Aberdeen; 1860-61, Miami; 1862, Goshen; 1863-64, Felicity; 1865, New Richmond; 1866-67, North Lewisburg;

1868-70, Waynesville; 1871-73, McLean; 1874, Finley, and 1875-77, McKendree, all in Cincinnati; 1878-79, Georgetown; 1880-82, Fremont; 1883-85, Westchester; 1886-90, Bethany; 1891 95, McKendree, 1896-97; Asbury, and 1898-1903, York Street, all in Cincinnati. Out of the forty-seven effective years he spent nineteen of them in Cincinnati.

On the twenty-first anniversary of his birth he was married to Miss Anna Siourance, who for twenty years efficiently performed the work of a pastor's wife, and then she "was not, for God took" her. To them were born six children, five of whom—three sons and two daughters—still live. One of the daughters is the wife of Rev. F. M. Kirgan, of this Conference. On his fifty-second birthday anniversary he was married to Miss Mary E. Shafer, who for nearly seventeen years was to him a most helpful and devoted wife.

Although he was not favored in his youth with the fine educational advantages of these later days, yet his ministry was remarkably fruitful in the conversion of souls. His zeal for the Master was such that he led thousands to Christ. Among them at least sixteen men who entered the gospel ministry. Several of these joined this Conference, and at least four of them are still its members.

He was an earnest gospel preacher of the old type, and he did his work well. During his long illness grace triumphed beautifully. He was kept in perfect peace, and fell asleep in Jesus. He fought a good fight; he finished his course; he kept the faith; he has received the crown, and is forever with the Lord.

MRS. WM. H. MEREDITH.

Sarah Eliza Simmons was born June 28, 1828, at the old Collins Place, in Clermont County, Ohio, the home of her grandfather, Rev. John Collins, one of our most famous pioneer preachers. Her father, Rev. William Simmons, was a prominent Methodist preacher, and for many years was a Presiding Elder in the Ohio and Cincinnati Conferences. As a child the daughter was the subject of deep religious feelings, and was often so affected by the sermons which she heard that she could not sleep. At eleven years of age she united with the Church under the pastorate of her father. As she grew to years she became dissatisfied with her experience, and sought a clearer knowledge of salvation, and after much struggle, was gloriously converted at a meeting conducted by Dr. Joseph Trimble.

She was married December 4, 1849, in her father's house, in Cincinnati, Ohio, by Rev. Wm. I. Ellsworth, to Rev. Charles Gorsuch Meredith. Their first charge was Augusta Circuit, Kentucky; their next, Bethel, Ohio; next, Batavia, Ohio, where they were with Rev. W. P. Jackson one year, and Rev. M. P. Zink the second year. In the fall of 1853 they were sent to Lebanon, Ohio. The following summer, July 16, 1854, after a very short illness, Brother Meredith died and was buried in the cemetery at Lebanon. Through the great part of her remaining life, Mrs. Meredith lived at Xenia, Ohio, or divided the time between the home of her two sons, who survive her—Mr. Edward Meredith, whose farm is near Xenia, Ohio, and Mr. William S. Meredith, a wholesale merchant of Springfield, Ohio. She had the joy of seeing both of her sons from their boyhood active members of the Church and holding responsible official positions. Mrs. Meredith was ever a consistent, intelligent, and earnest Christian. She was looked to for counsel by her friends and her pastors, who found in her a source of strength and comfort. The last weeks of her life were without pain, but marked with daily decrease of strength. She talked freely and beautifully about her going, and gave directions for every detail con-

cerning it so far as she had any concern about it. After such directions she would give herself fully to the affairs of the home, and take the liveliest interest in all that occurred. She took great pleasure in the old hymns, which she had always loved, and in reading of the Scriptures. "I shall soon see God," she said. "I shall soon see God." She was one of the pure in heart who always see God. She often lamented her natural timidity; but to those who knew her she had the highest type of courage—the courage which always does known duty. She was greatly interested in misions, and kept herself fully informed on great movements of the Church, giving generously of her means. She loved life and longed to live, but had unbounded faith in a greater life which awaited her beyond the grave. She lived the life which made people love her and helped them to believe in God. On Thanksgiving-day, November 24, 1904, in the presence of her children, grandchildren, and sister, gathered that day at her special request, she bade them good-bye, and sank peacefully to rest. The funeral services were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at Xenia, Ohio, where she was for many years a member. They were conducted by the pastors of her two sons, Rev. B. D. Hypes, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and Rev. John A. Story, of High Street, Springhow often on bended knees have I thanked God for such a wife!" She was laid to rest beside her husband in Lebanon, Ohio, and mourned by a large circle of friends, some of whom were survivors from the days of the sorrows and joys of their last pastorate. "She being dead, yet speaketh."

MRS. J. W. MASON.

ANNA NESBITT, widow of the Rev. John Watson Mason, was born at Xenia, Ohio, February 22, 1841, and died at Memphis, Tenn., May 20, 1906. She was the second daughter of Nathan and Clara Bretney Nesbitt, who were for many years active members of the First and Trinity Churches, in her native city. She attended the public schools, and later was graduated from Xenia Female College, where she was distinguished for high scholarship.

She was always deeply interested in public questions and in moral reform. In the stirring days before and during the Civil War she kept in close touch with the course of events. She was a letter-writer of exceptional charm, and maintained an active correspondence with numerous relatives and friends in the Army of the North. As occasion offered, she wrote for public assemblies, and her choice diction, when read in the finely interpretative manner that was strikingly hers, has more than once kindled afresh in an audience the loyalty to the government that glowed in her own soul. She was a vigorous leader in the Woman's Crusade, braving all obstacles with a cheerful courage that was infectious among her coworkers.

On August 31, 1864, she was married to John Watson Mason, a member of the Cincinnati Conference. She at once entered actively into the varied duties of a minister's wife. Her genial spirit and ready sympathy with young people gave her a power over others that she always used to lead them to noble and unselfish living. She was not a person to covet notice, but when she essayed public service she performed her work in a way to arouse conviction and inspire to action. As a pastor's wife she had a vital interest in all the work of the Church. No demand on her time or strength was refused or neglected.

In the less conspicuous, but important, duties of the home, Mrs. Mason did her greatest work. Her warmly sympathetic spirit shared the burdens of her husband and aided him in the difficult tasks that every

true minister of Christ must perform. Her cheerful outlook on life helped her to see the more hopeful views that do not ignore the world's need, but hearten the toiler for courageous and successful service. She found deep satisfaction in making the life in the parsonage wholesomely Christian, a fitting expression of the rule of Christ in the routine affairs of every day.

To her three children she gave herself as a true mother should, and they now arise to call her blessed. Her husband was an invalid for the last four and a half years of his life, and Mrs. Mason gave all her resources to the tenderly, unselfish ministry that brightened the long period of invalidism with unfailing love and devotion. Her own life she gave that the life of her husband might be lengthened. It was a precious ointment, unstintingly poured out. She sought in vain to regain her strength after her husband's death, August 31, 1904. A six months' trip abroad was planned for her, with the hope that new scenes would restore her broken health. Her improvement was but slight, and last October, three weeks after her return to this country, she was stricken with paralysis. She so far rallied from this attack as to encourage hope for her entire recovery, but on May 20, 1906, with her Bible open before her, she fell quietly asleep "as one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The children that survive her are: Mrs. Frank W. Roundebush, Memphis, Tenn.; the Rev. Wilbur N. Mason, and Miss Mary G. Mason, both of Salem, Mass. The funeral service was held at the home of Mrs. Mason's sister; Mrs. John M. Murray, South Charleston, Ohio. The burial was in the family lot at Xenia, Ohio.—* * *

MRS. ELI KIRK.

Ruth Ann Moore, daughter of Philip and Rebecca Moore, was born in Chester County, Pa., February 26, 1835. The Moore family and four other families came to Ohio in 1836, making the journey by wagon, being six weeks on the road. She lived on the Moore farm until May 22, 1866. Was united in marriage to the Rev. Eli Kirk, of the Cincinnati Conference. Her husband died September 20, 1870. She moved to St. Paris, Ohio, in 1871, having lived there twenty-three years. Mrs. Kirk was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church the greater part of her life. She loved God's house, and remained faithful to her Church vows until death. She was a member of the Woman's Crusade, and was a strong advocate of temperance and reform, always taking an active part in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She also was a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was always ready to contribute to this society. Sister Kirk was careful in bringing up her children in the fear of God, and died rejoicing that she had done her duty. Two beautiful daughters have preceded her to the home above. One son and four grandchildren and two brothers and two sisters and a host of friends remain to mourn her departure.

Sister Kirk tasted of the joys and sorrows of a Methodist minister's home for four short years, yet in that time she was instrumental with her husband in accomplishing much for Christ and the Church she loved. Brother Kirk being called home, she was left with three small children, and no one better than they knew the sacrifices of that faithful mother's heart. As she lived she died. For days prior to her death she planned and talked of her departure, making all arrangements for her funeral, even to the smallest detail. On Monday morning, November

27th, at 10 o'clock, her soul took its flight to the God who gave it. May her soul rest in peace. Funeral services conducted by F. J. Reinbarth, of Christiansburg, assisted by Rev. Gibson, of St. Paris. Interment at Casstown.

MRS. DAVID WHITMER.

AMANDA CATHERINE WHITMER was born October 19, 1833, in the town of Clarksville, Ohio, and died March 28, 1906, in Xenia, Ohio. Her early life was spent in the home of a physician, her father being Dr. John Gardner, of Clarksville, Ohio. Her religious life dates from early girlhood. A half-century ago she was married to Rev. David Whitmer, who was a member of the Cincinnati Conference, and who in 1887 preceded her to the heavenly home.

How she was valued by her husband may be indicated by this paragraph in his diary and written by his own hand after twenty-five years of her companionship: "In all our various itinerant trials and privations, I never knew her to shed a tear on account of them, but she has hushed into silence many a sigh that struggled to escape from my own heart. O, how often on bended knees have I thanked God for such a wife!" She was a practical woman. The last chapter in Proverbs, which describes the excellent woman might well be applied to her. She co-operated with her husband's hopes and plans to give to their children every necessary comfort, and secure for them an education. These cherished plans were realized only through a lifetime of consecration and economy. For a while before her husband's death and since, she lived in Xenia, surrounded by her children. She was notably a homekeeper. She made home pleasant and an attractive type of the eternal home to which she has gone. The memory of her patient face and saintly life will cease not to hush her sons and daughters into a holy quiet amid the tumult and strife of earth. In First Church, Xenia, her memory is blessed.—E. H. C.

MRS. GEO. CALLAHAN.

SARAH HICKS CALLAHAN, daughter of Thomas G. and Deborah Ross, was born at Benton, Ohio, July 1, 1819, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. M. Ervin, in Georgetown, Ohio, April 14, 1906, aged eighty-six years, nine months, thirteen days.

Mrs. Callahan was twice married—first to Seth Wright, who died in 1843. In 1845 she was married to Rev. Dennis Callahan, an honored member of the Cincinnati Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, and for a number of years she shared with him the joys and hardships of the itinerant preacher's life. Dr. Callahan went to his reward in 1886.

Mrs. Callahan was the mother of six children, two of whom died in infancy. Those who survive her: Mrs. Louderback, of Illinois; Mrs. M. M. Ervin, of Georgetown; Mr. Thomas R. Callahan, of Columbus, and Dr. John R. Callahan, of Cincinnati. The parents of Mrs. Callahan were true Christian people and intensely devoted to the Methodist Church. Their house was the home and preaching place of the early preachers who came to plant the Methodist Church in this county. In the warm religious influence of this home, Sister Callahan and her sister and brothers developed a vigorous type of Christian character. As the flower turns to the sun, their hearts turned to God. Three of her brothers are to-day honored ministers of the gospel in California.

At the age of seven Sister Callahan sought and found Christ as her Savior, and united with the Methodist Church, and for fourscore years she has lived a true and faithful member of that Church. Those who have known her testify to her upright, Christian life; her devotion to the Church, her kindness of heart, and her fidelity in all the walks of life. She took an active part in movements for the public good. She was with Mother Thompson in the temperance crusade at Hillsboro, and she was an enthusiastic worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

About twelve weeks ago she was looking forward in joyous anticipation to and preparing for the then approaching revival at the Methodist Church, when, through physical feebleness, she fell and fractured the hip bone. By the faithful attention of her physician and friends in the home of her devoted daughter, Mrs. Ervin, her life was prolonged for nearly twelve weeks. She at times suffered greatly, but she suffered as one conscious of the presence and sympathy of Christ, and the assurance of His presence sustained her so that she could rejoice in her afflictions, feeling that they would work out for her a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Her death was triumphant and full of peace.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Dr. Salt, assisted by Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, were held at the Ervin residence Sunday afternoon. The interment took place Monday in the Hillsboro Cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband, Rev. Dennis Callahan.

MRS. W. N. MAXEY.

ANGELINE MAXEY, widow of the late Rev. Wm. N. Maxey, daughter of John W. and Hannah Wollas, was born April 5, 1828, in Highland County, Ohio. She departed this life after an illness of about eighteen months, from her home in Russell, Ohio, October 3, 1905, being in her seventy-eighth year.

In 1844, in her sixteenth year, under the ministry of F. M. Timmons, she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Clear and positive was the work of salvation. Her title was clear, and remained so through her long life.

September 21, 1858, she and Rev. W. N. Maxey were united in marriage by Rev. J. M. Gatch. Five children adorned this union—four sons and one daughter. Two of the sons in early childhood went to be with the Lord, but John, of Clarkison, Miss.; Wm., of Bennettville, S. C., and Mrs. Mary Webb, of Peabody, Kan., are left to mourn the loss of a noble Christian mother.

No one could long be in the home of Sister Maxey without realizing the sanctifying, beautifying power of the Spirit of God as was manifested in her gentle, trustful, and patient spirit; no fretful murmurings escaped her lips; she realized the end was near; she knew the landing was safe; her anchor held; she no evil feared; the Lord her Shepherd was; He had restored her soul; His rod and staff comfort gave. Thus our sister lived, and with this faith she went to be forever with the Lord.—CHARLES W.

MRS. WILLIAM E. VERITY.

THE maiden name of this gifted and noble woman, who died in Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, February 1, 1906, was Adessa Katharyn Logan. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Logan, of Car-

lisle, Pa. Here, August 28, 1874, she was born and here she was reared. A brother is Rev. Abner C. Logan, a Drew graduate and a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. She was married to Rev. William E. Verity, an alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan University, and of Drew Seminary, August 28, 1903. For two happy years she did the work of a Methodist pastor's wife at Woodward Avenue Church, Dayton. In September last they removed to what is known as "Section Three" of Westwood Charge. Here, at their home, in Dent, Ohio, in the early winter, a nervous collapse occurred, a physical breakdown from overwork. Removal to the hospital for treatment did not bring recovery. The life forces seemed prematurely exhausted, and on February 1st her gentle, patient, aspiring, and cultivated spirit passed sweetly, after great suffering, to the land of rest and joy. The body was taken to Carlisle, Pa., where, on the following Monday, the burial took place.

The community was deeply moved. She had gone forth less three years before a happy and beautiful bride from her home in the college town; she was brought back now to be buried.

Dr. McIntire said: "My association with this beautiful life was in the classroom. The words which we have listened to, cited by Dr. Prince from her marked New Testament, seem like words she used to speak to us in class; and the readiness, the promptness, the willingness with which she spoke added to the thoughtfulness and beauty of what she said, as well as the fact that we all knew that it was not easy for her to speak in public, but that rather she was shy and retiring, so that the beautiful spirit of humility with which she always uttered her experience and made her comments, doubled the value of all that she said. Like her Master, she was here not to be ministered unto, but to minister to others. Her life was one of loving service to those about her."

Mrs. Verity was educated in the public schools of Carlisle, took a partial course in Dickinson College, and took also musical and other studies for awhile in Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., besides spending a summer at Northfield, Mass., in the Moody Bible-school. She spent the summer of 1901 with a sister in foreign travel, all these educational opportunities and advantages serving to enrich her mind, to invigorate her intellect, refine her literary tastes, and enlarge her powers of usefulness. In the home she had an artistic touch, a cheery and hospitable spirit, a quick and sympathetic disposition, which made her literally a joyful center of attraction and comfort. Although she lived only to enter the third decade of her life on earth, and it must be said of her, to use a Biblical phrase, "Her sun is gone down while it is yet day," yet her short life was filled with blessed fruitage. Of her adaptation to the work of a Methodist preacher's wife, and the work she did in the two fields of labor thus occupied, we may not even hint. The years of her married life—less than three—were filled with joy and hope and brightness; and, mingling with the brightness of the home life, there were added gleams of a glory from above, as we gather from this paragraph, taken from a page from her own hand in her Testament: "Often when I am busy working, and the sun shines so brightly in my room, it seems to be the shining of His face, and I lift my head to see if indeed He is there, and an angel seem to whisper softly, 'Only a few more shadows, and He will come.'"
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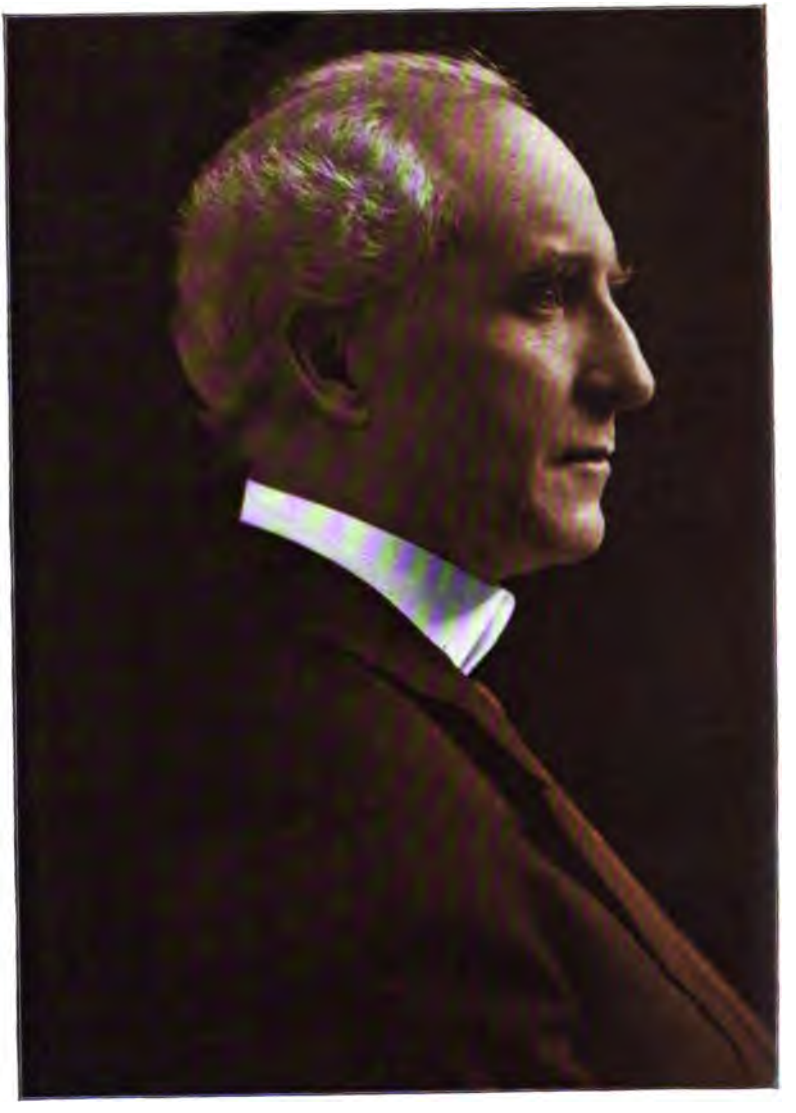

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To Ohio Wesleyan University.—D. G. LATSHAW, W. Y. L. DAVIS. *Alternate*, L. M. DAVIS.

To Drew Theological Seminary.—C. M. VAN PELT, C. E. SCHENK. *Alternate*, A. W. LEONARD.

To School of Theology, Boston University.—S. W. BELL, E. P. EDMONDS. *Alternate*, J. E. THOMAS.

To Garrett Biblical Institute.—G. P. AUSTIN, W. E. PUTT. *Alternate*, C. L. MYERS.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

GEO. S. EASTON, H. W. BAILEY, G. P. AUSTIN, E. P. EDMONDS, C. W. HORN.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

A. W. LEONARD. *Alternate*, T. W. SALT.

TO PREACH MEMORIAL SERMON.

E. T. LANE. *Alternate*, W. L. Y. DAVIS.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

C. C. PEALE, W. T. GILLILAND, H. H. COMPTON, W. J. DUNHAM, G. W. VORHIS.

PERMANENT FUND FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

J. B. YOUNG, A. D. MADDOX, G. S. EASTON, H. W. BAILEY, W. H. WEHRLY, JOHN PEARSON.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1907.

Nominated by J. A. Story, P. Trout, C. Wones, F. G. Mitchell, A. T. Cowgill, J. F. McColm, J. S. Pumphrey, S. W. Bell, C. L. Conger.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.—*Class* 1, G. H. Dart, J. W. Patton, J. F. Laird; *Class* 2, W. A. Wiant, J. E. Beery, J. E. Thomas; *Class* 3, T. D. Moore, G. L. Travis, O. P. Hoffman.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—*Class* 1, G. S. Easton, A. L. Brokaw, J. W. Gaddis; *Class* 2, J. F. McColm, J. A. White, P. Trout; *Class* 3, C. H. Haines, W. A. Wiant, C. L. Myers.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—*Class* 1, H. C. Weakley, R. H. Rust, M. LeSourd; *Class* 2, F. G. Mitchell, A. T. Cowgill, D. G. Latshaw; *Class* 3, J. W. Gaddis, J. A. White, J. F. McColm.

EDUCATION.—*Class* 1, D. G. Latshaw, C. E. Schenk, A. W. Leonard; *Class* 2, E. P. Edmonds, G. P. Austin, J. W. Peters; *Class* 3, M. B. Fuller, J. E. McGee, S. W. Bell.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES.—*Class* 1, J. Pearson, W. A. Cooper, W. J. Dunham; *Class* 2, W. A. Deaton, J. D. Darling, C. L. Chapman; *Class* 3, C. L. Conger, G. R. Frenger, H. H. Compton.

MEMOIRS.—The Presiding Elders.

MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.—*Class* 1, F. G. Mitchell, S. W. Bell, C M. Van Pelt; *Class* 2, W. A. Robinson, W. H. Wehrly, M. B. Fuller; *Class* 3, W. L. Y. Davis, L. M. Davis, J. A. Story.

NOMINATIONS.—*Class* 1, F. G. Mitchell, A. T. Cowgill, J. F. McColm; *Class* 2, J. S. Pumphrey, S. W. Bell, C. L. Conger; *Class* 3, W. H. Wehrly, G. H. Smith, H. G. Curless.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—S. O. Royal, Chas. L. Bovard.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—*Class* 1, W. H. Spybey, J. D. Darling, J. A. Easton; *Class* 2, C. P. Pumphrey, F. M. Kirgan, J. F. Chenoweth; *Class* 3, J. Pearson, G. Roughton, L. A. Washburn.

REFORMS.—*Class* 1, J. E. H. Sentman, A. B. Austin, C. W. Sullivan; *Class* 2, J. A. Story, Chas. L. Bovard, J. B. Young; *Class* 3, G. P. Benton, W. D. Cole, E. J. Moore.

RESOLUTIONS.—*Class* 1, A. D. Maddox, J. H. Lease, J. S. Ruggles; *Class* 2, W. P. Thirkield, C. L. Myers, E. M. Ellsworth; *Class* 3, D. J. Starr, E. T. Lane, O. D. Becker.

WOMAN'S WORK.—*Class* 1, H. C. Weakley, J. G. Vaughan R. S. McColm; *Class* 2, J. B. Young, J. L. Dalby, S. A. Stephan; *Class* 3, A. B. Leonard, M. LeSourd, John Phillips.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.—*Class* 1, C. C. Peale, J. E. Thomas, H. E. Armacost; *Class* 2, J. L. Duckwall, E. W. Serl, J. R. Colley.

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NOMINATIONS.—*Class* 1, J. S. Pumphrey, S. W. Bell, C. L. Conger; *Class* 2, W. H. Wehrly, G. H. Smith, H. G. Curless; *Class* 3, E. Burdsall, C. E. Schenk, M. LeSourd.

POSTMASTER.—W. L. Boicourt.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—D. L. Aultman, J. E. Beery.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—*Class* 1, C. P. Pumphrey, F. M. Kirgan, J. F. Chenoweth; *Class* 2, J. Pearson, G. Roughton, L. A. Washburn; *Class* 3, A. D. Maddox, W. M. Patton, J. H. Lease.

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. THE **elective officers** of the Conference shall be chosen annually by such method as the Conference may adopt, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

2. After the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor.**

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order,** and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division,** upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors,** unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question,** and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman,** unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

15. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence.**

16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes,** upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question,** or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes,** to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The Presiding Elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial,** and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

25. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

26. The annual **memorial service** shall be held at the opening session of each Conference, and shall consist of a memorial sermon not exceeding thirty minutes in length, followed by a memorial not exceeding three minutes in length concerning each minister or minister's wife deceased during the year. The fuller Memoir shall be printed in the Minutes.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1907.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

	MEMBERS.			MEMBERS	
1844	Richard S. Rust, *	.....	1876	John H. Davis,	P.
1845	William H. Sutherland,	P.	"	John A. Easton,	P.
1850	James T. Bail,	P.	"	John W. Gaddis,	P.
1851	Milton P. Zink,	.....	"	James F. McColm,	P.
1856	John Vance,	.....	"	John C. Eckles,	P.
1857	George M. Edgar,	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	.....
1858	Evan P. James,	P.	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	George H. Dart,	P.	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
"	John G. Black,	P.	"	James S. Ruggles,	.....
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
"	William K. Brown,	P.	"	James W. Bashford,†	.....
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	"	Davis W. Clark	P.
1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
1860	John M. Walden,†	P.	"	Charles W. Rishell,	.....
"	John H. Lease,	P.	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	P.	"	John A. White,	P
1862	Thomas J. Harris,	.....	"	John A. Story,	P.
"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	"	Eugene P. Edmonds,	P.
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	1880	Charles L. Conger,	P.
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	.....
1865	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.
"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	"	Benjamin. D. Hypes,	P.
"	William W. Ramsay,	.....	"	Edward T. Lane,	P.
1866	John F. Huli,	.....	"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.
1867	William P. Jackson,	.....	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	P.
"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.	1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.
"	John Pearson,	P.	"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	.....
1868	Francis M. Clemans,	.....	"	Charles H. Haines.	P.
"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.	1883	Marion LeSourd,	P.
"	John W. Peters,	P.	"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.	"	George S. Easton,	P.
1869	Edward T. Wells,	P.	1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
"	Carey T. Crum,	P.	"	James L. Glascock,	P.
"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.	"	Creighton Wones, *	.....
1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.	"	John G. Vaughan,	P.
"	Richard H. Rust,	P.	"	George R. Frenger,	P.
"	Jesse B. Young,	P.	1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	.....
1871	Seren N. Marsh,	P.	"	John L. Dalbey,	P.
"	William A. Robinson,	P.	"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.
1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.	"	Willis A. Cooper,	P.
"	John Wilson,	P.	1886	George M. Fulton,	P.
1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.	"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.
"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.	"	Jacob L. Shively,¶¶	.....
"	Charles J. Wells,	.....	"	Thomas W. Salt,	P.
"	Lafayette Young,	.....	"	Henry C. Jameson,	P.
"	Thomas Cundy,	P.	1887	John F. Laird,	P.
"	William M. West,	P.	"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.
"	James E. Gilbert,	P.	"	Thomas P. Walter,¶	.....
1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.	1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.
1875	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.	"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.
1876	William J. Baker,	P.	"	James R. Colley,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members. ¶ Transferred to North Indiana Conference.
¶¶ Transferred to Central Illinois Conference.

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1888	Edward J. Moore,	.....	1897	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	William B. Brown,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,‡	.....
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	"	William D. English,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	.....	"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	"	J. R. Troxell,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	1898	James A. Geissinger,	.....
"	Elmer E. Powell,	P.	"	Charles W. Sullivan	P.
"	Wm. E. Grose,	P.	1899	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
1891	James E. Abrams,*	.....	"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.	"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
"	James E. McGee,	P.	"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.	"	William F. Martin,	P.
"	John P. Ninde,	P.	1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.	"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	James R. Hill,*	.....	"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
"	William E. Spurrier,	P.	1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.	"	Samuel A. Keen	.....
"	Philip Trout,	P.	"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,‡	P.	1902	George Gable,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.	1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
"	William H. Spybey,	P.	"	John F. Chenoweth,	P.
"	William E. Putt,	P.	"	Asa J. Kestle,	P.
"	James P. Gilliland,	.....	"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
"	Herbert Welch,	P.	"	Hugh G. Scudday,	.....
"	Walter D. Cole,	P.	"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	.....	1904	James M. Bailey,	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	P.	"	Wm. E. Verity,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.	"	Jacob J. Hawk,	P.
"	William M. Coffman,	P.	1905	Fred. J. Reinbarth,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.	"	William T. Gilliland,	P.
"	Walter S. Gray,	P.	"	Lewis O. Hartman,	P.
"	William A. Deaton,	P.	„	John Loyd, ††	P.
"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.	1906	Dudley Matthews,¶	.....
"	John E. Beery,	P.	"	Hasse O. Enwall,	P.
"	Alvin K. Stabler, †	.....	"	Charles J. Moore.	.....
"	John Phillips,	P.	"	Jesse L. Corley,	P.
1894	David S. Ewry,	P.	"	Clarke L. Gowdy,	P.
"	James D. Darling,	P.	"	Benjamin H. Lewis,	P.
"	William A. Wiant,	P.	"	Bert E. Smith,	P.
"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.	"	Purdy L. Van Wicklen,	.....
"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.	"	George F. Barber,	P.
"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.	"	William L. Boicourt,	P.
1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.	"	George W. Keen,	P.
"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.	1907	Norman O. Sweat,	P.
"	William M. Patton,	P.	"	James M. Bennett,	P.
"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.	"	Walter C. Nash,	P.
"	William C. Mitchell	P.	.....	T. M. Dowlin,	.....
"	John E. Thomas,	P.	.....	Sherman P. Young,	.....
"	James S. Young,	P.	.....	Chas. L. Bovard,	P.
1896	George H. Smith,	P.	.....	Chas. F. Gowdy,	P.
"	Harrison H. Compton,	P.	.....	Harry Compton,	.....
1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P	.....	Watson W. Tranter,	P.

* Deceased. ‡ Withdrawn. ‡ Transferred to Rock River Conference.
¶ Transferred to Troy Conference.
† Transferred to S. California Conference. †† Transferred to Wisconsin Conference.

REV. C. L. BOVARD, D. D.
Conference Host.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
OXFORD, OHIO.

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

OXFORD, OHIO, *September* 4, 1907.

Opening.—At nine o'clock this morning, Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, D. D., LL. D., opened the fifty-sixth session of the Cincinnati Annual Conference. He announced hymn No. 544, "I love to tell the Story," which was heartily sung. He read the twelfth chapter of Romans for the Scripture lesson, and followed with earnest prayer. Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung, following which the Bishop and Presiding Elders received the sacrament. The sacrament was then administered under the direction of S. O. Royal, the Presiding Elder of this district.

Roll-Call.—The Secretary of the last session called the Chronological Roll of the Conference, and one hundred and thirty-seven responded to their names.

Officers Elected.—Upon motion of George H. Dart, Valorous F. Brown was elected Secretary, and granted the privilege of nominating his assistants.

T. W. Salt was elected Statistical Secretary, and accorded the privilege of nominating his assistants.

Calvin W. Horn was for the tenth time elected Conference Treasurer, and granted the privilege of nominating his assistants.

Memorial Service.—The Conference stood while the Secretary called the names of the deceased brethren, after which all united with the Bishop in reciting the Lord's Prayer. A. B. Leonard spoke briefly of the life and labors of R. S. Rust. S. O. Royal read a brief memoir of Creighton Wones. Following the singing of the hymn, "There is a Land of Pure Delight," George W. Dubois read the memoir of J. E. Abrams, and C. L. Conger read the memoir of J. R. Hill. One stanza of the hymn, "Ten

Thousand Times Ten Thousand," was sung. Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District was instructed to prepare a suitable memoir of R. S. Rust for publication in the Conference Minutes. The names of two deceased wives of ministers were announced. M. LeSourd read the memoir of Mrs. C. W. Briggs, and M. B. Fuller that of Mrs. William Herr. " My Heavenly Home Is Bright and Fair " was sung; D. L. Aultman read the Scripture lesson and followed with prayer, after which George S. Easton preached a very impressive memorial sermon from the text, Job. xiv., 15, " Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee." The Conference joined in the hymn, " A Charge to Keep I Have."

Assistants. — Upon the nomination of the Secretary, the following were elected his assistants: Wilbur L. Y. Davis, C. Clifford Peale, A. W. Leonard, and C. L. Conger. T. W. Salt nominated as his assistants: H. E. Armacost, Bert E. Smith, J. M. Bennett, Alfred Taylor, and they were elected. C. W. Horn nominated his assistants: W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, L. A. Washburn, and they were elected.

Conference Bar.—The bar of the Conference, upon motion of D. J. Starr, was fixed at the seat opposite the rear side of the arch.

Program.—The program for the various anniversaries and special services, as prepared by the Committee on Public Worship, was adopted.

Transfers.—The Board of Examiners, through its chairman, F. G. Mitchell, presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop in charge of the Conference to transfer to it no minister until after he has been admitted to full membership in an Annual Conference. This request shall be printed on the same page with the rules of Conference.

D. J. Starr moved the appointment of a Special Committee of five on World Peace. Upon motion of G. W. Dubois, the subject was referred to the Committee on Reforms.

Committees.—Upon motion of A. B. Austin, the Committee to Nominate the Standing Committees for this session was instructed to fill all vacancies and report the same to Conference for action.

Charles L. Bovard moved that the Conference sessions close promptly at twelve o'clock each day, and it was so ordered.

Introductions.—H. C. Jennings, Senior Publishing Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and spoke briefly regarding the publishing interests of the Church.

Drafts.—The Bishop presented drafts in favor of the fund for Conference Claimants as follows: Dividends from the Book Concern, $1,817; from the Chartered Fund, $22; which were ordered signed and passed to the hands of the Board of Stewards.

Dr. George Elliott, Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Dr. W. L. Davidson, Secretary of the American University, was introduced, and told of the present condition and prospects of that institution.

Upon motion, the time of the session was extended.

Frank L. Hart, D. D., Field Superintendent of the Board of Insurance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Nominating Committee presented the following changes in the list of Standing Committees, and the report was adopted: On Auditing Accounts, omit J. E. Abrams, insert J. E. Thomas. Board of Stewards, omit W. L. Y. Davis, insert Philip Trout. Education, omit J. A. Geissinger, insert D. G. Latshaw; omit R. J. Wyckoff, insert S. W. Bell. Nominations, omit J. E. Abrams, insert W. H. Wehrley. Public Worship, omit J. E. Geissinger, insert Chas. L. Bovard. Reforms, omit H. C. Jameson, insert Chas. L. Bovard. Womans' Work, omit J. P. Gilliland, insert H. C. Weakley; omit J. R. Hill, insert J. G. Vaughan. On motion of F. G. Mitchell, Class No. 3 of each Standing Committee was elected for three years.

Upon motion, a Statistical Session was ordered for two o'clock this afternoon. The Bishop appointed A. B. Leonard to preside.

Notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the session was closed with the benediction by Dr. Elliott.

AFTERNOON.

Statistical Session.—The Conference reassembled at two o'clock, with A. B. Leonard in the chair. After devotional services, the roll of the pastors was called and the statistical reports were gathered.

Postmaster.—L. O. Hartman was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Philip Trout was excused from the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, and W. L. Y. Davis was substituted. W. A. Wiant was excused from the Auditing Committee. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, E. J. Moore was substituted for George Gable on Committee of Reform.

The session closed with the benediction by Dr. Leonard.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *September* 5, 1907.

CONFERENCE convened this morning at 8:30. The devotional services were conducted by Dr. T. S. Henderson, Field Secretary of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism.

Journal.—The Journal of Wednesday's sessions was read and approved. The list of absentees of yesterday was called, and thirty brethren responded to their names.

Upon motion of H. D. Ketcham, the memorial sermon of George S. Easton was requested for publication in the Conference Minutes; also the memoirs as presented at the memorial service.

Joint Meeting.—The following paper was presented by S. O. Royal:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to arrange for a joint meeting of this Conference with the Lay Electoral Conference, and that in this united meeting the General Conference proposition and other Constitutional questions be presented for explanation and discussion.

On motion of George W. Dubois, the question was divided, and upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the last half of the resolution was stricken out. The Committee was appointed as follows: J. B. Young, A. B. Leonard, G. P. Benton, J. Pearson, J. T. Ball.

Conference Claimants.—John Pearson presented the following paper, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The matter of procuring a comfortable support for our Conference Claimants is just now being favorably agitated before the church; and,

WHEREAS, The report of the General Conference Commission on Conference Claimants now before the Church provides for "a quadrennial joint session of the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences to adopt such measures as will successfully promote, during the quadrennium, the active co-operation of preachers and people in the liberal support of this cause."

Therefore, Resolved, That we invite the Lay Electoral Conference of this Conference, at our joint session, to consider this very important matter.

Constitutional Questions.—Dr. Leonard moved that the time for voting on the Constitutional Questions be fixed for Saturday morning at ten o'clock, and that the vote be taken in the following order:

1. On Bishops for Races and Languages.
2. On the Iowa Change of Ministerial Representation.
3. On the West Wisconsin Change of Ministerial Representation.
4. On the Illinois Change of Ministerial Representation.

Upon motion of J. B. Young, it was amended to make it eleven o'clock this morning.

D. J. Starr moved that after the reading of the minutes to-morrow morning, the Conference proceed to ballot for delegates to the General Conference, and the motion prevailed.

Permanent Fund.—H. C. Weakley moved that the committee appointed on "Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants," consisting of J. B. Young, A. D. Maddox, George S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, W. H. Wehrley, and John Peason, be appointed a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Lay Electoral Conference in relation to this interest, and the motion prevailed.

The Conference, upon motion of John Pearson, reconsidered its action by which it was determined to vote for delegates to the General Conference to-morrow morning.

The Thirteenth Question—"*Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?*"—was called.

The character of H. C. Jameson, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, was passed, and he read the report of his District. The character of the effective elders in the District was passed, and the collections reported.

The character of S. O. Royal, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, was passed, and he presented his report. Following

which the character of each effective elder passed; those present reported their collections.

After the passing of his character, D. Lee Aultman, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, read his report. The character of the effective elders was passed and collections reported.

The character of A. N. Spahr, Presiding Elder of the Milford District, was passed, and he presented his report.

One verse of the hymn beginning, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung.

Upon motion of J. W. Gaddis, the Conference requested A. N. Spahr to preach a semi-centennial sermon at its next session.

J. G. Vaughan moved that the Presiding Elders be instructed to send a letter of sympathy to H. O. Collins, pastor of Mt. Orab, detained by illness.

The character of each effective elder in the Milford District was then passed, and their collections reported.

George W. Dubois, Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, passed an examination of character, and read his report. The character of the effective elders of his district each passed and reported.

Bishop Walden.—At this juncture Bishop J. M. Walden, an honorary member of the Cincinnati Conference, entered, and was invited to the platform, being received with applause.

The following paper was offered by A. B. Leonard, and adopted by rising vote:

Resolved, That we welcome most heartily to this session of our Conference Bishop John M. Walden, whose name we carry as an honorary member of the Cincinnati Conference. That we request Bishop Walden to plan to attend our annual session for 1908, and to deliver a semi-centennial address, as it will close fifty years in the pastorate, Presiding Eldership, Book Agency, and Episcopacy.

Bishop Walden, upon invitation of the Presiding Bishop, took the chair, and the order of the day was taken up.

Item No. 1, pertaining to the Constitutional Change, respecting the election of Bishops with Limited Episcopal Jurisdiction, was read.

J. B. Young moved to limit the speeches to three minutes.

A. B. Leonard moved to amend to five minutes.

D. Lee Aultman offered as a substitute that the Conference proceed to vote without debate. The substitute did not prevail. The amendment was adopted, and the motion, as amended, was adopted. After a spirited discussion, C. L. Conger moved the previous question, and it was ordered.

The count vote resulted as follows: For, 21; against, 128.

Guy Potter Benton presented an invitation from Dr. Mary Sawyer to the Conference to be the guests of the Western College at five o'clok Friday evening, and the invitation was unanimously accepted.

The time of the session was extended until 12.10, at which time the session closed with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *September* 6th, 1907.

AT 8.30 this morning Dr. T. S. Henderson conducted the devotional services, and at nine o'clock the business of the Conference was resumed.

The Journal of Thursday's session was read and approved.

Charles L. Bovard, a recent transfer to this Conference from the Montana Conference, and our host, was introduced.

Lakeside.—Upon motion of W. A. Robinson, a Committee upon Lakeside was appointed, consisting of F. G. Mitchell, M. B. Fuller, and J. R. Colley.

Methodist Review.—C. T. Crum was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*.

D. J. Starr was excused from attendance after to-day's session.

The Statistical Secretary made the call of delinquent charges.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day was resumed, and Propositions II, III, and IV, respecting the ratio of Ministerial Representation in the General Conference, were considered, and after an earnest discussion, the vote was taken, resulting as follows: On Proposition II, "the Iowa Conference change of Representation," in favor of, 56; against, 95. On Proposition III, "the West Wisconsin Change of Representation," in favor of, 64; against, 83. On Proposition IV, "the Illinois Conference Change of Representation," in favor of, 93; against, 54.

G. W. Dubois incurred a bill of $15.68, by the calling of a Committee of Investigation, and upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the Conference ordered the same to be paid by the Publishing Committee.

Levi Gilbert, D. D., Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference with respect to that publication.

S. Griffis, a veteran member of the Kansas Conference, was introduced, and spoke words of greeting.

J. B. Young, of the Committee to wait upon the Lay Electoral Conference, asked for instructions and the privilege of withdrawing to attend to the duty assigned them.

Edwin A. Smith, D. D., President of the Ohio Northern University, was introduced, and spoke of the work of that institution.

Dr. David G. Downey, Field Secretary of the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday-schools, was presented to the Conference, and represented the work of this Society.

D. J. Starr moved that, in view of the consolidation of Benevolences, the Nominating Committee make their nominations to conform to the same.

J. B. Young moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 1:30 for a joint meeting with the Lay Electoral Conference, said meeting to continue one hour.

The Bishop made brief explanation respecting the present membership of this Conference as touching the number of delegates to be elected to the General Conference.

Transfers Requested.—Upon motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Conference requested the Bishop to transfer Charles F. Gowdy, a Supernumerary member of the Central Ohio Conference, to this body.

Transfers Announced.—The following transfers to this Conference were announced: Walter C. Nash from the Austin Conference; F. M. Dowlin from the St. John's River Conference; W. E. Grose from the North Indiana Conference; H. Compton from the Andes Conference, and Charles F. Gowdy from the Central Ohio Conference. Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, Charles F. Gowdy was made Effective.

Seventh Question—"*Who have been admitted into full membership?*"—was called, and Norman O. Sweat, James M. Bennett,

and Alfred Taylor were called forward, impressively addressed by the Bishop respecting their work as ministers of the gospel, satisfactorily answered the necessary Disciplinary Questions, were reported by their Examiners and represented by their Presiding Elders, and were admitted into full membership.

Norman O. Sweat was elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule. James M. Bennett was elected to Deacon's Orders.

Time Limit.—The following paper was introduced by Frank G. Mitchell, and adopted by a count vote of 127 for, to 23 against:

WHEREAS, The removal of the time limit, while giving relief in comparatively few instances, has caused serious embarrassment to many more Churches and ministers; therefore,

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference to restore a time limit for the pastorate, with some practical provision for clearly exceptional cases;

Resolved, That the delegates elected to the General Conference be instructed to present this memorial, and requested to use their influence to secure legislation in harmony with its spirit.

Election of Delegates.—C. M. Van Pelt moved that we proceed to the election of five delegates to the General Conference, and that motion prevailed.

F. G. Mitchell moved that all visiting ministers of our own and sister Churches be invited to seats on the platform, and the Conference so ordered.

Upon motion of W. J. Baker, it was ordered that in taking the ballot the Conference rise and remain standing until the vote had been cast.

C. L. Conger moved that five, and only five, names be placed upon each ballot.

The Bishop announced the following tellers: C. L. Conger, J. G. Vaughan, C. H. Haines, O. P. Hoffman, W. A. Deaton, M. LeSourd.

F. G. Mitchell moved that where two or more persons have the same surname, the given-name or the initials be used.

The ballot was then cast. Bishop Spellmeyer invited Bishop Walden to take the chair.

J. B. Young, from the Committee appointed to visit the Lay Electoral Conference, reported that it would be agreeable to that

body to hold such meeting at 1.30 this afternoon, and the report was accepted.

The paper on trades unions from J. A. Geissinger was presented by A. B. Leonard, and, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Reforms.

John Pearson presented the report of the Commission on Conference Claimants. A. D. Maddox moved that this report be the sentiment of this Conference, and the motion prevailed by a standing vote of 100 for, 1 against.

Fifth Question—"*Who have been continued on trial?*"—was taken up.

(a) "In Studies of the First Year."—W. F. Clark, George H. Pettingell, Robert O. Matthews, William H. Cundy were continued on Trial and in the Studies of the First Year, the last named left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Clarence S. Grauser and Anthony E. Huntington were reported by the Board of Examiners, represented by their Presiding Elders, and continued on Trial, being advanced to the Studies of the Second Year. Edward S. Jackson, not having been before the Examiners, was continued on Trial in Studies of the Second Year.

Herbert R. Whiting, after representation by his Presiding Elder, was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

(c) "In Studies of the Third Year."—Benjamin H. Lewis was reported by the Examiners and represented by his Presiding Elder, and advanced to Studies of the Fourth Year.

Charles J. Moore, not having been before the Examiners, was continued in Studies of the Third Year.

Bert E. Smith was reported by the Examiners and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year, being left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Clark L. Gowdy was reported by the Examiners, represented by his Presiding Elder, and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Upon motion of D. Lee Aultman, the character of Purdy L. VanWicklen passed, he was advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year on condition that he furnish a sermon next year, and left without appointment to attend school.

(d) "In Studies of the Fourth Year."—William T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, Fred. J. Reinbarth, Jesse L. Corley, and Walter

C. Nash, having completed the course of study, each passed an examination of character, were reported by their Examiners, represented by the Presiding Elders, and elected to Elder's Orders.

The time of the session was extended.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess' Home and Christ Hospital Association, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the work of the hospital.

S. W. Bell was appointed to receive subscriptions for Byron Palmer's work, "*God's White Throne.*"

First Ballot.—At this point, the tellers having returned, the result of the first ballot was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 161. Necessary to a choice, 81. A. B. Leonard having received 120 votes, and H. C. Jameson 110 votes, were declared elected delegates to the General Conference. Others received votes as follows: H. C. Weakley, 74; S. O. Royal, 69; D. Lee Aultman, 57; G. P. Benton, 55; G. W. Dubois, 46; J. A. Story and H. D. Ketcham, 38 each; Herbert Welch, 30; V. F. Brown, 27; C. E. Schenk, 25; A. N. Spahr, 22; W. A. Robinson, 21; John Pearson, 20; F. G. Mitchell, 18; D. W. Clark, 13; J. B. Young, 10; W. P. Thirkield, 8; J. G. Vaughan, 3; and others, one vote each.

Upon motion the session adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled pursuant to adjournment at 1.30, and J. G. Vaughan conducted the devotions.

The Twenty-third Question—"*Who are the Superannuate Preachers?*"—was called. The following brethren were called and continued in the same relation: S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, W. H. Sutherland.

Second Ballot.—On motion of A. B. Leonard, a second ballot was taken for delegates.

Joint Meeting.—The Lay Electoral Conference entered in a body. The Chairman of the Committee introduced Judge T. M. Watts, of Hillsboro, President of the Lay Electoral Conference. The lay delegates-elect were invited to seats on the platform. President Watts introduced Professor C. W. Bennett as the speaker chosen to represent the Lay Conference, and, upon motion of A. B. Leonard, Bishop Spellmeyer responded on behalf of the Conference. Bishop J. M. Walden, upon invitation, also addressed the joint Conference.

J. B. Young, in behalf of the Committee on Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants, presented the following paper:

We recommend the following action as the basis of a new policy which, with God's blessing, will, we trust, usher in a better day for those who have worn out their lives in the ministry: 1. We will raise a permanent fund of $200,000, the interest from which shall be used for the superannuates, then the widows and orphans. Of this amount we reckon that we have already in hand the Mast Bequest of about $13,000. 2. We request that each charge shall increase its offering for the so-called "Fifth Collection" so that it shall give each year for that object at least so much as it pays toward the support of the Presiding Elder. 3. We recommend the careful selection and appointment of a Field Agent, who shall devote all his time to the task of raising the $200,000 permanent fund. We believe that the right man can speedily be found for this purpose, and that he will prove useful also in aiding the pastors in the work of increasing their annual collections. The expenditure for salary and traveling expenses of the right man would be insignificant in comparison with the magnificent work which we believe he would be able to achieve.

Bishop Walden read the action of the General Conference on this question. The following paper was read as the action of the Lay Electoral Conference on this question:

Resolved, That a Committee of six laymen, one from each district, and one at large, be appointed by the President, which shall, with a similar Committee appointed by the Cincinnati Annual Conference, be a Committee on Co-operation, to take such measures as will successfully promote, during the quadrennium, the active co-operation of preachers and people in the support of the Conference Claimants;

Resolved, That we request the Annual Conference to appoint a Committee of five, one from each district, to co-operate with the Committee herein authorized;

Resolved, That the Committee so chosen constitute one body, and be authorized to formulate and adopt all plans, and do those things requisite to accomplish the work; and, with this view, the Quarterly Conference on each charge be requested to appoint a Committee of three, of whom the Pastor shall be one, for the purpose of promoting, under the direction of

the General Committee, the active co-operation of the individual members of each Church.

Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the above papers were adopted by the joint Conference.

The time of the session was extended.

Upon motion of D. J. Starr, the minutes of the Lay Electoral Conference were requested for publication in the Annual Conference Minutes.

Upon motion of H. C. Weakley, the Chairman and Secretary of the Joint Committee were instructed to give the results of this action just taken to the Associated Press and other news agencies at once.

Result of Second Ballot.—The tellers reported the result of the second ballot for delegates to the General Conference as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 156. Necessary to a choice, 79. Stanley O. Royal, having received 82 votes, was declared elected.

Others received votes as follows: H. C. Weakley, 75; D. Lee Aultman, 60; J. A. Story, 37; G. W. Dubois, 30; G. P. Benton, 41; V. F. Brown, 25; H. D. Ketcham, 24; C. E. Schenk, 17; H. Welch, 15; F. G. Mitchell, 13; John Pearson and W. A. Robinson, 10 each; J. B. Young, 7; A. N. Spahr, 4; the remainder scattering.

Upon motion, the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September* 7, 1907.

Dr. T. S. Henderson conducted the devotional services this morning, and at nine o'clock the Bishop called for the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session, which was read and approved.

Charles G. Morrow, of the United Presbyterian Church, and W. J. McShurley, a resident Presbyterian minister of this city, were introduced.

Officers Nominated.—D. Lee Aultman presented the names of John A. Story and A. T. Cowgill as nominees for Conference Trustees, term to expire in 1910, and they were confirmed; also the following as Trustees for the Methodist Home for the

Aged—H. C. Weakley, C. E. Schenk, Mrs. O. J. Wilson, C. W. Bennett, and Robert Johnson, and they were confirmed.

Joint Committee Report.—J. B. Young, on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Better Support of our Superannuates, presented the following report: "The Committee, appointed by the joint action of the Cincinnati Conference and the Lay Electoral Conference, at the session held Friday, September 6th, met on that day and organized. The following were present: Ministers—John Pearson, W. H. Bailey, A. D. Maddox, George S. Easton, W. H. Wehrley, and J. B. Young; laymen—James N. Gamble, George B. Johnson, C. L. Greeno, P. N. Sigler, J. W. Story, and Horatio S. Bradley. The following officers were chosen: Chairman, James N. Gamble; Secretary, Jesse Bowman Young; Treasurer, George B. Johnson. The task of apportioning the amount to be raised for the Annual Conference Collection next year in each district was assigned to the ministerial and lay representatives on the committee from each district and the Presiding Elder of that district. The Committee on Public Worship is requested to assign an evening for an anniversary of this interest at the next Conference. The officers of the Committee were constituted the Executive Committee. Provision was made for the preparation of leaflet literature bearing on the needs of our Conference Claimants. Other matters were left to be considered at a meeting to be called in October by the officers of that Commitee."

Third Ballot.—On motion the third ballot for the remaining delegates was ordered and taken, and the tellers retired.

Collection.—On motion of A. B. Leonard, a collection was taken for the janitor of the church, which amounted to $22.14.

Transfer.—Frank G. Mitchell, on behalf of the Committee on Conference Relations, moved that the Conference request the transfer of William C. Lewis, a probationer from the Genesee Conference, and the motion prevailed; whereupon the Bishop announced the transfer of William C. Lewis, a probationer from the Genessee Conference, to the Cincinnati Conference, continuing him in the Studies of the First Year.

Conference Stewards.—The preliminary report of the Conference Stewards was read by George S. Easton.

Change of Relation.—Upon motion of S. O. Royal, the relation of J. P. Gilliland was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuate, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards for an allowance.

The Secretary announced the result of the third ballot. No one having received a majority of all votes cast, a fourth ballot was taken, and the tellers retired.

Treasurer's Report.—C. W. Horn, Conference Treasurer, made his report.

Upon motion of George S. Easton, the fractional amount remaining in the Treasurer's hands was ordered to be given to the Board of Stewards.

Question Twenty-sixth—"*What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*"—was called, and the Treasurer reported $60,421.

Question Five was called—"*Who have been Continued on Trial?*"

(d) "In Studies of Fourth Year."—C. Harold Clerke passed an examination of character and reported his collections, and was Continued on Trial in Studies of Fourth Year.

(a) "In Studies of First Year."—The character of George A. Pettingell passed, but not having been before the Examiners, was Continued on Trial in Studies of the First Year.

Question Seven—"*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*"—was called. Alfred Taylor, having been admitted yesterday, was passed to the Studies of the Third Year.

Question Five.—"*Who have been Continued on Trial?*" William C. Lewis was reported by his Examiners and continued in Studies of the Second Year.

Question Eleven.—"*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*"

(a) As Local Preachers, none.

(b) Under Missionary Rule, none.

Oxford College.—An invitation was received to visit Oxford College, and J. B. Young moved that we accept the invitation severally as far as we may be able, and the motion prevailed.

Fourth Ballot.—The tellers returned and the result of the fourth ballot was announced,—D. Lee Aultman having been elected as the fourth delegate by a vote of 92 out of a possible 159. Others received votes as follows: H. C. Weakley, 72; J. A. Story, 69; V. F. Brown, 32; G. P. Benton, 18; G. W. Dubois, 10; H. D. Ketcham and D. W. Clark, each 7. Scattering, 11.

A fifth ballot was ordered and taken, and the tellers retired.

Question Thirty.—"*Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?*" John E. Beery, on behalf of the Church in Greenfield, O., extended an invitation to the Conference to hold its next annual session in that city, which was accepted by a unanimous rising vote.

The tellers returned and announced the result of the fifth ballot. No election having taken place, the sixth ballot was ordered and taken, and the tellers retired.

Lakeside.—Frank G. Mitchell read the report of the Special Committee on Lakeside and it was adopted, and the nominations for Trustees concurred in. (See Report.)

Missions.—A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, addressed the Conference.

Sixth Ballot.—The tellers returned and reported the result of the sixth ballot as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 159. Necessary to a choice, 80. John A. Story having received 98 was declared elected as the fifth delegate.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Conference proceeded to take a ballot for three reserve delegates.

Conference Deaconess Board.—The report of the Conference Deaconess Board was read by J. A. Story, and the nominations and recommendations of the Committee were concurred in. (See Report.)

W. P. Thirkield, President of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was introduced to the Conference, and spoke briefly of the work of that institution.

Dr. Theodore S. Henderson was presented to the Conference, and spoke on co-opererative evangelistic work in Ohio. Upon

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motion of H. C. Weakley, a Committee was appointed to confer with Dr. Henderson on this matter, and report to the Conference at this session. The Committee, as nominated by the Presiding Elders, was as follows: J. A. Story, O. M. Sellers, E. P. Edmonds, George S. Easton, and Edmund Burdsal.

W. E. Grose was excused from further sessions of the Conference.

Reserve Delegates.—The tellers returned and announced the result of the ballot for General Conference Reserve Delegates as follows: whole number of votes cast, 151; necessary to a choice, 76; of which H. C. Weakley received 93; V. F. Brown, 89; and Guy Potter Benton, 76; and they were declared elected the reserve delegates. Others received votes as follows: G. W. Dubois, 49; H. D. Ketcham, 28; C. E. Schenk, 19; Herbert Welch, 18; F. G. Mitchell, 15; John Pearson and W. A. Robinson, each 12. Scattering, 45.

Upon motion, the session adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY

MONDAY, *September 9th, 1907.*

At 8.30 this morning Conference reassembled, Dr. Henderson conducting the devotional exercises.

Bishop Walden, by request of the Presiding Bishop, occupied the chair.

The Journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

A. B. Leonard spoke words of commendation respecting Dr. Henderson's new Book, "*Autumn Leaves.*"

J. A. Story presented the following regarding the Ohio Evangelistic Campaign, and it was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Rev. Theodore S. Henderson, the General Field Superintendent of the General Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism has presented to the Cincinnati Conference a plan for a co-operative evangelistic campaign within the bounds of the Conference, to occupy, in preparation and prosecution, the major part of the Conference year 1908–1909; and,

WHEREAS, The laymen of the Cincinnati Conference, assembled in the Lay Electoral Conference, have endorsed this proposition; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference pledges its sympathy and support to the movement, providing the plans can be successfully matured; and be it further

Resolved, That a Cincinnati Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, consisting of the Presiding Elders, two ministers and two laymen from each District, be appointed to co-operate with the General Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism in the framing of a policy and the development of plans for such an evangelistic movement, the report of such policy and plans to be submitted for final adoption to the Conference at its annual session of 1908.

The Twenty-third Question was resumed, and the names of J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, S. Weeks, J. H. Davis, C. J. Wells, C. H. Kalbfus, J. McKendree Shultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, W. W. Ramsey, J. S. Ruggles, C. L. Travis, C. T. Crum were called, and they were continued in the same relation. R. E. Smith was made Effective at the request of his Elder.

Upon motion, J. E. H. Sentman was granted a Superanuate Relation, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards. The Conference Stewards were excused for a brief session.

A communication from the New Hampshire Conference, respecting the supervision and visitation of the Bishops to the Annual Conferences, requesting the concurrence of the Cincinnati Conference in the same, was read, and, upon motion of J. B. Young, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Home For the Aged.—H. C. Weakley read the report of the Methodist Home for the Aged. (See report.)

Conference Trustees.—The report of the Board of Conference Trustees was presented by Frank G. Mitchell. It was received and approved.

Education.—The Committee on Education presented its report through its Secretary, G. P. Austin. The item referring to Hillsboro College was read and adopted. That part pertaining to Ohio Wesleyan University was read and adopted. The nominations of visitors to the various educational institutions were confirmed as recomended. Herbert Welch, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, addressed the Conference respecting the work of that institution, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

Standing Committees.—H. G. Curless, from the Committee on Nominating Standing Committees, presented the list of nominations for 1908, and the report was placed on file.

Officers of Church Boards.—Frank G. Mitchell presented the nominations for officers of the various Church boards and societies, and they were confirmed.

Publishing Interests.—The report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented by C. P. Pumphrey, and, after amendment, was adopted.

Bishop Spellmeyer resumed the chair. Bishop Walden spoke words of appreciation of the Conference attitude toward himself.

Correspondence.—Upon motion of H. C. Weakley, a Committee was appointed to correspond with every member of the Conference who has been detained by sickness or by circumstances over which he had no control. The Committee consisted of Bishop Walden, George H. Dart, H. C. Weakley, and John Pearson.

Upon motion of H. W. Bailey, it was ordered that when we adjourn, it be to meet at one-thirty this afternoon.

J. B. Young read the report of the Committee on Reforms, which, upon motion, was referred back to the Committee.

Time was extended.

E. T. Well's relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuate at his own request.

Question Twenty-four—"*Who are Triers of Appeals?*" The Bishop's nominations were taken up. Those confirmed were George S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, G. P. Austin, E. P. Edmonds, C. W. Horn.

Other Cabinet Nominations were confirmed.

Upon motion, the relations of George H. Dart, S. A. Keen, E. S. Gaddis, and Wilbur G. Warner were changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

The following in Effective Relation were changed to Supernumerary: George Cable, L. M. Davis, F. M. Dowlin.

C. J. Moore, Wm. H. Cundy, Bert E. Smith, Purdy L. Van Wicklen, and W. F. Clark were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The characters of the following were passed, being in detached service; D. J. Starr, W. A. Robinson, E. J. Moore, J. L. Glassock, W. K Brown, H. C. Weakley, J. E. Gilbert, Guy P. Benton, W. P. Thirkfield, J. G. Vaughan. U. G. Humphrey's appointment as State Superintendent of the Wisconsin Anti-Saloon League was requested.

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies *That on September 8, 1907, in Oxford, Ohio, I ordained James M. Bennett,* DEACON;

And on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Norman O. Sweat, William F. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, Fred. J. Reinbarth, Jesse L. Corley, and Walter C. Nash, ELDERS, *according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Henry Spellmeyer.

Bishop.

Oxford, Ohio, September 9, 1907.

Adjournment and benediction followed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE was called to order at 1:30, with A. B. Leonard in the chair, by the appointment of Bishop Spellmeyer.

The devotional exercises were conducted by E. Burdsal.

The final report of the Conference Stewards was presented and adopted, with all recommendations.

Reforms.—J. B. Young resubmitted the report of the Committee on Reforms. H. D. Ketcham and C. L. Conger were nominated as delegates to the National Anti-Saloon Convention,

and given permission to appoint their own substitutes, in case they could not attend themselves. Provision was made for the payment of the expenses of one delegate, and in case both go, half of the expenses of each. After further amendment the report was adopted as a whole.

The Statistical Secretary read his report by totals only, and it was ordered printed.

Auditing.—T. D. Moore read the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read by John L. Duckwall, and it was adopted.

Question Twenty-seven was called, "*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*" and answered, $13,425.

Question Twenty-eight was called, "*What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*" and answered, $10,353.

On motion of W. A. Robinson a collection was ordered for the purchase of a sewing machine for the Cincinnati Training School for Deaconesses, amounting to $14.77.

The Committee on General Conference Benevolences reported through its Secretary, W. A. Deaton, and after amendment was adopted.

J. B. Young read the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, which was amended and adopted.

General Conference Memorial.—The following paper was presented by Herbert Welch, concerning the appointment by General Conference of a "Commission on a Statement of Methodist Faith:"

WHEREAS, In May, 1906, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, appointed a Commission to seek the appointment of similar Commissions by other Methodist bodies in the United States and elsewhere, and to act with such other Commissions, if appointed, in the preparation of a joint statement of a Methodist belief; and,

WHEREAS, The Twenty-five Articles of Religion, the Apostles' Creed, and the Catechism fail to give a clear and concise statement of the cardinal points of Christian doctrine, experience, and practice in the proportion and with the distinctive emphasis given in Methodist teaching and preaching; and,

WHEREAS, Such statement, if jointly prepared, is not proposed as a test of membership for either the members or the ministers of the Church, but simply as declaratory, for the information of the world and the instruction of members; therefore,

Resolved, That without proposing to revoke or alter our existing standards of doctrine, or to establish any new standards, we respectfully petition the General Conference of 1908, as a mark of fraternal courtesy to the Southern Church, and as a contribution to Methodist and Christian unity, and to clearness of thought and fervor of life, to authorize the appointment of such a Commission, with instructions to report back to the General Conference of 1912 for its action any statement formulated by the Joint Commission.

A. B. LEONARD,	H. C. JAMESON,	H. C. WEAKLEY,
W. P. THIRKIELD,	GUY POTTER BENTON,	JOHN A. STORY,
JESSE BOWMAN YOUNG,	C. E. SCHENK,	R. H. RUST,
JOHN PEARSON,	HEBER D. KETCHAM,	HERBERT WELCH.

Question Four—"*Who have been Received on Trial?*"—was called. T. J. Lewis, recommended by the Amelia Quarterly Conference on the Milford District, and Roy B. Coleman, recommended by the Bowersville Quarterly Conference, Hillsboro District, were introduced to the Conference, represented by the Board of Examiners and the Presiding Elders, and admitted to the Conference on Trial.

Upon motion, E. S. Jackson and William L. Boicourt were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

H. G. Scudday and M. M. Kugler were granted a Supernumerary Relation.

Watson Tranter, formerly a member of the Rock River Conference, and located at his own request, was readmitted upon his certificate of location.

Question Twenty-two—"*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"—was called, and the following brethren continued in the same relation: I. R. Marshall, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, J. S. Young, and C. W. Elliott.

Withdrawal.—At his own request, J. A. Winkler was granted the privilege of withdrawing from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The following resolution was offered by George H. Dart, and adopted:

As Rev. John A. Winkler has asked to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the purpose of

uniting with another Evangelical branch, and said request has this day been granted, we therefore commend him to its fellowship and ministry, and direct that the Secretary of this Conference furnish to Brother Winkler a statement, assuring him of our confidence and esteem.

D. Lee Aultman, Secretary of the Cabinet, presented the following nominations for the Commission on Evangelism, and they were confirmed: Cincinnati District—H. C. Jameson, W. D. Cole, W. L. Y. Davis, James N. Gamble, C. A. Ault. Dayton District—S. O. Royal, D. G. Latshaw, A. B. Austin, E. C. Harley, H. C. Minnich. Hillsboro District—D. Lee Aultman, W. A. Deaton, J. R. Colley, Foss Zartman, Joseph W. Story. Milford District—A. N. Spahr, H. W. Bailey, M. LeSourd, C. L. Greeno, Frank M. Smith. Springfield District—George W. Dubois, Herbert Welch, S. W. Bell, D. Q. Fox, E. E. Cheney.

At his own request, the relation of Jonathan Verity was changed from Effective to Superannuate.

A supplemental collection amounting to $38 was taken for the Commission on Evangelism.

Conference Cane.—S. O. Royal, on behalf of the Conference, presented to W. H. Sutherland, the oldest member of our Conference, the Conference cane.

The following paper was presented by Davis W. Clark, but upon motion was not adopted:

The Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church petitions the General Conference at its session in May, 1908, to so amend the Constitution of the Church as to make all General Conference officers, including members of the Local Book Committees in New York and Cincinnati, and members of the University Senate, Members of the General Conference, *Ex Officio*, without vote, but with privilege of the floor, including initiative.

The Conference is moved to make this petition by the following considerations:

First: By this expedient the Church will never be deprived, in its legislative body, of the presence and voice of those who by official position may be supposed to be most conversant with our denominational interests—Benevolent, Publishing, and Educational. While it does not inhibit the elections of General Conference officers as delegates by their several Annual Conferences, it does not leave our connectional interests as represented in them subject to the uncertainty of a ballot.

Second: Should the proposed increase in the ratio of representation

maintain, it is evident that the danger of the exclusion of General Conference officers will be increased thereby, to the disadvantage of the Church in general and of the Conference in particular. The amendment herein petitioned would eliminate such danger.

Third: In instances when several General Conference officers or representatives of educational institutions and philanthropic works happen to be members of the same annual Conference (instances of which can be cited), it is evident that serious embarrassment in candidacy would by this means be avoided.

Fourth: This petition is in harmony with an action of the Lay Electoral Conference of Cincinnati Annual Conference, which action will be duly presented to your body.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of John Loyd to the Wisconsin Conference, and the transfer of Sherman P. Young from the Wisconsin to the Cincinnati Conference.

Resolutions.—The Committee on Resolutions presented their report through A. D. Maddox, which was adopted by unanimous rising vote. (See Resolutions.)

Guy Potter Benton spoke appreciatively of the visit of the Conference, and of its influence upon the Church and community.

The following paper was offered by W. A. Robinson:

WHEREAS, Our beloved Brother, Jonathan Verity, has announced his desire to be granted a Superannuate Relation;

Resolved, That in granting his request we do so with the most hearty appreciation of his efficient, beautiful, consecrated life among us. His uniform courtesy and brotherly kindness have greatly endeared him to us, and we shall follow him with our hearty good wishes and prayers.

W. A. ROBINSON,	A. N. SPAHR,	D. LEE AULTMAN,
JOHN PEARSON.	A. B. LEONARD,	GEORGE W. DUBOIS,
H. C. JAMESON,	S. O. ROYAL,	V. F. BROWN,
J. T. BAIL,	WILBUR L. Y. DAVIS.	

Closing.—The motion prevailed, that after the reading of the Journal and devotional exercises, and the announcement of the Appointments by the Bishop, the Conference should stand adjourned *sine die*.

One stanza of the hymn, beginning, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," was sung; the Bishop led in a brief prayer, the appointments were announced, and the session closed with the benediction by Bishop Spellmeyer.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Oxford, Ohio, September 9, 1907.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 4 to September 9, 1907, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

Henry Spellmeyer.

Presiding Bishop.

V. F. Broun

Secretary.

MEMORANDUM.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Charles L. Bovard, from the Montana Conference; H. Compton, from the Andes Conference; Walter C. Nash, from the Austin Conference; F. M. Dowlin, from the St. John's River Conference; W. E. Grose, from the North Indiana Conference; Charles F. Gowdy, from the Central Ohio Conference; William C. Lewis, a Probationer, from the Genesee Conference; Sherman P. Young, from the Wisconsin Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

Watson W. Tranter. [Located; Rock River Conference 1898.]

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Thomas J. Lewis, Roy B. Coleman.

(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—William F. Clark, George H. Pettingell, Robert O. Matthews, William H. Cundy.

(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—Clarence S. Grauser, Anthony E. Huntington, Edgar S. Jackson, William C. Lewis.

(*c*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

(*d*) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—Herbert R. Whiting, C. Harold Clerke.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—James M. Bennett.

(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—Alfred Taylor.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—Alfred Taylor, James M. Bennett.

(*b*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—Charles J. Moore.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Bert E. Smith, Clarke L. Gowdy, Purdy L. Van Wicklen, Benjamin H. Lewis.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—William T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, Fred J. Reinbarth, Jesse L. Corley, Norman O. Sweat, Walter C. Nash.
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*
(*a*) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—None.
(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.
(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*
(*a*) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.
(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.
(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—Norman O. Sweat.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*
It was strictly done in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*
John Loyd, to the Wisconsin Conference; R. J. Wyckoff, to the Rock River Conference; T. P. Walter, to the North Indiana Conference; Dudley Mathews, to the Troy Conference; J. J. Giblin, to the ——— Conference; J. L. Shively, to the Central Illinois Conference; A. K. Stabler, to the Southern California Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*
R. S. Rust, C. Wones, J. E. Abrams, J. R. Hill.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*
None.

17. *Who have been Located?*
None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*
J. A. Winkler.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*
None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*
None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*
None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
I. R. Marshall, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, J. S. Young, C. W. Elliott, H. G. Scuddy, Geo. Gable, L. M. Davis, F. M, Dowlin, M. M. Kugler.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, W. H. Sutherland, J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, Sylvester Weeks, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, W. W. Ramsay, C. H. Kalbfus, J. S. Ruggles, G. L. Travis, C. T. Crum, J. E. H. Sentman, Jonathan Verity, J. P. Gilliland, E. T. Wells.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

George S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, G. P. Austin, E. P. Edmunds, C. W. Horn.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 53,123, Probationers, 2,013. (See Tables of Statistics.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

$70,421. (See Treasurer's Report, page 510.)

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

$13,425.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

$10,353.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See List of Appointments. (page 477-480.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Greenfield, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

H. C. JAMESON, Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O. 2525 Gilbert Ave., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.

Addyston, ... To be Supplied.
Avondale, ... C. E. Schenk, 3.
Assistant, ... R. H. Rust, 1.
Bond Hill, ... H. R. Whiting, 2.
Camp Washington, . J. D. Darling, 4.
Carthage, ... J. J. Hawk, 1.

CENTRAL CITY CHARGE:

Christie, ... L. O. Hartman, 3.
Asbury, ... E. S. Gaddis, 1.
York Street, . . . C. L. Myers, 1.
Finley, ... J. L. Duckwall, 3.
East Pearl Street, . S. G. Pollard, 4.
Cleves and Harrison, S. A. Stephan, 1.
Clifton, ... J. W. Peters, 3.
Columbia, ... C. W. Horn, 1.
Delhi, ... W. A. Wiant, 2.
Delta Avenue, ... J. P. Ninde, 6.
Elmwood Place and Reading, T. D. Moore, 4.
Fairmount, ... J. R. Troxell, 1.
Hartwell, ... G. F. Barber, 1.
Linwood, ... W. C. Mitchell, 1.
McKendree, ... J. A. White, 4.
Madison Avenue, To be Supplied.
Madisonville, . . . John Peirson, 2.
Mt. Auburn, ... H. O. Duwall, 3.
Mt. Lookout, . . . O. P. Hoffman, 3.
Northside, First Church, O. L. Seward, 2.

NORWOOD:

First Church, . . . J. L. Corley, 2.
Grace, ... C. C. Peale, 3.
Pleasant Ridge, . . . J. E. McGee, 3.
Price Hill, ... C. W. Sullivan, 2.
Riverside, ... W. C. Lewis, 1.
State Avenue, . . . C. H. Clerke, 1.
St. Paul, ... W. D. Cole, 3.
Trinity, ... H. D. Ketcham, 2.
Assistant, ... D. W. Clark, 2.
Walnut Hills, ... J. B. Young, 8.
Wayne Avenue, . . W. L. Y. Davis, 8.
Wesley, ... G. Roughton, 11.

WESTWOOD CHARGE:

Westwood, ... J. A. Story, 3.
Groesbeck, Asbury, and Ebenezer, . . . W. F. Martin, 1.
Miami, Mt. Hope, and Dent, ... W. C. Nash, 1.
Winton Place, . . . J. E. Thomas, 3.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, member of Avondale, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, Secretary of American Society of Religious Education, member of Asbury, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, member Trinity, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

Wm. A. Robinson, Financial Secretary of Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital Association, member Trinity, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

E. J. Moore, Assistant Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, member Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

W. K. Brown, Dean of Twin Valley College, member St. Paul, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

F. C. English, President Moores Hills College, member Columbia, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist, member Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

S. A, Keen, Director of Religious Work Y. M. C. A., Columbus, O., member Westwood Quarterly Conference.

Wm. E. Grose, Field Agent Western Methodist Book Concern, member Madisonville Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

S. O. ROYAL, . . Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O., 145 Oxford Ave., Dayton, O.

Bellbrook and Donnelsville, (Xenia) C. F. Gowdy, 1.
Bethany, ... G. M. Fulton, 1.
Camden, ... C. L. Gowdy, 1.
Centerville and Lytle, A. D. Maddox, 4.
DAYTON:
Broadway, ... S. P. Young, 1.
Grace, ... M. B. Fuller, 2.
Homestead Avenue, [J. F. Probst]
Raper, ... V. F. Brown, 4.
Riverdale, ... E. W. Serl, 4.
St. Paul, ... D. G. Latshaw, 3.
Trinity, . . . C. P. Pumphrey, 1.
Woodward Avenue and Ebenezer, . . Jas. M. Bennett, 1.
Eaton and West Alexandria, E. M. Ellsworth, 2.
Fairfield, ... [Louis Radly]
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley, T. G. Williams, 2.
Fort Jefferson, . . . [G. W. Berry]
Franklin, ... A. J. Kestle, 1.
Germantown, . . . To be Supplied.
Gordon, ... T. Cundy, 2.
HAMILTON:
First Church, . . . A. B. Austin, 3.
Lindenwald, . . . N. O. Sweat, 1.
Lewisburg and Brookville, Geo. W. Keen, 3.
Miamisburg, . . . F. G. Mitchell, 1.
Middletown, . . W. E. Hammaker, 4.
Monroe, ... J. A. Jenkinson, 5.
New Paris, ... C. S. Grauser, 2.
Osborn, ... A. Hamilton, 2.
Oxford, ... C. L. Bovard, 2.
Port Union and Glendale, (R. R. No. 8, Hamilton, O.) G. P. Austin, 3.
Seven Mile, ... O. D. Becker, 1.
Springboro and Red Lion, J. L. Dalby, 1.
Venice [Ross], ... H. Hershey, 2.
Walker and Union, (Oxford R.F.D.) [A. A. McGinnis.]
West Carrollton, . W. T. Gilliland, 2.
West Chester, . . F. J. Reinbarth, 1.
West Elkton, . . . A. G. Newton, 1.
West Milton, . . R. O. Matthews, 1.

W. P. Thirkield, President Howard Unversiity, member Franklin Quarterly Conference.

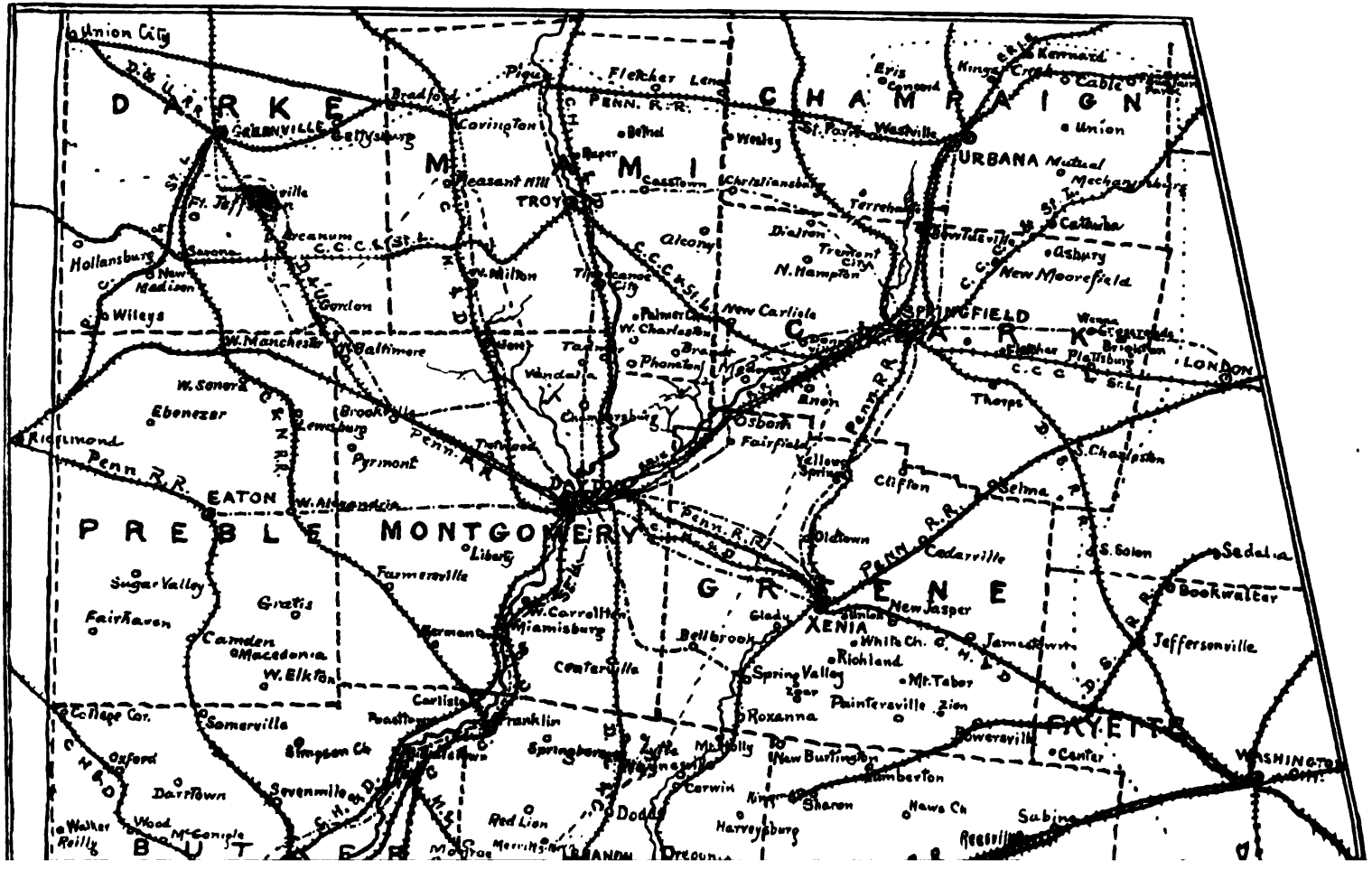
Guy P. Benton, President Miami University, member Oxford Quarterly Conference.

U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent Anti-Saloon League for Wisconsin, member Middletown Quarterly Conference.

J. G. Vaughan, Field Secretary China Centennial Commission, member St. Paul, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.

E. E. Powell, Professor in Miami University, member Oxford Quarterly Conference.

Geo. H. Dart, Business Agent Preachers' Relief Society, member Hamilton Quarterly Conference.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W. Milton
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2 Dayton.
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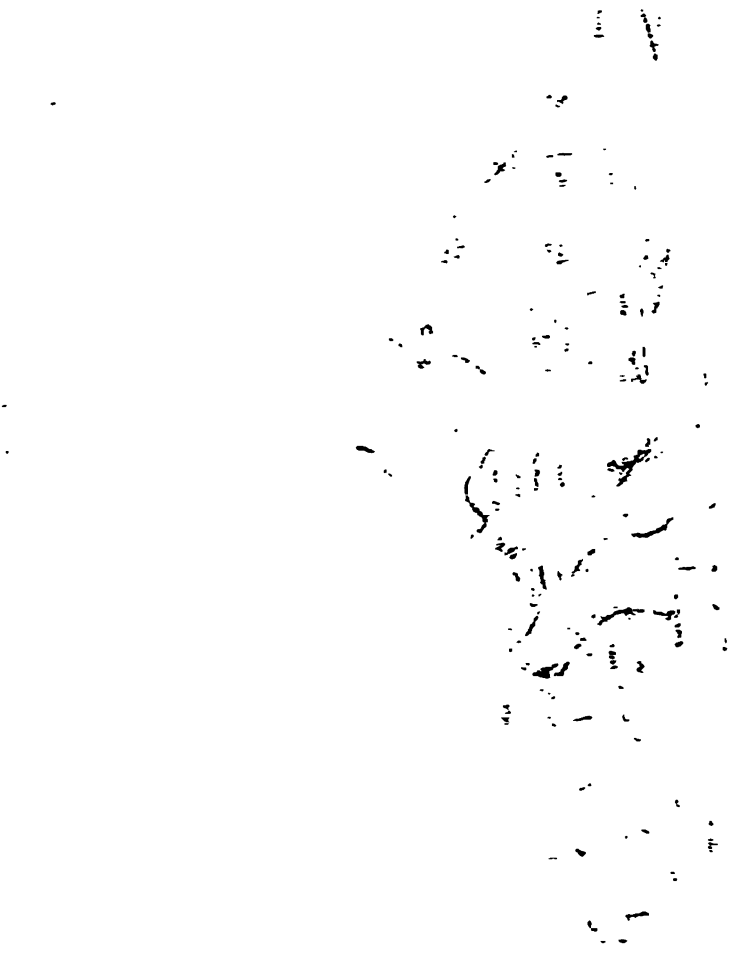

W. G. Warner, Financial Secretary St Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, O., member Raper, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.

William H. Cundy, Bert E. Smith, Perdy L. VanWicklen, William F. Clark, Charles J. Moore, William L. Boicourt, and Edgar S. Jackson, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

J. A. Geissinger, pastor First Church, El Paso, Texas, member Oxford Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O. Station I, Cincinnati, O.

Belfast, (Bell—P. O.), To be Supplied.
Blanchester, ... A. T. Cowgill, 2.
Bowersville, . . Roy B. Coleman, 1.
Clarksville, ... R. S. McColm, 1.
Greenfield, ... J. E. Beery, 2.
Highland, . . . L. A. Washburn, 1.
Hillsboro, ... W. A. Deaton, 5.
Jamestown, . . . W. M. Coffman, 1.
Leesburg, ... E. T. Lane, 2.
Loveland, ... J. A. Easton, 1.
Lynchburg, ... G. R. Frenger, 1.
Maineville, ... W. B. Brown, 1.
Martinsville, ... W. S. Gray, 2.
Morrow, ... Geo. S. Easton, 2.
New Burlington, . H. H. Compton, 1.
New Jasper, ... F. Leever, 2.
New Vienna, ... J. H. Lease, 3.
Pleasant Plain, . [Joseph Shepard]
Rainsboro . . . . . J. F. McColm, 2.
Sabina, ... J. S. Pumphrey, 1.
Sinking Spring, . To be Supplied.
South Lebanon, . . [T. S. King]
Sugar Tree Ridge, To be Supplied,
Union (P. O. Spring Valley), W. M. Patton, 5.
Waynesville, ... Philip Trout, 4.
Wilmington, ... C. L. Conger, 1.
XENIA:
First Church, E. H. Cherington, 4.
Trinity, ... J. R. Colley, 2.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, . . Presiding Elder, 6.
P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, . . . To be Supplied.
Amelia, ... W. J. Baker, 2.
Batavia, ... E. Burdsall, 3.
Bethel, ... D. S. Ewry, 3.
Branch Hill, . . . To be Supplied.
Chilo, ... [W. S. Belfry]
Decatur, ... Benj. H. Lewis, 2.
Dunkinsville, . . To be Supplied.
Feesburg, . . . A. E. Huntington, 1.
Felicity, ... W. E. Spurrier, 2.
Georgetown, ... T. W. Salt, 3.
Goshen, ... S. B. Timmons, 1.
Laurel, ... Alfred Taylor, 2.
Lebanon, ... W. A. Cooper, 4.
Manchester, . . . To be Supplied.
Marathon, ... W. W. Tranter, 1.
Mason, ... W. E. Putt, 5.
Milford, ... M. LeSourd, 8.
Moscow, ... J. Phillips, 3.
Mount Orab, . . . [H. O. Collins]
Mt. Washington, . F. M. Kirgan, 1.
Mulberry, ... T. J. Lewis, 1.
New Richmond, . C. L. Chapman, 2.
Newtown, ... W. E. Verity, 2.
Owensville, . . . [W. E. Shriver]
Peebles, ... To be Supplied.
Ripley, ... H. W. Bailey, 5.
Summerside, D. W. C. Washburn, 1.
West Union, ... R. E. Smith, 1.
Williamsburg, . . . W. J. Dunham, 2.
Williamsburg Circuit, To be Supplied.
Winchester and Seamans, J. M. Bailey, 4.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, ... S. W. Campbell, 5.
Brandt, ... [W. E. Ward]
Catawba, ... J. F. Laird, 1.
Cedarville, . . . H. C. Middleton, 6.
Christiansburg, . . [Frank Neer]
Concord and Westville, C. W. Briggs, 1.

Covington, ... W. H. Spybey, 1.
Dialton, ... [S. M. Griffith]
Greenville, ... A. L. Brokaw, 2.
King's Creek, . [A. G. Shatzman]
Mechanicsburg, . . . J. W. Gaddis, 2.
Mutual, ... W. D. English, 2.
New Carlisle, ... J. W. Patton, 1.
New Moorefield, . . . J. C. Eckles, 3.

PIQUA:
Grace Church, . H. E. Armacost, 3.
Greene St., ... S. W. Bell, 2.
South Charleston, . G. W. Vorhis, 2.

SPRINGFIELD:
Central, ... A. W. Leonard, 3.
Clifton Ave., . . H. G. Curless, 5.
Grace, ... [A. F. White]
High Street, . . E. P. Edmonds, 3.
St. Paul, ... O. L. Utter, 1.
Tippecanoe City, . . O. M. Sellers, 1.
Tremont City, . . To be Supplied.
Troy, ... W. H. Wehrly, 4.
Troy Circuit, . . [D. S. Ferguson]

URBANA:
First Church, . Geo. H. Smith, 1.
Grace, ... C. M. Van Pelt, 2.
Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 6.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, member Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Rishell, Professor Boston School of Theology, member Central Church, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

Herbert Welch, President Ohio Wesleyan University, member High Street, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

J. F. Chenoweth, Chaplain U. S. Army, member St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

C. H. Haines, Professor in Gammon School of Theology, member Mechanicsburg Quarterly Conference.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service; those before, the number of years in present relation.

5. I. R. Marshall, 10, . . . Dayton, O.
4. John Wilson, 34, ... New Vienna, O.
4. F. M. Clemans, 38, . . . Dayton, O.
2. Jas. S. Young, 17, . . . Richmond, Va.
2. C. W. Elliott, 18, . . Cleveland, O.
1. H. G. Scuddy, 18, ... Tyler, Texas.
1. Geo. Gable, 8, ... Lanark, Ills.
1. L. M. Davis, 36, ... Loveland, O.
1. F. M. Dowlin . . . . .
1. M. M. Kugler, 32, . . . Westwood, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

S. N. Marsh, 13, ... San Diego, Cal.
J. F. Hull, 17, ... Rowland, Ala.
T. E. Fidler, 30, ... Zanesville Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black, 37, ... New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck, 32, ... St. Paul's (Toledo) Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink, 40, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar, 34, ... Troy Quarterly Conference.
John Vance, 36, ... First Church (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey, 19, ... Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
T. J. Harris, 29, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Sugar Tree Ridge Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James, 38, ... Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Sutherland, 55, . Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman, 14, ... Delaware, O.
L. F. Young, 23, ... Grace (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail, 49, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
W. P. Jackson, 33, ... Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
W. M. West, 27, ... Newtown Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter, 29, ... Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
L. O. Deputy, 18, ... Madisonville, Cincinnati.
Sylvester Weeks, 37, . . . Pensacola, Fla.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Carlisle.
C. D. Munsey, 24, ... Cleveland, Tenn.
Howard Henderson, 47, . Hartwell, O.
W. W. Ramsay, 39, ... First Church, Detroit, Mich.
J. S. Ruggles, 28, ... E. Pearl St. (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
G. L. Travis, 24, ... Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.
C. T. Crum, 39, ... Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
E. T. Wells, 35, ... Toledo, O.
J. P. Gilliland, 22, ... Pasadena, Cal.
J. Verity, 45. . . . . .
J. E. H. Sentman, 40, . . .

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry. Conference.	Yr.	Consecrated Bishop.	Residence.
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Edward Gayer Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren	Jan.. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Frank W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
John W Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry	May 1856	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer	1847	Newark	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n.	1883	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott	1855	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan	1883	1901	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson	1849	South India.	1874	1904	Calcutta, India
*Merriman C. Harris	1846	Japan	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

*Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. indicates those who are Superannuated; Sn. Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise noted. Probationers in italics.

Armacost, H. E., Piqua.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Hamilton.
Austin, G. P., R. R. No. 8, Hamilton.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Ripley.
Bailey, J. M., Winchester.
Baker, W. J., Amelia.
Barber, G. F., Hartwell.
Becker, O. D., Seven Mile.
Beery, J. E., Greenfield.
Bell, S. W., Piqua.
Bennett, J. M., Dayton.
Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Boicourt, W. L., Cincinnati.
Bovard, Chas. L., Oxford.
Briggs, C. W., Westville.
Brokaw, A. L., Greenville.
Brown, V. F., Dayton.
Brown, Wm. B., Maineville.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Burdsall, E., Batavia.
Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.

Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Dayton.
Chapman, C. L., New Richmond.
Chenoweth, John F., ———
Cherington, E. H., Xenia.
Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clark, W. F.
Clerke, C. H., Cincinnati,
Clemans, F. M., New Holland.
Coffman, W. M., Jamestown.
Cole, W. D., Cincinnati.
Coleman, Roy B., Bowersville.
Colley, J. R., Xenia.
Compton, H. H., New Burlington.
Compton, H., Quito, Ecuador.
Conger, C. L., Wilmington.
Cooper, W. A., Lebanon.
Corley, J. L., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Cowgill, A. T., Blanchester.
Crum, C. T. (Sa.), Dayton.
Cundy, T., Gordon.
Cundy, W. H., Boston, Mass.
Curless, H. G., Springfield.
Dalbey, J. L., Springboro.
Darling, J. D., Riverside (Cin).
Dart, G. H., Hamilton.
Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Davis, L. M. (Sa.), Loveland.
Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
Deaton, W. A., Hillsboro.
Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Madisonville.
Dowlin, F. M. (Sn.)
Dubois, G. W., Springfield.
Duckwall, J. L., Cincinnati.
Dunham, W. J., Williamsburg.
Easton, G. S., Morrow.
Easton, J. A., Loveland.
Eckles, J. C., New Moorefield.
Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Troy.
Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.
Edmonds, E. P., Springfield.
Elliott, C. W. (Sn), Cleveland.
Ellsworth, E. M., Eaton.
English, F. C., Moores Hill, Ind.
English, W. D., Mutual.
Enwall, H. O., Cincinnati.
Ewry, D. S., Bethel.
Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Zanesville.
Frenger, G. R., Lynchburg.
Fuller, M. B., Dayton.
Fulton, G. M., Bethany.
Gable, George (Sn.), Lanark, Ill.
Gaddis, J. W., Mechanicsburg.
Gaddis, E. S., Sta. M, Cin'ti.
Geissinger, J. A., El Paso, Texas.
Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
Gilliland, Jas. P. (Sa.), Pasadena, Cal.
Gilliland, W. T., West Carrollton.
Glascock, J. L., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Gowdy, Chas. F., Xenia.
Gowdy, C. L., Camden.
Grauser, C. S., New Paris.
Gray, W. S., Martinsville.
Grose, W. E., Madisonville.
Haines, C. H., Atlanta, Ga.
Hamilton, A., Osborn.
Hammaker, W. E., Middletown.
Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Cincinnati.
Hartman, L. O., Cincinnati.
Hawk, J. J., Carthage.
Henderson, H. A. M. (Sa.), Hartwell.
Hershey, Henry, Ross.
Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Delaware, O.
Hoffman, O. P., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Horn, C. W., Cincinnati.
Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.
Humphrey, U. G., Milwaukee, Wis.
34 Herold Building.
Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.
Huntington, A. E., Freesburg.
Hypes, B. D., Yellow Springs.
Jackson, E. S., Madison, N. J.
Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Blanchester.
James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.
Jameson, H. C., Cincinnati.
Jenkinson, J. A., Monroe.
Kalbfus, C. H. (Sa.), Yellow Springs.
Keck, H. M. (Sa.), Toledo.
Keen, G. W., Lewisburg.
Keen, S. A., Columbus.
Kestle, Asa J., Franklin.
Ketcham, H. D., Cincinnati.
Kirgan, F. M., Mount Washington.
Kugler, M. M. (Sn.), Westwood.
Laird, J. F., Catawba.
Lane, E. T., Leesburg.
Latshaw, D. G., Dayton.
Lease, J. H., New Vienna.
Leever, Frank, New Jasper.
Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
Leonard, A. W., Springfield.
LeSourd, Marion, Milford.
Lewis, B. H., Decatur.
Lewis, Wm. C., Cincinnati.
Lewis, T. J., Mulberry.
Maddox, A. D., Centerville.
Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
Marshall, I. R., (Sn.), Port Union.
Martin, W. F., Groesbeck.
Matthews, Robert O., West Milton.
McColm, J. F., Rainsboro.
McColm, R. S., Clarksville.
McGee, Jas. E., Pleasant Ridge.
Middleton, H. C., Cedarville.
Mitchell, F. G., Miamisburg.
Mitchell, W. C., Cinci'ti, (Linwood)
Moore, C. J.,
Moore, E. J., Columbus.
Moore, T. D., Elmwood.
Munsey, C. D. (Sa.), Cleveland, Tenn.
Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.
Nash, W. C., Miami.
Newton, A. G., West Elkton.

Ninde, J. P., Cincinnati.
Patton, J. W., New Carlisle.
Patton, W. M., Spring Valley.
Peale, C. C., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Pearson, John, Sta. M, Cincinnati.
Peters, J. W., Cincinnati.
Pettingell, G. H, Oxford.
Phillips, John, Moscow.
Pollard, S. G., Cincinnati.
Powell, Elmer E., Oxford.
Pumphrey, C. P., Dayton.
Pumphrey, J. S., Sabina.
Putt, W. E., Mason.
Ramsay, W. W., (Sa.), Detroit, Mich.
Reinbarth, F. J., West Chester.
Rishell, C. W., Newtonville, Mass.
Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
Royal, S. O., Dayton.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
Ruggles, J. S. (Sa.), Cincinnati.
Rust, R. H., Cincinnati.
Salt, T. W., Georgetown.
Schenk, C. E., Cincinnati.
Scudday, H. G. (Sn.), Tyler, Texas.
Sellers, O. M., Tippecanoe City.
Sentman, J. E. H. (Sa.), Germantown.
Serl, E. W., Dayton.
Seward, O. L., Cincinnati.
Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Smith, B. E., Evanston, Ill.
Smith, R. E., West Union.
Smith, G. H., Urbana.
Spahr, A. N., Milford.
Spurrier, W. E., Felicity.
Spybey, W. H., Covington, O.
Starr, D. J., Columbus.
Stephan, S. A., Cleves.
Story, J. A., Westwood.
Sullivan, C. W., Cincinnati.
Sutherland, W. H. (Sa.), Wyoming.
Sweat, N. O., Hamilton.
Taylor, A., Laurel.
Thirkield, W. P., Washington, D. C.
Thomas, J. E., Winton Place.
Timmons, S. B., Goshen.
Trantor, W. W., Manchester.
Travis, G. L., (Sa.), Lewisburg.
Trout, Philip, Waynesville.
Troxell, J. R., Cincinnati.
Utter, O. L., Springfield.
Vance, John (Sa.), Urbana.
Van Pelt, C. M., Urbana.
Van Wicklen, P. L.,
Vaughan, J. G., Delaware, O.
Verity, J. (Sa.), Peebles.
Verity, W. E., West Elkton.
Vorhis, G. W., South Charleston.
Warner, W. G., Cleveland.
Washburn, D. W. C., Summerside.
Washburn, L. A., Highland.
Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
Weeks, S. (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
Wehrly, W. H., Troy.
Welch, Herbert, Delaware.
Wells, C. J. (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
Wells, E. T. (Sa.), Toledo.
West, W. M. (Sa.), Madisonville.
White, J. A., Eastern Ave., (Cin.)
Whiting, H. H., Bond Hill.
Wiant, W. A., Delhi.
Williams, T. G., Fair Haven.
Wilson, John, (Sn.), New Vienna.
Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
Young, L. F. (Sa.), Piqua.
Young, J. S., Richmond, Va.
Young, S. P., Dayton.
Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.

DEACONESSES.

Adron, Dora.
Barnes, Idonia.
Banting, Lucy.
Bassett, Anna.
Cameron, Mary V.
Close, Cara.
Darnell, Carrie,
Day, Adda B.
Deaver, Florence.
Dwinnell, Anna.
Enders, Emma.
Eyre, Mary.
Fuller, Blanche.
Gloub, Marguerite.
Haines, Dora.
Hare, Anna.
Hathorn, Nettie.
Haynes, Mrs. K. Rawles.
House, Lucelia.
Ireland, Sarah.
Jacques, Vanluah.
Kemper, Harriet L.
Kittell, Eleanora.
Loofbourrow, Evangeline.
Lukemeir, Bertha.
Lybarger, Lela.
McEwan, Mary.
Malott, Harriet.
Manker, Lillian.
Martin, S. M.
Mayer, Bessie.
Nevitt, Edythe L.
Paff, Mrs. India.
Pennell, Ida.
Pickett, Mary.
Pierce, Hannah M.
Post, Minnie.
Potter, Clara V.
Richardson, Cynthia.
Saunders, Frances.
Scott, Pluma.
Sharpe, Eva Adelle
Sinett, Lottie.
Slear, Ella.
Smith, Bessie.
Solomon, Clora.
Stewart, Mary.
Thatcher, Alice.
Thompson, Carrie.
Trausler, Estelle.
Wilson, Margaret.
Young, Nellie.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics;* and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Armbrush, Jos. H. (York St.), Cin'ti.
BENSON, W. C. (Wesley), Cincinnati.
Behymer, Jacob (McKendree), Cin'ti.
Bower, L. F., (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
Cadwell, Burt L., (Hartwell), Cin'ti.
Clark, D. Wilford, (Wesley), Cin'ti.
Cornuelle, Victor, Madisonville.
Faber, H. A., (Madison Ave.), Cin'ti.
Frazier, Wm., (Trinity), Cincinnati.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
GILSON, W. H., (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Halley, R. H. (York St.), Cincinnati.
Jones, Ralph C. (W. H.), Cincinnati.
Kirkpatrick, E. Earl (Delhi), Cin'ti.
Leaverton, Wm. L. (Northside), Cin'ti.
LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
McGuffy, W. H. (St. Paul), Cin'ti.
Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, St. Paul.
Nightengale, Fred. (Christie), Cin'ti.
O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.
Olenslayger, L. (Asbury), Cincinnati.
Pugh, A. R., (Avondale), Cincinnati.
Scully, R. E. (Camp Wash.), Cin'ti.
Sawtelle, Elmer (Delhi), Cincinnati.
Simpkins'n, W. H. (1st Ch.), Norwood.
Waffensmith, J. W. (Asbury), Cin'ti.
Youngson, W. W. (Trinity), Cin'ti.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A. (R. F. D., No. 5), Dayton.
Billingslea, Chas. L., Bethany.
Brashears, Wallace M., Oxford.
Campbell, W. A., Madison, N. J.
Crouder, George, Heno.
GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford.
Lamm, Chas., Hamilton.
McGinnis, A. A., West Elkton.
Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
Radcliffe, James B., Sater.
Radley, Louis P., Dayton.
REEVES, W. W., Oxford.
ROBERTS, J. M., Dayton.
SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton.
Silvers, H. D. (R. F. D.), Eaton.
Vorhis, J. S., Dayton.
Webber, Leroy, Heno.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Burba, Sanford, Winchester.
Chancellor, S. D., Wilmington.
Cole, W. H., Sabina.
Craig, S. L., New Burlington.
Crisenbery, C. L., Sabina.
HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
Hill, J. H. P., Westboro.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
Jones, E. A. Pollard, Peebles.
KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.
McIntyre, Altman, New Burlington.
Moore, J. W., Midland.
Murphy, Geo. W., Turkey.
Naylor, John S., Hillsboro.
Oldaker, I. W., Russell.
Thompson, Milton, Hillsboro.
Scarff, T. M., Spring Valley.
Shade, J. W., Hillsboro.
Shepard, Joseph, Pleasant Plain.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

Berry, George, Lebanon.
Burdsall, J. W., Prall.
Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hendrixon, E., Felicity.
Hockett, Wm., Goshen.
Howell, E. S., Summerside.
Nobis, L. B., Amelia,
Penny, Alvin, Felicity.
Roberts, W. E., Seaman. (R. F. D.)
Sample, Robert, Cedar Mills.
Titus, Murray, Batavia.
Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

BENNETT, C. W., Piqua.
Clutch, David, Alcony.
CROW, THOMAS D., Urbana.
Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.
GUNN, J. W., 690 E. High St., Springfield.
Hall, C. E., 197 W. High St., Springfield.
Herr, David, 10 S. Limestone St., Springfield.
Martz, G. H., Greenville.
Mitchell, R. M., 1 W. McCreight Ave., Springfield.
Penn, Wm. N., New Carlisle.
Stevens, A. A., New Carlisle.
Thatcher, Jon'n, Urbana, (R. F. D. 6).
Trout, John (R. F. D.), Springfield.
Trout, Jos. D., (R. F. D. 6), Springfield.
Wells, Thos. B., Tippecanoe City.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Cleveland, O., 28.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Eaton, O., 44.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Dayton, O., 10.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenville, O., 41.
Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Dayton, O., 47.
Collett, Mrs. Thos., Middletown, O., 51.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
Darlington, Mrs. N.W., West Union, O.
Deem, Mrs. R. K., Mainville, O., 40.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
Gullett, Mrs. C. W., Mt. Clemans, Mich., 22.
Hartley, Mrs. Charles, Delaware, O.
Hill, Mrs. J. R., Tippecanoe City, 17.
Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., 10.
Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensville, Ohio, 37.
Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Riverside, Cal., 13.
Joyce, Mrs. Bishop I. W., Minneapolis, Minn.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Forest, O., 35.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.
Loyd, Mrs. J. F., 1909 S. Meridian St., Anderson, Ind., 44.
Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.
Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51.
McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 25.
McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
McColm, Mrs. D. A., Dayton, O., 26.
McHugh, Mrs. Edward, Hamilton, Ohio, R. F. D.
McMullen, Mrs. W. T., Goshen, O., 14.
Miller, Mrs. Henry, Cin'ti, O., 24.
Middleton, Mrs. J. H., Greenfield, O., 36.
Musgrove, Mrs. A. W., Christiansburg, Ohio, 30.
Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.
Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H, Cincinnati, 62.
Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
Prentiss, Mrs. L. E., Athens, Tenn., 30.
Purkhiser, Mrs. M.G., Hillsboro, O., 32.
Richards, Mrs. M. A., Wesley Ave., Cincinnati, O., 25
Runyan, Mrs. William, Cincinnati, Ohio, 40.
Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.
Shanor, Mrs. Geo., Blanchester, O., 6.
Smith, Mrs. E. C., Dayton, O., 18.
Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown, O., 37.
Stokes, Mrs. H., Cheswold, Va.
Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
Turrell, Mrs. A. C., Xenia, O., 13.
Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Nicholasville, Ky., 43.
Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., Cincinnati, Ohio, 29.
Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.
Wones, Mrs. C., Franklin, O., 24.

IV.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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CHARLES L. CONGER, *Registrar.*	D. G. LATSHAW,	J. A. WHITE,
W. A. ROBINSON,	J. A. STORY,	M. B. FULLER,
	A. B. AUSTIN,	W. L. Y. DAVIS,
	S. W. BELL,	G. H. SMITH.

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of the Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Short History of the English People, *Green;* Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson;* The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher.*

Section 3. A. B. AUSTIN.—A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row;* Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the First Year; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher;* Analogy of Religion, *Butler.*

Section 5. W. L. Y. DAVIS.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons;* Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Essays and Books to be read, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. D. G. LATSHAW.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley;* Student's American History, *Montgomery;* Introduction to New Testament, *Dods.*

Section 7. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 8. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3. John Wesley the Methodist, A Biography; Systematic Theology, *Raymond;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler.*

Section 9. G. H. SMITH.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd;* Sermons and Books to be read, of Candidates for Admission.

Section 10. S. W. BELL.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harman;* A. Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens.*

Section 11. M. B. FULLER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* Theological Compend, *Binney;* A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie.*

Section 12. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904; Digest of Methodist Law (Edition of 1904), *Merrill;* Sermons and Books to be read of Local Preachers.

c. EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for Admission on Trial will be examined at the seat of Conference the day before the session opens.

Local Preachers, who are Candidates for ordination, will be examined on Friday afternoon, during the Conference session.

Undergraduates are urged to leave as few examinations as possible for the end of the year. When preparation on any study is completed, the Chairman should be notified, and he will arrange for the time and place of examination.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared when needed by the Chairman, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be reexamined.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

d. CLASSES.

NOTE:—Those printed in Italics are *Deacons:* in small caps, ELDERS; others are unordained.

STUDIES.	RECEIVED ON TRIAL. FIRST YEAR.	CONTINUED ON TRIAL.	MEMBERS.
FIRST YEAR.	Thomas J. Lewis. Roy B. Coleman.	William P. Clark. Robert O. Matthews. William H. Cundy.	
SECOND YEAR.		Clarence S. Grauser. A. E Huntington. WILLIAM C. LEWIS. Edgar S. Jackson.	
THIRD YEAR.			*Alfred Taylor.* *James M. Bennett.*
FOURTH YEAR.		*Herbert R. Whiting.*	*Bert E. Smith* *Clarke L. Gowdy.* *P. L. Van Wicklen.* *Benjamin H. Lewis.*

V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

HENRY C. JAMESON, Presiding Elder.

THE Cincinnati District presents an unusual field of labor from the fact that it is a center for Methodism. Here are located many of our connectional interests: The Western Methodist Book Concern; the Western Christian Advocate; the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday-schools; the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Christ Hospital, the Missionary Training School; the Methodist Home for the Aged, and Glenn Industrial Home. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies also have offices here. With these various interests and organizations are connected many of the leading men and women of our denomination.

Cincinnati is also an Episcopal Residence, with Bishop Spellmeyer as the resident Bishop, and is further honored as the home of Bishop Walden.

In view of the fact that our Church is strongest in the Central West, we should see to it that Cincinnati continues a center for Methodism, and headquarters for the interests enumerated above.

There are thirty-eight charges in the district. Of this number, seven are half-stations, making in all forty-five Churches.

There have been several changes since last Conference. Rev. W. L. Boicourt was transferred to Miamisburg, thus leaving a vacancy at Asbury. Since then Dr. Davis W. Clark has supplied this Church. Later, Rev. A. L. Brokaw was sent to Greenville, and Rev. O. L. Seward came to take his place at Northside. At the last session of the Conference two of the charges on the Westwood Group were left to be supplied. Rev. Walter C. Nash was secured for Miami and Mount Hope, and Rev. F. M. Dowlin for Groesbeck and Asbury. Some months ago Brother Dowlin's health failed and he was obliged to resign the work. Since June, Rev. Ralph Jones, a student at Garrett Biblical Institute, has supplied the charge.

Substantial repairs and improvements have been made in many of the churches, notably at McKendree, Christie, Northside, Wesley, Fairmount, and Addyston.

Harrison has also raised most of the money necessary for a contemplated $2,000 improvement.

Two new church enterprises are progressing satisfactorily. At Pleasant Ridge, one of the most beautiful and growing suburbs of Cincinnati,

a church that will cost, when completed, between $25,000 and $30,000, is in course of construction. Grace Church, Norwood, has authorized the sale of the old building, purchased a well-located and spacious lot, and adopted plans for a new church which is to cost about $40,000. Price Hill has purchased a lot at a cost of $2,500, and has on subscription $5,000 toward a new parsonage.

Successful revival meetings were held during the year in many of the charges. A large number of conversions and additions to the Church are reported. The City Missionary Society, through the work of the Missions and Gospel Wagons, reports more than six hundred conversions.

In this connection, though not located in the Cincinnati District, it is not inappropriate to speak of the successful camp-meeting at Epworth Heights, under the leadership of Rev. O. L. Utter, superintendent. This famous and beautiful resort has at last, by the persistent and skillful effort of Rev. E. S. Gaddis, been delivered from debt, and we are hoping for larger results in the future.

The pastors have faithfully presented the benevolent interests and have sought to raise the full apportionments.

Owing to the fact that we were visited by two destructive floods during the winter, which caused great suffering and expense, the Churches situated along the river front may not bring up their full apportionments. But on the whole, I believe the reports will be quite satisfactory.

Death has visited but one home among the ministers of the district during the year. The venerable Dr. Rust passed to his reward at the advanced age of more than ninety years. He leaves a record of which his family and friends may justly be proud, and for which the Church has reason to be thankful. He was a truly remarkable man, and left a lasting impression on all with whom he came in contact.

The pastors of the district have been both faithful and efficient, and under the circumstances are entitled to the highest commendation.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

STANLEY O. ROYAL, Presiding Elder.

I BRING you a volume of notes which might well be entitled the "Book of the Chronicles of the Dayton District." It contains a continuous record of creditable achievements. How can I name them all? How can I omit one? Here are written some incidents of brilliant success: others of lines unbroken, yet unadvanced where the odds of the enemy are heavy; and here are recorded some failures more honorable than flashing victories, for to die at the bloody angle and turn the tide back upon the foe is grander than to live in slippered ease, or slippery compromise.

The following is a sample of the contents of this volume of notes, as found under the heading of "Church Improvements:" A new church dedicated at Fort Jefferson, cost $6,000; the money all raised under the magic touch of President Benton's wand; the project will stand as a lasting monument to the persistence and sacrifices of D. S. Ferguson, one of our most effective supplies. Eaton Church, furnished with stained glass above and below. The West Alexandria Church remodeled, and soon to be reopened. The church at Darrtown, demolished by a tornado this summer, will soon rise out of its rubbish, with new arrangements for the work and worship of a progressive congregation. Contract let for a new building at Okeana on the Venice Circuit. $8,000 repairs to the First Church at Hamilton and the remodeling of the pipe organ. At Grace Church, Dayton, a repaired pipe organ; and at St. Paul's, Dayton, an

extensive addition costing $21,000 for housing the expanding departments of that large Sunday-school and congregation. As for the Ladies' Aid Societies of the district, look around you and see what they have done in this Oxford church. Here is a sample of their industrious care for our houses of worship. The carpets, frescoed walls, pulpit and parsonage furniture neat, dainty and sweet are the proofs of their valued aid.

But I must not go on reading from this accumulation of notes. After twenty years of following the mi-*nuté* business of this Conference, I crave release in this report from writing details, that I may speak out of one year's observations and experience with some of the vital problems which now confront our Methodism. When I said mi-*nuté*, I did not say insignificant. In the kingdom of heaven the smallest seed is vital with immeasurable forces. As to the men of the district, they are like Cato the elder, who preferred that people should ask why *no* monument was erected

ITINERANT COMFORT ON THE VENICE CIRCUIT.

to them, than that why one *was*. So instead of taking long time with a recital of our labors the past year, I will only say, as the author of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews ended that glorious tablet of renown: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephtha, of David also, and Samuel, and the prophets." Of one of us at least it can be said: "Of whom the world was not worthy" and for the kind and brave spirit of Brother Creighton Wones God hath provided a better country.

Let me, rather, touch upon such facts in our experiences this year which illustrate some principles which deeply concern our vitality and continued progress as a Church having a great message from God to the world.

I. MID-YEAR CHANGES.—In three charges sudden changes have taken pastors away during the year. At Oxford the anxiety was short, for it was quickly wired that of the family of Methodist stalwarts one Charles L. Bovard was to take the place of Brother Geissinger, and we welcome him to our Conference as heartily as he has already welcomed us to Oxford.

But at Miamisburg and Springboro the flocks were longer without shepherds. In the latter emergency I approached one sterling man, who was serving a most difficult work on a starvation salary not far away, as to his willingness to make an advantageous change.

Said he: "It would be worth fifty per cent advance for me; but if I forsake the poor flock where I now am, nobody else will go. I must stay with them." Who can call our ministry mercenary with such illustrations of Christlike sacrifices? "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." It is not for me to determine the causes which lead to such interruptions to the flow of the year's work, but I must report that they should be searched out and remedied. The restlessness and confusions throughout the rank and file of our ministerial army are great, but far more serious are the sorrow, suspense, and scatterment which come from such a break in the pastoral relations. If the causes can not be found and cured, they will lead to such disorganization and demoralization as overtook the African explorer's rear guard. Instead of a victorious army of irresistible conquest, we shall be a disaffected and paralyzed remnant of a once mighty host.

2. Finance and Pentecost.—"When will preachers and presiding elders cease to talk of money?" Such questions, not entirely suppressed, are whispered within earshot of those concerned in the complaint. Our proper answer is that we shall cease to cry aloud and spare not, when the wheels of the King's chariot cease to creak and groan for lack of the oil of the happy and abundant gifts from willing multitudes; nay, when we stop talking of *gifts* until we have first *paid* what we owe the Lord. Why is our Lord so long in coming? Must we wait for a time of hunger and poverty extreme to bring us to our knees, and hasten the pentecostal blessing? Joel's "afterward," when he promises the outpouring of the Spirit, points to a time of plenty preceding the pentecostal gift. The years of the canker worm shall have been restored. And Malachi insists that when we cease to rob God and fill His house with meat, then the windows of heaven will open and overflowing blessings shall be ours. On the Dayton District the experience at a few points shows the tithing plan is growing in favor. At West Carrollton, where individual tithers have assumed this obligation, notwithstanding the great loss to the charge in the death of that noble and widely known layman, Mr. R. W. Burns, the missionary collection reaches $445, and the total benevolences $1,050 for the year. At St. Paul's, Dayton, a band of fifty-one tithers have contributed $2,600, of which $1,111 has been given to the benevolences. And just over the hills to the northwest of Oxford many of the happy people of Fairhaven and Sugar Valley Circuit adopted the proportionate plan of giving, and three years ago their missionary collection leaped to $650, last year it climbed to $781, and this year their pastor brings a round $800 for Missions, with other collections up to the apportionment. And there is not a "grouchy" dollar in the lot. It is an ungrudged and a happy offering unto the Lord.

From a few such experiences we are sure that it is safe to urge that we find some basis of *principle* in giving. And then that *system* be followed in the gatherings. A man would starve, even on the fat lands of the Dayton District, if he plowed with a wooden mold-board and a yoke of oxen. Many of our Church plans are that much behind the age. If it involved their *own* instead of their minister's starvation, the alert minds of stewards would quickly find a better way. We are called *Method*-ists. A dweller in a Chicago alley was boasting recently of some of her proud distinctions. Said she: "My husband is a traveling man. He travels under a *consumed* name." Our name was given us by our enemies as a reproach. Ridicule hit the truth. The name was accepted; it was a fit, and it survived. But now,—Dean Farrar, some time before

his death, declared that Methodism had lost the spell of its name. Shall we re-name ourselves *Method-less?*

3. CONSOLIDATION.—Our level-headed laymen, seeing clearly the pathways to modern business success, are calling for the same concentration and consolidation in our Church temporalities. The colossal fortunes of this age, with their economies, their accumulations, and their commercial conquests, show that the kingdoms of this world are learning some of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven. Old maxims are reversed. Competition is no more the life of trade; it is its death. Now the triumph of trade is in combination, co-operation, and mutual trust. The

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rise of Methodism was the rise of *United* Societies. "The necessity of union among ourselves" was a most frequent theme for Mr. Wesley's conversations, and some of his greatest anxieties came from dangers of dissension and of disruption. By overcoming these tendencies, and by cementing Methodism into a unified organism, he made the weak strong. This union illustrates again the principle of one chasing a thousand, and two putting ten thousand to flight. Under the guidance of Providence, it was our *connectionalism* which made us victorious. Now that we are a strong and great multitude, a *congregational independency* among our Churches will make us weak. The call for consolidation in all of the temporalities of the Church, the unifying of Book Concern and Benevolences, and all our educational work will be utterly inadequate, unless

our administration can compass a more intimate union between weak charges and strong, between country and city, between well-paid ministers and poorly-paid ones, between the claims of those high in office and those in lowly position, between the support of the strong workmen in the high noon of their powers and of those who sit in the evening twilight and, after bearing the burden and heat of the day, are waiting for the sunset call.

But here I must end this report. The time limit fixed for it has been reached. Some of the most important things contained in this "Book of Chronicles" have not been touched. Please do not think this a slighting of emphasis on anything omitted.

But this much I must say. Your fellow-workers from the Dayton District come here from the labor assigned them, not boasting that devils are subject unto us, but rejoicing that our names are written in heaven. By the grace of God we come through all the trials and labors of the year with nothing against any man's character. And, looking forward to the coming year, we desire to choose as our motto the ringing words announced by Mr. Simon, president of the Wesleyan Church in Great Britain, "A revival in every home, a revival in every Church, and a revival of evangelical preaching in every pulpit."

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. Lee Aultman, Presiding Elder.

It is said that "the first duty of a presiding elder is to know the field in which he is to labor, study it as a whole, examine its parts, and determine what in it is good, what might be improved, what should be abolished, what combinations are desirable, and what new features should be introduced."

In the Hillsboro District there are twenty-eight pastoral charges, eleven of which are stations, and seventeen circuits. The territory embraces all of Highland and Clinton Counties, and parts of Fayette, Greene, Warren, Clermont, Adams, and Brown Counties. Most of the charges can be reached by steam or traction cars, making the district comparatively easy to travel.

Death has invaded our ranks during the year, and the hearts in two of our parsonage homes have been bereaved. Early in November, Mrs. C. W. Briggs, wife of our C. W. Briggs, after months of suffering, passed to her eternal rest, while just before the close of the Conference year, James R. Hill, pastor of our Church on Highland Charge, while in the prime of his life, exchanged the cross for the crown. We can ill spare him, but God has spoken and we are content.

Our pastors in the main have done good work this year. Several of them have labored against great odds. We have two charges with six appointments each, and four with five each. This makes it necessary to preach three times on Sunday, and travel from twenty to thirty miles. No man can be at his best and render such service as this. How to remedy it is one of the problems of our country work. These charges can not be divided and be self-supporting. They must either have outside help, or, like our district schools, concentrate. The former would maintain services at all the churches, while the later would close many of them. In this day of rapid transit, who will not say that the latter is the more feasible of the two?

Our pastors, with few exceptions, have been their own evangelists. Evangelistic services have been held in all the charges, and as far as we

may be able to tabulate results, we have to report about seven hundred conversions, with probably nine hundred additions to the Church. Many of these came by letter, but the large majority came on probation.

Our church buildings generally are in good repair. Every charge except two, Loveland and Pleasant Plains, has a parsonage, and Loveland is now taking steps looking to the purchase or building of a parsonage.

Improvements on church and parsonage property have been made in the several charges as follows: Clarksville, $135; Highland, $108.36; Hillsboro, $130.15; Jamestown, $110; Loveland, $250; Maineville, $87.46; Morrow, $100; New Burlington, $66.47; New Jasper, $80; New Vienna, $70; Pleasant Plains, $215; Rainsboro, $94; Wilmington, $22.85; First Church, Xenia, $490.31; Trinity, Xenia, $410.

Special mention should be made of the following: W. M. Patton, pastor of Union Charge, has builded and dedicated a new, beautiful, and commodious church at Spring Valley at a cost of about $10,000.

Zoar Church, on the New Burlington Charge, O. D. Becker pastor, was remodeled and reseated at a cost of $1,200.

The church at Westboro, on Martinsville Charge, W. S. Gray pastor, was renovated and reseated at a cost of about $500.

The church at Sabina, W. M. Coffman pastor, has been re-frescoed and re-carpeted at a cost of $1,100.

The debt of $12,000 on the church at Greenfield was canceled by the pastor, John E. Beery, on the last Sunday in June, the third anniversary of the dedication. One of the remarkable things of this debt-raising campaign is that over five hundred and fifty individual subscriptions were made, representing nearly every family connected with the Church.

While the consolidation of the benevolent societies of the Church may be a good thing, and doubtless will prove to be so in the near future, yet we fear that for the present year its effect will be a decrease in some of the collections. Many of our pastors have made a personal canvass of their charges for the benevolences, and we hope that the district as a whole will make an advance on all lines.

A word about pastoral support. The average salary in the district is $826.25. If this were the minimum, our pastors would have a comfortable support, but, unfortunately, the minimum is away below this, consequently some of our pastors are doing very hard work on exceedingly small pay. The cost of living is from twenty-five to thirty per cent higher than it was a few years ago, but never were more bountiful harvets reaped than this year, and we trust that these two facts will result in increased salaries the coming Conference year.

We have living within the bounds of the district three of our superannuated preachers. Milton P. Zink, a charter member of this Conference, is living in Hillsboro with his daughter. He passed his eighty-second milestone last July. He is a sweet-spirited, saintly old man, patiently awaiting his coronation. It is a benediction to be in his home. He has a warm place in his heart for his presiding elders.

William P. Jackson is living a quiet life in his home at Blanchester. As a result of his army life, his earthly vision was closed years ago; but his spiritual vision has been intensified, and while "looking at the things that are not seen" he is being "changed from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord." He realizes that though the earthly house of his tabernacle is being dissolved, he has "a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Sullivan W. Edmiston is living on a farm near Winchester. Although he has passed his seventy-fifth birthday, he is still active, and delights to fill appointments made for him by his brethren. We were converted and joined the Church under his ministry, and are always delighted to be in

his company. We hope he will finish his course with joy and enter into the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

Sunday-schools are maintained in nearly all of our Churches, most of them during the entire year. Nearly all of our schools are supplied with our own literature; some, however, seem to think that the literature must be well "Cooked" in order to be palatable. When will our people come to know that the best literature for our Sunday-schools is that prepared and furnished by our own great publishing houses?

One of the growing needs of the Sunday-school is trained teachers. A man, in order to teach in the public schools, must pass a rigid examination and receive from the board of examiners a certificate of his qualifications. Should the Bible teachers in our Sunday-schools be any the less qualified? Scores of men and women are teaching in our Sunday-schools with little or no preparation except a willingness to do what they can. A normal class for the training of teachers in every Sunday-school would soon solve this problem and give to the Church a corps of trained teachers.

The Epworth League in some of our charges is doing a good work. Its greatest need is leadership. Where this obtains, and all the departments kept at work, it results in great good.

The District Epworth League Convention, held at Loveland in June, was voted by all in attendance a great success. It elected for its president Mr. Erskine R. Hayes, of Wilmington, O., a young man well qualified for the place. If he receives the encouragement to which he is entitled, we ought to be able to report at the next Annual Conference one League at least for each pastoral charge.

Methodism in this Conference is passing its first centennial period. Last year Jamestown held a centennial service. This year old Union Church, on Union Charge, under the direction of the pastor, W. M. Patton, held such a service. Rev. John G. Black, a superannuated member of this Conference and the oldest living pastor of old Union Circuit, preached, to the delight and edification of the large audience, on Sunday morning, August 18th.

The Quarterly Conference records of this charge from 1807 are in the hands of the pastor. They show that John Collins, pastor of Union Circuit, represented the Western Conference in the General Conference in 1812. The entire service was a field day for Methodism in that community.

Among the changes in the work of the district during the year we note the following:

Soon after Conference it became evident to L. M. Davis, pastor at Loveland, that his health would not permit of his continuing in the regular work. At the first Quarterly Conference he resigned his charge, and Thomas S. King, of Cincinnati, was appointed to supply the work till Conference.

Purdy L. Van Wicklen, pastor at Bowersville, resigned his charge in April to attend school at Boston, and Roy B. Coleman, of Rainsboro, has been supplying the work. He has done so well that the Quarterly Conference invited his return for the ensuing year.

Since the death of James R. Hill, of the Highland Charge, John Wilson has supplied the work, and will make the report of the charge to the Conference. Brother Wilson has done valuable service this year, not only at Highland, but at Loveland before the vacancy caused by the resignation of the pastor was filled; and also at Greenfield during the vacation of the pastor.

George Gable, who was appointed assistant pastor at Hillsboro, entered the evangelistic field and has been at work as an evangelist most of the year. He reports at least one thousand conversions during the year,

five hundred uniting with our Church. He greatly enjoys this work. He desires to continue in that field of labor.

With devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has given us health and strength to attend every quarterly meeting during the year, we close this report.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder.

MILFORD DISTRICT has had a *hard* year. Two great floods in a few months of each other, driving families out of their homes or into their second stories, and shutting out congregations from their sanctuaries, the filthy waters damaging walls, floors, and furniture, and in a few instances the parsonages suffered. Brother Chapman, pastor at New Richmond; Brother Washburn, the pastor at Manchester, and their wives, could draw a graphic picture of what they endured for many weeks from the overflowing of the vile waters.

Brother Huntington and family, at Chilo, were surrounded by the flood, but happily for them the parsonage remained above the desolating waves. One week I was unable to reach the places where they were to be held, and had to re-announce the quarterly meetings. I did not see the floods and the ruin they wrought at their worst, but what I did see beggared description.

The loss in property, in business, and in time was great; but the most grievous result of all, in some instances, was the demoralization that followed.

Then the continuous and heavy rains greatly interfered with the attendance upon the special services held for the promotion of revivals. The pastors began the year with a greater desire than usual for the salvation of souls, and some of them seemed almost heartbroken when their meetings were literally "rained out."

An unusual measure of sickness also prevailed, especially among the children in some parts of the district. But the faith, courage, and zeal of pastors and people did not fail them. Cast down, they have not been destroyed. The clouds have had a silver lining. Some mercy drops have fallen in all the charges, and conversions have been reported from nearly all, reaching from one to one hundred. New Richmond, Aberdeen, Georgetown, Winchester-Seaman, Peebles, Ripley, West Union, Amelia, Chilo, Manchester, Mason, Moscow, Owensville, Mulberry, Felicity, Leesburg, Laurel,—all have rejoiced with the angels in heaven over the conversion of from one to ten souls. The following have rejoiced over a larger number: Williamsburg Circuit, 13; Summerside, 13; Mt. Orab, 14; Mt. Washington, 14; Goshen, 16; Branch Hill, 18; Batavia, 20; Decatur, 24; Milford, 25; Marathon, 37; Lebanon, 40; Bethel, 40.

Newtown, during a long-continued battle, in which the pastor's zeal seemed indeed to be "a living fire," ninety-eight souls were "born of the Spirit, born from above." Williamsburg, one of the old Methodist strongholds of Clermont County, had reached a critical condition. The old leaders and pillars were nearly all gone. The fires were dying out on the closet, family, and public altars. The tide had turned away from the Church, and it looked as if her glory had departed. The black shadow of spiritual decay hung over all. But the new pastor quickly discovered the great need of the hour. Inspired by mighty prayer and faith, his trumpet gave no uncertain sound. Soon the battle was on, and soon the shout of victory was heard. The pastor writes: "The old-fashioned mourners' bench was dusted and brought into service. Church members,

backsliders, and sinners cried for mercy. Five weeks the battle was waged against the strongholds of sin, and a glorious victory was ours." The revival, which embraced Clover, a nearby appointment, resulted in a hundred conversions. The aggregate of conversions for the district is 559.

The accessions to the Church on trial and by letter aggregate about eight hundred. The largest number of accessions were enrolled in the following charges: Batavia, 31; Decatur, 32; Milford, 42; Lebanon, 50; Mt. Washington, 56; Bethel, 80; Newtown, 99; Williamsburg, 123.

The spirit of improvement has been well-nigh universal, as the following figures so clearly indicate. Raised for the improvement of the Church and parsonage property: Amelia, $200; Batavia, $350 (the parsonage never looked so inviting as it does now); Aberdeen, $300 (church and parsonage in new dress); Branch Hill, $85; Decatur, $295; Dunkinsville, Union Church removed and renewed; Feesburg, $12; Felicity, $120; Georgetown, $135; Goshen, $150 (parsonage—new cement pavement and beautiful coat of paint); Laurel, $965 (Pisgah Church changed and adorned); New Richmond, $175; Lebanon, $700 (new roof on church, and parsonage and church painted. Claims for year met; money in treasury; increase in benevolences); Mt. Orab, $975; Manchester, $340 (parsonage and church more beautiful than before the floods); Marathon, $410 (the church in Marathon frescoed, clothed in new beauty); Moscow, $121 (the four churches of this charge have all been improved during the pastorate of Brother Phillips); Mulberry, $110 (the church in Perintown adorned anew); Owensville, $165 (parsonage improved); Ripley, $235; Summerside, $375 (church at Summerside put in fine condition); West Union, $550 (Liberty Chapel greatly changed; new seats. An honor to the society. Costing $500. Stone Chapel also improved and beautified); Winchester and Seaman, $50; Newtown, $860 (Armstrong Chapel, old and honored, clothed as with the beauty of youth); Milford, $2,000 (Sunday-school room enlarged, new cement walks, church painted outside; church and parsonage never were so attractive as now. Increase in collections; all claims met; money in treasury); Bethel, $1,530 (an attractive, practically a new church, has taken the place of the old, dingy, dilapidated one. This called for the expenditure of some $4,000. Led by the pastor, the people responded nobly, and the entire amount, with a good surplus, has been pledged and is in process of payment. The new church and parsonage are now in line with the growth of this thrifty, growing, and handsome town. Pastor and people rejoice greatly.); Mt. Washington, $1,125 (this charge has had a year of unusual success, not alone in additions to the membership, but in the improvement of the Church property. California Church, swept by the floods, has not only been restored, but clothed with new beauty, externally and internally. In this the pastor, S. H. Griffith, led on splendidly, and Cincinnati Methodism graciously helped. Mt. Washington Church, with its fine, new cement walks and pavement; the stairway leading up from the basement to the auditorium, where the old seats have been supplanted by elegant assembly chairs; and the auditorium carpeted and frescoed, is now one of rare beauty); Mason, $121; Williamsburg, $2,000. Here where, to use his own language, the pastor "found them discouraged,—worshiping in a building erected in 1845, in no respect adapted to the needs of the people, but they were not conscious of it." But as the result of the Pentecost, the spiritual resurrection, which lifted them into a new realm of spiritual life—to use the pastor's own language again: "With new eyes the people saw that the old building was not sufficient, and they made it possible with their money to remodel the building at a cost of something over $4,000. The money is almost raised by good subscription, and about one-half has been paid." The new superstructure will be up-to-date, modern in its appointments, an elegant and commodious building. The

work is going bravely on, and it is hoped will be completed by October 1st. The full description of this great work will properly follow its completion. Permit me to say a word as to the devoted and successful leader in the great work of salvation and church improvement in Williamsburg, for the sake of the inspiration which may come to us from his example.

In our Discipline we read: "1. Gaining knowledge is a good thing, but saving souls is better. 2. By this very thing you will gain the most excellent knowledge, that of God and eternity. 3. You will have time for gaining other knowledge, too; only sleep no more than you need, and never be idle, nor triflingly employed." Brother W. J. Dunham has been diligently seeking this "most excellent knowledge," and has greatly rejoiced over the salvation of many souls. But he has also found time to "gain other knowledge." In answer to my request for a statement in regard to this, he has written me: "I have been working for years on a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in the Midland University of Chicago, so on the 19th of last June I went to Chicago, and for one week I was examined by the faculty of that institution, passed, and received my degree. I did it because I felt I owed it to my Church, my Conference, and myself. My work has been heavy. I have felt many times like surrendering, but by God's help I have held on. If I have done anything, I deserve no credit. I want to hide behind the cross. The Lord is good, and I want Him to have the glory."

The application of this is easy.

The work in the Sunday-schools goes on with increasing interest. The Home Department is gaining. In Lebanon, largely through the consecrated efforts of one zealous woman, the enrollment has reached 375 in number. Great possibilities are within reach of our Sunday-schools in this direction. The Epworth League has "lost out" in some places, and is not as full of life, or as aggressive, or as jubilant with hope, as it once was, but is doing well in some places. The class-meeting in some Churches is only a memory; in others, is "living at a poor, dying rate." In a goodly number it retains some of its old-time fervor and power. It is a wonderful help in the development of a "witnessing Church," and no satisfactory substitute has been found for it.

The missionary spirit lives on, and the pastors are seeking to develop it more and more among all the people.

Charges that need help, and are not giving their pastors a comfortable living, are doing something for "World-wide Missions."

I fear that, through the causes suggested as so seriously hindering our work, our collection may fall below last year. And yet, in spite of all difficulties, some pastors will report handsome gains. Strenuous efforts have been made to at least reach last year's standard, outside the special gift, then reported, of several hundred dollars.

The pastors in not a few charges suffer grievously through the failure of the stewards to provide for the prompt payment of their salaries. Estimating committees too often report a niggardly sum, and the process of gathering it in and paying it over is so slow, that pastors and their families suffer until they become heartsick and discouraged.

Georgetown has made a splendid advance this year in adding $100 to the pastor's salary, and paying it monthly.

Felicity has turned over a new leaf, and has been paying the pastor's claim in full every week. One or two brothers, by persistent work, have accomplished what, to many, seemed an impossibility. And this has been done following a heavy loss in financial ability through deaths and removals. They now have money in bank to pay the weary preacher every Monday morning.

God grant that these noble examples may provoke many other charges to love and good works of a similar nature! An increase in salary and

prompt payment of the same would help greatly to make every charge one of genuine *felicity*.

The pastors, a noble body of loyal, self-sacrificing men, have "continued in fellowship and doctrine," inspiring each other and their people to abound in every good work.

Two district meetings, one at Russellville on the Decatur charge, the other in the handsome new church in Bethel, were splendidly cared for by the Churches named, under the leadership of Rev. B. H. Lewis and Rev. D. S. Ewry, their pastors.

They were delightful seasons, full of blessing to pastors and people.

Death has not emptied any of our pulpits. Some pastors have been ill, but have been graciously restored to health. Brother H. O. Collins, pastor of Mt. Orab charge, has recently been stricken down with typhoid fever, and I fear will not be able to be with us in our Conference session. We pray that God may speedily restore him to health and add many years to his useful ministry.

Rev. W. F. Martin and his good wife have recently been called to surrender a most precious child, whose sudden departure left their home so empty and filled their hearts with anguish, but the loving Savior comforts and sustains them.

Rev. W. E. Mitchell, nominally reappointed to West Union, as he expected to be transferred to another Conference, was so ill at the close of our session at Eaton that his physician advised him to rest a year. The Presiding Elder, assured that this was the wisest thing for him to do, consented to it, and, released from pastoral burdens, spending much time in the South and in travel, he is so greatly improved in health that he is now ready for pastoral work.

Dr. F. M. Clemans, much improved in health, consented to supply West Union, and did so to the great satisfaction of the people, until two months ago he felt duty called him to care for his afflicted wife, and resigned. He made a deep and lasting impression upon the charge, and his departure created great and universal regret.

Dr. R. E. Smith for two months has so acceptably filled the vacancy thus made that his ministry as pastor is desired for the coming year.

Our superannuated brother, J. R. Hunter, continues well, and seems ever ready to do what he can to help in the Lord's work.

I magnify the name of the Lord for strength given me for the strenuous labors of another year, and thank my ministerial brethren and their families for their unceasing kindness and helpfulness.

ADDENDA.—I feel constrained to beg the kind indulgence of the Bishop and the Conference while I speak as Paul once did, and then said, "I speak foolishly." Why "foolishly?" Because he spake of himself. He was justified in so doing, because his subject was a great, if not an unequaled, human personality.

For many years I have been a member of this Conference, and have said but little, outside of what duty seemed to demand, in the way of reports, because I have felt from the beginning that in comparison with so many wise brethren I was only a child, and hence I have been "swift to hear and slow to speak."

I still feel that my proper place is at your feet, and this reveals "*my* foolishness" in speaking of so small a subject as *myself*. I would have delayed a little longer saying what I am now about to say, but the passing of so many fellow-laborers of my age, and often much younger, suddenly and unexpectedly, has suggested the danger of delay.

Fifty years I have been a member of this body. Fifty-two years ago in the city of Urbana, Bishop Morris presiding, I was admitted into this Conference on probation. The Conference then had nine districts: East Cincinnati, John F. Wright presiding elder; West Cincinnati, Au-

gustus Eddy presiding elder; Dayton, William Herr presiding elder; Urbana, Michael Marlay presiding elder; Xenia, William I. Ellsworth presiding elder; Hillsboro, William Simmons presiding elder; and three German mission districts also belonged to it.

The English-speaking members numbered about 146. Only six are living. Only four are now in the Conference: W. H. Sutherland, John Vance, M. P. Zink, J. T. Bail. Not one remains in the effective ranks. Bishop Morris also presided over the Conference at its session in Piqua in 1857, when I was ordained deacon and received into full membership. Bishop Ames ordained me an elder in Dayton in 1859.

A glorious company of Bishops, now in heaven, have assigned me fields of labor, uplifted and inspired me to holy living and holy deeds by their eloquent sermons and addresses—Morris, Ames, Janes, Scott, Simpson, Baker, Clark, Thomson, Kingsley, Harris, Wiley, Gilbert Haven, Erastus O. Haven, Peck, Ninde, Foster, Hurst, Joyce, Merrill, FitzGerald, twenty in all.

Fifty-two years of *sweet* fellowship, sharing hardships with my brethren on big circuits, living on small salaries, spending months at a time, year after year, holding special services.

Plodding over long, muddy, rough roads, often in the darkness of starless nights and the cold storms of winter preaching, exhorting, praying, often warned that I would "*kill myself.*" Then followed *easier* fields in some respects in city stations, but more exhausting in others. Preaching in the bounds of every district, and traveling two of them, my life has been so fashioned by and interlinked with the Cincinnati Conference that to me it has been "home, father, mother, sister, and brother." Bishop Foster once asked me, in response to an urgent call to a Church in another Conference, to transfer; but said he would not transfer me without my consent. I felt that I could not leave the Church I was then serving, and so I did not consent.

Fifty-two years I have shared the trials and the triumphs of my brethren. I have seen hundreds converted, and have had, I trust, a *little* share in leading them to Jesus Christ.

Many years the sick and invalids in my own home have demanded my care. Seven times the death angel has shadowed my household. I have tested, as death has robbed me of so many loved ones, the life-giving power of the Gospel I have preached. I have tested, in heart-breaking sorrows, the healing and comforting power of Him whom I know and love, *whose love has never failed me,* and hence He has *often chastened me.* No man on earth, or in heaven, owes so much as I do to the Cincinnati Conference. My last appointment as an effective preacher I am here to receive through the grace of Bishop Spellmeyer and of my beloved brethren of the Milford District. In another year I expect to finish my itinerant journeyings with joy, and then rest a *little* while amid the scenes of my childhood and youth, and then some sweet day rejoin the Conference of 1855 and from thence on answer to the roll-call of the Cincinnati Conference in heaven. I am sweetly persuaded that my glorified comrades and Bishops will give the old itinerant a warm greeting, and "Jesus, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop," will bid me welcome home. *Blessed be His name forever.*

Fifty-two years the Cincinnati Conference has borne with my imperfections and failures, and year by year has said, when my name has been called, "*Nothing against him.*"

Beloved brothers, *young* and *old,* please give to this old child of the Cincinnati Conference "*a little bit*" of your love, and a share in your prayers, a *little while* longer, and thus help to make my evening time like the dawning of the eternal *day.*

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

G. W. DUBOIS, *Presiding Elder.*

THE year on the Springfield District has been one of many changes in the pastoral relation, no less than six charges having suffered the loss of the pastors under whose care the work of the Conference year began. In October Rev. R. J. Wyckoff was transferred to the Rock River Conference. In December Rev. C. H. Haines was notified of his election to a professorship in the Gammon School of Theology. In April the young men acting as supplies on Brandt and King's Creek Circuits left for other fields of labor. S. W. Bell was moved from Miamisburg to Piqua, and A. L. Brokaw from Northside, Cincinnati, to Greenville. O. L. Seward was sent to Northside, and H. S. Hollopeter, recently graduated from the Boston School of Theology, was secured to fill out the year at Covington. Brandt and King's Creek have been supplied by students—W. E. Ward, of the U. B. Seminary, Dayton, and A. G. Schatzman, of Delaware. These unexpected breaks have interfered somewhat with the plans and work of the year, but in no case was a charge left for any length of time without a pastor, and the efficiency of our system was demonstrated in a very satisfactory way, and on the whole we have had a good year. In the changes made an earnest effort was made to advance our own Conference men, and with good success. We think we are justified in taking the position that when opportunity for advancement offers, our own men who began at the bottom and have patiently done some of the hard work and have had some of the poor pay should not be passed by without proper consideration. The pastors assigned to fill the vacancies in the important charges, Greene Street, Piqua, and Greenville, have abundantly justified the wisdom of the episcopal appointment, and both Churches make a fine showing at the end of the year. The smaller charges which lost pastors and found others also have done well.

The heaviest blow has fallen upon First Church, Urbana. Early in June the pastor, J. E. Abrams, was taken ill with typhoid fever. After some weeks he seemed to have passed the crisis of this disease, when symptoms of tuberculosis appeared, and on July 8th he suffered a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. This greatly prostrated him, and he grew steadily weaker during the next few days, and in the early morning of the following Sunday, July 14th, his spirit passed away. He met death consciously and bravely, and with unwavering faith in the Lord and Savior, whose minister he was and whose Gospel he had faithfully preached. He had been with us eighteen years, and we honored and loved him. He was successful from first to last, and conscientiously cared for all the interests of the Church. He was apt, cheerful, hopeful, modest, brotherly. He lived a beautiful life among us, and has left a stainless record.

Twice during the year death has entered the home of our superannuated brother, L. F. Young, of Piqua, and two of his sons have fallen before the attack of the Great White Plague. He and his family deserve our sincere sympathy.

Six of our Conference veterans reside in the Springfield District: J. M. Shultz, effective forty-one years; J. G. Black, thirty-seven years; John Vance, thirty-six years; G. M. Edgar, thirty-four years; C. H. Kalbfus, thirty years; L. F. Young, twenty-three years. All are able to attend the services of the Church and to render some assistance to the pastors. Rev. J. F. Chenoweth has received recently an appointment to a chaplaincy in the United States army. He served his Church to the end of the year, but now goes to this honorable and highly

useful position, carrying our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for his success.

The year has been one of some spiritual progress, but this forward movement has not been what we have desired, nor has it been at every point on the line. A tide of worldliness has swept in upon us, and the effect upon the spiritual life and activities of the Church has been very marked. A worldly Church is a dreadful clog to the plans of a pastor who longs and prays for the complete triumph of the kingdom of God. But the pastors have pushed the battle as bravely as could be done, and have met with varying degrees of success.

It has been a year of considerable improvement in church and parsonage property and in paying off and reducing Church debts. The more noteworthy expenditures are at Greenville, where a set of chiming bells worth $900 is about to be placed in the church tower through the generosity of a recently deceased member of the Church, Miss Sophia Koop; at Grace Church, Piqua, where a new pipe organ has just been installed at a cost of $1,500, and in the parsonage of Central Church, Springfield. Asbury charge, Dialton Circuit, is making an earnest effort to secure a new church, and the people of Central Church, Springfield, with great unanimity and enthusiasm have determined to rise and build a new structure to meet the imperative demands of the large membership and the needs of the various societies and organizations of the Church. A unique and admirable plan of subscription has been devised, and, with $20,000 now on the books, it would seem that the project is sure to succeed.

A Methodist Social Union has been formed in Springfield, and two highly successful meetings, one of which was addressed by President Herbert Welch, were held during the year. The annual convention of the Epworth League furnished a program of a very high degree of excellence, due largely to the constant personal care of the President, H. E. Armacost; but a method is yet to be discovered of sending the information and enthusiasm of a splendid convention throughout the district so that every chapter shall feel the thrilling impulse. Rev. S. W. Bell succeeds Brother Armacost in the presidency of the District League.

Our district missionary secretary, G. W. Vorhis, has been attentive to his duties, and many of our pastors have made use of the literature provided by the missionary secretaries. Nearly all of our benevolent collections were taken on the old plan, as the new apportionments did not reach us till late in the Conference year. The apportionments made to the Springfield District are relatively too high. It is a manifest injustice to ask more of the Springfield than of the Dayton District, or even as much. My protest to the Committee on Apportionments of the Missionary Society passed unheeded last year, and all the concession yet made is to fix the apportionments of these two districts at the same amount, but every preacher in the district knows that justice requires either an advance for the Dayton District or a reduction for ours. Let every man and every Conference district bear its own burden. The Springfield District collected and paid more last year for General Conference expenses than any other district in the Conference, and we hope to come up this year with all claims paid. It is a hard collection to get, but we hope to get it and have every charge on the roll of honor.

If the opinion of the Quarterly Conferences is at all representative, our people think the General Conference too large a body. Nearly every Quarterly Conference in this district has recommended, by a formal vote, a reduction in the size of this body, most of them urging that the basis of representation be changed from forty-five to ninety.

The new method of electing delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference has proven a conspicuous failure. Even in the largest Churches

the vote cast was very small, and in some of the country Churches no voters at all appeared when the polls were opened. The plan has been particularly awkward and unsatisfactory on the circuits where no regular week-day services are held and where several elections were to be provided for and yet but one person to be elected.

Our country work gives us anxiety. Its importance is apt to be underestimated by those who have not given the matter careful consideration. Many do not realize how largely our town and city Churches depend upon the village and country Churches for a constant infusion of new life. A writer in a recent number of the Methodist Review asserts that "more than one-half of the total population of the United States will have their religious and moral instruction and leadership directly or indirectly from the country Churches, or they must remain destitute," and he adds: "I believe there is no other institution that actually has, in spite of its faults and misfortunes, so great a potentiality, and thus mission and responsibility, in maintaining the moral integrity of the American people as the country Church." But our country Churches are gradually weakening, the salaries are small, and many pastors feel it a hardship to serve such charges. And often it is a hardship, and the men who do this work need the sympathy of all who are better provided for. Every preacher in the Conference should seriously study this phase of our work. Here the strong must help the weak. Town and city must reach out helping hands and the work must be maintained. We believe that our young men, fresh from college and theological school, should be willing to do some of this work. No one will deny that their services are worth more than the average circuit salary, but in maintaining the work of a Methodist Conference it is not a question of getting all that a man's work is worth. Many a man who has toiled many years and has appreciably contributed to the task of making our Church great and strong never has been paid what his services have been worth. Our plan has been to go to those who need us most, and the young men of to-day, rich in privileges enjoyed, surely will be willing to do their share of the hard work which has organized and supported our vast circuit system and thus has enabled us to do unique service among the great ecclesiastical denominations. We have had one deaconess employed in the district, at Greene Street, Piqua. Miss Fuller has found an inviting field in this thriving town. Under her care the Favorite Hill Mission has prospered greatly, the Sunday-school has grown to an attendance of nearly one hundred, and the preaching service established by the pastor, Rev. S. W. Bell, has furnished a good congregation. Grace Church, Springfield, has completed arrangements for supporting a deaconess this coming year. I wish that we could multiply this small contingent many times over. Our pastors have too many burdens to bear, too many demands upon their time and strength. Our people are insistent upon high grade work in the pulpit, but few of them realize that such work is not possible to men who are loaded down with a hundred petty responsibilities and whose time is consumed by things of minor importance. The small salary is another source of anxiety. Our ministers receiving these salaries are patient and faithful, but they feel the pinch of the increased cost of living. How to maintain the work and at the same time secure more adequate remuneration for the pastor is the unanswerable question. One thing is plain: the men of our Conference who do this work and receive this insufficient pay ought to have the friendly interest and appreciative sympathy of all in better positions. As a rule, our pastors are thoroughly interested in the work of civic reform and in all matters pertaining to the higher life of the community. Our pulpits are open to the speakers of the Anti-Saloon League, our pastors and people sup-

port every local effort to extirpate the liquor saloon, and our Church is the steadfast ally of good government. The rapidly growing desecration of the Sabbath is an ominous feature of our life. This spirit has invaded the Church, and it seems impossible to impress upon Christian people the results sure to follow. The attendance upon Sunday-school and Church services plainly shows the effect of this non-religious observance of this sacred day, and it becomes increasingly difficult to secure even a hearing for the Gospel message. The very general discontinuance of the Sunday evening preaching service is another marked change in Church life. During the present summer we had but one Church of strength in the Springfield District that maintained the evening preaching service. Central Church, Springfield, kept open doors, had good congregations, and heard the true Gospel message every Sunday night. It is a great relief to a weary pastor to have this second service lifted from his shoulders, but with baseball games, and vaudeville shows, balloon ascensions, open cigar stores, and other loafing places, picnics and family reunions, country club parties, etc., seizing upon Sunday afternoons and evenings, it is as plain as plain can be that there must be a new evangelism, or the Christian Church will lose out in the end. Some of these things mentioned may be harmless in themselves, but they drive out the consideration of religion and thoroughly secularize life.

The men of the Springfield District have had enough success to make them thankful, enough disappointment to make them humble, enough work to keep them busy; they face conditions so serious that they must be thoughtful; they have enough love for man to intensify their spirit of consecration, and enough faith in Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, who is to be final victor in the age-long conflict to make them feel that the work of the Christian ministry is the noblest task to which they can dedicate their powers, and that in this work any charge is a post of honor.

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STATISTICS.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, ... $13,834 60

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund,	$22 00
From Mears' Bequest,	150 00
From Book Concern Dividend,	1,817 00
From Conference Trustees,	1,850 00
From the Charges,	6,711 81
Borrowed from Preachers' Relief Society,	37 79
Total,	$10,588 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIMANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	$400 00	$304 00	East Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	400 00	304 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. C. T. Crum,	Self,	400 00	304 00	209 Babbitt St., Dayton, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	Self,	400 00	304 00	911 Market St., Zanesville, O.
Rev. J. P. Gilliland,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Pasadena, Cal.
Rev. H. A. M. Henderson,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman,	By mail	350 00	266 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	350 00	266 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Flat Highlands 6, Toledo, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. C. D. Munsey,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	824 E. Third St., Cincinnati, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Ottawa, O.
Rev. G. L. Travis,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Lewisburg, O.
Rev. S. Weeks,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. C. J. Wells,	By mail	250 00	190 00	522 W. 27th St., Norfolk, Va.
Rev. Wm. M West,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Pasadena, Cal.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Piqua, O.
Rev. J. H. Davis	Self,	250 00	190 00	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. J. E. H. Sentman,	Self,	200 00	152 00	Mainville, O.
Total,		$8700 00	$6612 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. J. E. Abrams,	Net	$50 00	$50 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. Creighton Wones,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. J. R. Hill,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Paid Note for money borrowed from Preachers' Relief Society, with int'st	Net	155 00	155 00	
Incidental expenses of Secretary and Treas'r.	Net	4 60	4 60	

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	By mail,	$200 00	$152 00	Cleveland, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	119 E. First St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt,	A. L. Brokaw,	100 00	76 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. T. S. Cowden,	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. N. W. Darlington,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	2340 Kemper Lane, Walnut Hills.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Fletcher Hypes,	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Owensville, O.
Mrs. Chas. Hartley,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Delaware, O.
Mrs. E. McHugh,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	R. R. No. 1, Hamilton, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Maysville, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Anderson, Ind.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	73 Green St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. D. A. McColm,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	160 Linden Ave., Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. H Middleton,	By mail,	175 00	133 00	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and child,	By mail,	250 00	190 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	19 Mound St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	
Mrs. H. Stokes,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	
Mrs. Timothy Wones,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	
Mrs. Creighton Wones,	By mail,	250 00	190 00	
Mrs. J. R. Hill,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	
Grand total,		13,834 60	10,588 60	

Total Receipts, ... $10,588 60
Total Expenditures, ... 10,588 60

A. L. Brokaw, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ASSETS.

Stocks: 119 Shares, Mast, Foos & Co.,	$11,900 00	
Notes secured,	17,350 00	
Suspense Account,	300 00	
Lot in Madisonville, O.,	70 00	
Cash in Bank,	41 62	
Total,		$29,661 62

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account,	$29,661 62

RECEIPTS.

Bills receivable—Loans paid back,	$3,200 00	
Little Miam R. R. Stock—Proceeds of sale,	3,296 25	
Interest received,	1,954 62	
		$ 8,450 87
Cash on hand September 1, 1906,		2,107 95
		$10,558 82

EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—Loans made,	$6,850 00	
Accounts payable,	50 00	
Treasurer Conference Stewards—		
Paid Sept., 1906, 1,670 00		
" " 1007, 1950 00	$3,520 00	
Expenses,	97 20	
		$10,517 20
Cash in Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, O.,		41 62
		$10,558 82
Interest received as above,	$1,954 62	
Balance interest account, August 31, 1906,	2 35	
Total,		$1,956 97
Expenses paid as above,		97 20
Balance brought down, interest account,		$1,859 77
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards,	$1,850 00	
Balance interest in bank,	9 77	
		$1,859 77

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., August 29, 1907.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, certificates of stock, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and we find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made, also letters containing enclosures of drafts, etc. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati, O.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WEAKLEY,
J. T. BAIL,
JOHN A. STORY.
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1907.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
Board of Foreign Missions,	$10,258 00	$ 5,744 00	$16,002 00
Undivided S. S. Missionary Offering,	4,890 00	2,165 00	7,055 00
Home Missions and Church Extension,	6,724 00	2,716 00	9,440 00
Children's Fund for Student Aid,	916 00	543 00	1,459 00
Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools,	2,444 00	1,102 00	3,546 00
Local Educational Interests,	497 00	217 00	714 00
American Bible Society,	492 00	606 00	1,098 00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	88 00	20,846 00	20,934 00
Woman's Home Missionary Society,	35 00	10,138 00	10,173 00
Total Disciplinary collections,	$26,344 00	$44,077 00	$70,421 00
Home for the Aged,	309 00	1,885 00	2,194 00
Christ Hospital and Deaconess Home,	476 00	81,970 00	82,446 00
Other Benevolent Offerings,	184 00	19,064 00	19,248 00
General Conference Expenses,	917 00	184 00	1,101 00
Conference Claimants' Fund,	6,185 00	508 00	6,693 00
Episcopal Fund,	1,461 00	212 00	1,673 00
Total of all Collections,	$35,876 00	$147,900 00	$183,776 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Jennings & Graham, Publishing Agents, for Freedmen's Aid and Episcopal Fund,	$3,905 00
Paid Samuel Shaw, Treasurer, for San Francisco Fund,	144 00
Paid W. F. Anderson, for Children's Fund,	916 00
Paid Herbert Welch, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	497 00
Paid Miss Lilian Hoffman, for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	88 00
Paid Mrs. Geo. O. March, for Woman's Home Missionary Society,	35 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	309 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital and Deaconess Home,	476 00
Paid A. L. Brokaw, for Conference Claimants' Fund,	6,185 00
Paid Oscar P. Miller, Treas., for General Conference Expenses,	917 00
Paid Homer Eaton, for Missionary Societies,	21,872 00
Paid Wm. Foulke, Treasurer American Bible Society,	492 00
Paid Wm. Green, for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	30 00
Paid Homer Eaton, for Linzell's Orphans, India,	10 00
Total disbursements,	$35,876 00

Receipts and vouchers for these amounts are in my hands.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

Home address:
3908 Eastern Av., Cincinnati, O.

Approved by the *Auditing Committee,*

T. D. MOORE, *Secretary.*

GEO. H. DART, *Chairman.*

STATISTICS NO. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - T. W. SALT, Georgetown, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers	Full Members.	Local Pr'hers.	Deaths.	Chil'n Bap'd.	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Churches	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Pd. for build. & impr. Ch's & Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present Indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Avondale Charge: Avondale	1	200	1	2	1	1	1	16	100	1	$40,000	1	11,000			
Pleasant Ridge	5	145		1	2		1	14	120	1	2,500			$3,000		
Bond Hill	2	107		1	1		1	14	110	1	5,000			165		
Carthage	11	135			11		1	26	158	1	4,500			20		
Central City Charge: Christie	32	300	1	6	9	2	1	25	225	1	20,000	1	5,000	2,350		
Asbury		168	1		2	1	1	16	164	1	15,000	1	2,500			
York Street	18	188	2	5	12	1	1	25	234	1	15,000			400		
Finley	5	139			1	3	1	17	200	1	10,000			500		
East Pearl Street	4	80		1	9	2	1	12	115	1	14,000	1	4,000	50		
Clifton		65		1	1		1	7	65	1	40,000					
Columbia	14	269		6	5	8	1	22	275	1	11,000	1	3,000	40		
Delta Ave	17	158		2	9	1	1	21	175	1	12,000			50		
Elmwood Place and Reading		130	1	1	9	2	2	28	285	2	7,500			212		
Fairmount		126		1	6		1	27	200	1	7,000	1	2,500	458		
First Church: Northside	6	263	2	3	10	5	1	31	265	1	38,000			1,755	$248	$538
Linwood and Madison Ave	8	148	1	2	5	1	2	18	180	2	12,500				281	1,494
McKendree	12	296	1	4	17	11	1	25	148	1	16,000			1,500		
Mt. Auburn		265	1	5	3		1	18	180	1	35,000			500		
Mt. Lookout	7	192		2	6	2	1	18	165	1	5,500	1	3,500	400		
Price Hill	7	288	1	1	10	4	1	21	265	1	18,000			2,400		
Riverside and Camp Washington		150		1	20	9	2	34	350	2	8,000					
St. Paul	18	658	1	3	14	1	1	39	415	1	125,000	1	20,000		511	2,000
Trinity	31	587	3	6	7	8	1	32	350	1	75,000	1	6,000	600		
Walnut Hills	12	515	3	5	15	8	1	36	205	1	60,000	1	15,000			
Wesley	117	552	1	16	31	8	1	47	410	1	95,000	1	10,000	1,500		
Westwood Charge: Westwood	7	257		2	5	3	1	47	280	1	50,000	1	8,000	473		
Groesbeck and Asbury		111					2	20	150	2	4,000					
Ebenezer and Dent		46		1			2	14	80	2	4,500					
Miami and Mt. Hope	4	55	1	1		1	2	18	100	2	3,000			75		
Winton Place	8	111		1	3	2	1	19	259	1	15,000	1	10,000			
Addyston	23	159		3			1	11	120	1	3,000			175		
Cleves & Harrison	4	315		6	4		2	34	200	2	12,000	2	2,800			
Delhi	17	202	3	1	11	6	1	35	210	1	15,000			280	2,018	1,400
Hartwell	7	271	1	3	9	8	1	28	200	1	12,000	1	3,000	462		
Wayne Avenue	5	373		7	4	2	1	21	167	1	25,000	1	6,000			
Madisonville	10	465	1	5	7	10	1	32	300	1	25,000	1	3,000	30		
Norwood: First Church	15	354	1	3	5	2	1	40	423	1	23,500			220	2,966	3,600
Grace Church	18	290		2	2	10	1	22	230	1	15,500			2,000	2,850	1,700
Cincinnati Missionary Society	[185	307]					[4	34	249	][8	9,500]					[1300]
Totals	615	9600	27	108	266	117	49	955	8326	48	909,100	18	115300	20,015	8,819	12,027
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany	12	208	1	4	3		1	16	80	1	3,000	1	1,000	150		
Camden	1	139					1	18	125	1	8,000	1	2,500			
Centerville		314		6	2	30	2	30	235	2	8,000	1	1,000	680		
Dayton: Broadway	66	814	1	10	6	29	1	50	375	1	15,000	1	3,500	2,000		2,662
Grace	10	902	2	12	25	15	1	34	410	1	60,000	1	10,000	1,382		
Homestead Avenue	8	55			2		1	15	75	1	6,000					
Raper	24	912	1	16	18	11	1	50	519	1	70,000			140	8,419	16,900
Riverdale	17	245		2	5	2	1	21	250	1	18,000			350	1,200	4,200
St. Paul	32	840	1	6	24	6	1	45	576	1	97,000	1	5,000	359		2,600
Trinity	8	359	2	4	18	4	1	31	250	1	10,000	1	3,000		250	650
Eaton & West Alexandria	12	471	1	4	16	52	2	49	435	2	88,000	1	3,500	3,000	1,000	
Ebenezer & Woodward Avenue	19	275		2	3	10	2	37	320	2	4,800	1	1,400	878	62	14
Fair Haven & Sugar Valley		276		3	4	2	2	35	250	2	6,500	1	3,000	120		
Donnelsville		85		2	3		1	11	60	1	3,000			50		
Fort Jefferson	20	195		1	5	8	3	45	320	4	12,000	1	1,000	3,500		
Franklin		348					1	20	140	1	20,000	1	4,000	80		
Germantown	16	160	1	5	7	2	1	22	140	1	5,000			180		
Gordon	2	175		1	1	6	4	50	350	4	10,500	1	2,000	1,500		300
Hamilton: First Church	11	742	1	13	23	23	1	44	550	1	40,000	1	10,000	8,500		
Lindenwald	4	208		5	9	5	1	22	250	1	8,000			100	100	800
Lewisburg & Brookville		285		2		1	3	45	260	3	8,800	1	2,000	200		
Miamisburg	33	350		6	4	5	1	35	294	1	37,000	1	5,000	147	3,746	
Middletown	30	669		8	21	9	1	25	580	1	40,000	1	2,000	473		
Monroe	4	180		2	4		2	18	130	2	9,500	1	2,000	155		
New Paris		183		1	1	17	2	27	140	3	2,000	1	700	25		

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	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & impr. Ch's & Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property
DAYTON DIST.—Cont'd.																
Osborn	15	240		6		1	3	46	220	3	$11,000	1	$2,500	$400		$1,500
Oxford	14	442	2	2		4	1	28	320	1	40,000	1	2,500	697	$260	1,415
Port Union and Glendale	3	200		1	4		3	25	150	4	10,500	1	2,500	35		
Red Lion & Merrittstown		135		1	2		2	20	100	2	3,300	1	1,500	10		
Seven Mile	2	247		3	9	4	2	26	171	3	9,800	1	1,000	548	12	41
Springboro and Lytle		240	1	1			1	12	70	1	3,500	1	1,500	10		
Venice (Ross)	9	381		4	6	9	5	66	275	5	10,000	1	800			
Walker & Union		93		3			2	19	105	2	2,500			56		
West Carrollton	1	253		3	8	4	1	21	275	1	25,000	1	3,000			1,800
West Chester	2	275		7	4		3	30	160	3	3,800	1	1,200	300		450
West Elkton	20	355	3	2	19	1	5	42	325	6	8,000	1	700	75		
West Milton	8	160		3			3	28	148	4	6,800	1	400	10		28
Totals	403	12411	17	151	256	246	69	1168	9402	75	604,400	30	80,200	26,055	10,167	32,383
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast	8	344	1	4		6	6	67	270	6	18,000	1	2,000		85	
Blanchester		334		3	4	16	1	21	255	1	10,000	1	2,500		380	400
Bowersville	7	240	1	1	2	11	3	44	253	4	9,800	1	850	65		
Centerfield	6	29		2			1	9	45	1	2,000			216		
Clarksville	21	309		6	13	20	5	52	275	4	9,500	1	2,000	135		
Greenfield	32	1075		8	16	25	11	50	850	1	75,000	1	5,000		12,000	
Highland		407	1				3	52	370	3	9 000	1	3,000			
Hillsboro	12	841	4	10	7	8	1	85	487	1	12,000	1	7,000	242		
Jamestown	5	364		6	1	12	1	17	178	1	12,000	1	2,000	110		
Leesburg	65	33		9	7	35	3	48	350	3	13,000	1	2,500	150		
Loveland	19	230	1	1			1	22	180	1	7,000			250		
Lynchburg	4	550	1	13	6	21	4	59	435	4	12,500	1	2,000		900	600
Maineville	3	175		2			3	35	215	3	6,000	1	1,200	87	20	
Martinsville	4	390	2	6	1	7	4	43	275	4	10,000	1	1,500	450	33	
Morrow	10	158		1			1	10	125	1	3,500	1	1,500	50		
New Burlington		439	1	4	2	4	4	52	302	4	7,200	1	1,600	1,200		
New Jasper	10	304		6	2	4	3	33	150	3	8,000	1	2,000	100		
New Vienna	3	340		3	1	3	3	33	220	3	10,000	1	2,500	70		
Plensant Plain	8	372		3	1	32	5	56	395	5	8,700			240		
Rainsboro	4	417		2		7	4	61	605	4	8,000	1	1,200	80		
Sabina	1	334	2	5	8	2	1	25	175	1	12,000	1	1,500	1,100		
Sinking Springs	4	310	1	2		1	5	48	210	5	6,000	1	1,000	125		
South Lebanon	18	705	1	2		1	3	18	110	3	3,500	1	1,500	100	80	
Sugar Tree Ridge	17	330	1	4	2	28	5	58	295	6	5,800	1	1,100		125	
Union	10	867		2	2	8	5	67	800	5	*15,000	1	2,000	5,233		3,016
Waynesville	8	251		6	4	11	1	20	180	1	4,000	1	3,000	175		
Wilmington	9	296	1	2	4	2	1	24	160	1	15,000	1	6,500	259	340	
Xenia: First Church	92	730		6	15	2	1	86	425	1	23,000	1	4,500	100		
Trinity	6	324		9	20	4	1	25	167	1	20,000	1	5,000	411		700
Totals	376	10795	18	128	112	262	80	1182	8316	81	365,500	26	66,450	10,948	13,783	4,716
MILFORD DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen	2	347		10	2	8	3	35	210	4	6,000	1	800	325		
Amelia	5	261	1	6	5	7	3	34	280	3	6,000	1	700	200		
Batavia	8	288	2	5	1	13	1	22	265	1	15,000	1	1,500	200		
Bethel	10	420		6	17	30	3	50	375	3	12,000	1	1,500	60		1,500
Branch Hill	5	159		3		2	4	25	168	5	10,000			30		
Chilo	10	258	1	8		4	3	35	140	4	5,000	1	400	3		
Decatur	2	280	1	3	3	19	5	50	280	5	6,500	1	1,200	275		
Dunkinsville		117		2			3	23	210	3	3,000	1	200	500		192
Feesburg	6	258		4		8	5	53	225	5	5,500	1	800	12		
Felicity	8	300	2	9		1	3	40	255	3	5,200	1	1,000	150		
Georgetown	11	493		8	9	10	3	44	300	3	10,000	1	1,800	125		
Goshen	4	215	1	5	3	19	1	25	100	1	5,500	1	1,800	150		
Laurel	6	388		2		17	4	52	325	4	7,500	1	1,800	816		
Lebanon	19	887	1	7	3	1	1	25	20	1	12,000	1	2,500	700		
Manchester	1	285		4	1	2	3	38	290	3	7,000	1	1,500	340		
Marathon	6	475	1	4	5	10	5	45	252	5	8,000	1	1,200	350		
Mason	8	263		3	4		3	35	270	3	8,200	1	4,000	120		
Milford	1	390	1	4	5	14	1	28	230	1	8,000	1	2,500	2,400		
Moscow	8	311	2	4	6		4	50	250	4	12,000			350		
Mount Orab	6	500		7			5	75	420	5	8,000	1	1,500	975	300	
Mt. Washington	3	160			2	3	3	16	160	3	3,500	1	1,000	900		
Mulberry	5	284		1	7	3	6	40	210	6	6,000			200		
New Richmond	11	220		1			1	16	140	1	4,500	1	1,500		100	50

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MILFORD DIST.—Cont'd																
Newtown	78	290	...	5	2	24	4	37	241	4	8,800	1	1,800	860	.....	.....
Owensville	1	350	...	8	1	...	4	45	200	4	8,000	1	2,000	200	.....	72
Peebles	10	300	...	6	...	4	3	43	300	3	4,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Ripley	6	240	...	5	...	6	1	17	175	1	40,000	1	3,000	235	.....	150
Summerside	2	250	1	5	4	9	4	56	260	4	5,000	1	1,800	400	.....	.....
West Union	5	510	...	9	...	4	6	45	375	3	6,000	1	1,700	700	.....	.....
Williamsburg	37	455	...	9	6	40	2	46	272	2	6,000	1	1,800	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit	9	180	1	4	1	8	4	35	145	4	4,500	...	.....	11	.....	90
Winchester and Seaman	4	335	1	4	3	5	2	37	249	2	11,000	1	1,000	50	.....	.....
Totals	294	9974	16	159	90	271	100	1206	7792	104	272,700	28	48,800	11,907	561	2,034
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	4	150	...	5	2	6	1	23	180	1	6,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Brandt	5	75	...	3	...	3	3	32	185	4	4,300	1	1,200	20	.....	.....
Catawba	12	391	1	7	12	...	3	53	260	3	9,000	1	2,500	.....	110	.....
Cedarville	8	336	...	7	5	31	2	30	202	2	6,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Christiansburg	...	250	1	5	...	1	4	38	205	4	7,000	1	1,200	750	.....	.....
Concord & Westville	...	244	...	6	...	...	2	27	200	2	7,000	1	1,200	60	.....	.....
Covington	8	181	...	4	...	...	1	18	100	1	5,000	1	2,000	.....	34	.....
Dialton	11	275	...	7	...	...	3	55	283	3	7,600	1	1,250	422	.....	.....
Greenville	23	422	1	2	2	...	1	36	325	1	27,000	1	6,000	20	790	.....
King's Creek	23	154	1	1	3	10	3	40	270	4	5,500	1	1,200	55	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	5	350	...	10	5	10	1	20	260	1	30,000	1	2,500	.....	268	.....
Mutual	23	270	...	5	2	12	4	50	225	4	7,500	1	800	200	.....	.....
New Carlisle	5	297	3	2	...	3	1	30	300	1	4,000	1	1,500	10	.....	.....
New Moorefield	14	350	2	6	8	3	5	57	306	5	12,000	1	1,700	378	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	6	355	...	4	15	5	1	32	302	1	10,000	1	4,000	.....	.....	.....
Greene Street	19	688	1	9	16	7	2	56	375	2	32,000	1	9,000	.....	.....	.....
South Charleston	44	421	...	3	5	...	2	34	300	2	12,000	1	5,000	37	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	20	892	8	13	3	12	1	52	400	1	20,000	1	20,000	.....	175	.....
Clifton Ave.	...	348	...	7	4	9	1	38	300	1	8,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace	2	300	...	3	...	4	2	25	250	2	2,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street	8	620	1	3	2	3	1	24	240	1	70,000	1	10,000	.....	3,181	2,681
St. Paul	...	340	...	5	3	3	1	28	215	1	40,000	1	2,000	220	600	2,000
Tippecanoe City	9	273	1	6	7	5	1	23	200	1	16,000	1	2,000	100	200	.....
Tremont City	6	325	1	4	...	80	3	32	140	3	14,000	...	.....	185	.....	.....
Troy	35	575	...	5	1	2	1	28	475	1	60,000	1	7,000	25	2,000	2,500
Troy Circuit	1	282	...	4	...	17	3	42	275	3	8,000	1	1,500	280	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	22	524	1	5	15	3	1	26	289	1	25,000	1	5,000	.....	.....	350
Grace	11	364	...	7	2	1	1	26	260	1	25,000	1	3,000	.....	165	.....
Yellow Springs	8	391	...	5	8	1	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Totals	325	10343	17	158	120	181	58	1020	8462	60	485,900	27	88,050	2,871	7,473	7,841

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Prhers.	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & Impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati	615	9600	27	108	266	117	49	955	8826	48	$909,100	18	115800	$20615	$8,819	$12027
Dayton	408	12411	17	151	256	246	69	1168	9402	75	604,400	30	80,200	26,055	10,167	33,363
Hillsboro	876	10795	18	128	112	262	80	1182	8316	81	565,500	26	66,450	10,948	13,783	4,716
Milford	294	9974	16	159	90	271	100	1206	7792	104	272,700	28	48,800	11,907	561	2,034
Springfield	825	10848	17	153	120	181	58	1020	8462	60	485,900	27	88,050	2,871	7,473	7,481
Totals, 1907	2018	53128	95	699	844	1077	356	5481	42298	368	2537600	129	393800	72,896	40,803	59,621
Totals, 1906	2198	53845	106	617	789	1483	358	5409	41513	370	2557100	129	392300	55,034	22,138	78,677
Increase	...	...	...	82	55	...	3	72	785	...	80,500	...	1,500	17,862	18,665	.....
Decrease	185	222	11	...	...	406	...	...	...	2	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	19,056

STATISTICS NO. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ... T. W. SALT, Georgetown, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't, who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	49	955	8,326	5,366	528	925	4,770	389	$5,299
Dayton,	69	1,168	9,402	6,284	643	1,184	5,587	368	5,044
Hillsboro,	80	1,132	8,316	4,787	535	954	3,501	415	3,571
Milford	100	1,206	7,792	5,294	618	1,152	4,739	413	3,126
Springfield,	58	1,020	8,462	5,037	705	1,031	4,827	378	4,270
Totals, 1907,	356	5,481	42,298	26,768	3,029	5,246	23,424	1,963	$21,310
Totals, 1906,	353	5,409	41,513	26,748	2,626	5,048	18,114	2,351	21,427
Increase,	3	72	785	20	403	198	5,310	.....	.....
Decrease,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	388	$117

| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor | Pastor's Support. | | | | Su'port Presid. Elders. | | Sup-port of Bish'ps | | Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops | Conference Claimants. | | | Current Expens's | | | Benevolent Collections. | | | |

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—DAYTON DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary	House Rent	Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Su'port Presid. Elders. Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Sup-port of Bish'ps Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants. Received From. Collections	Other Sources	Total	Current Expens's Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Benevolent Collections. Missions. Board For. Missions (a) Church	(b) Spec'l Gifts	Sunday-school not Divided	Board of Home Miss. & Chu'h. Ex. (a) Church	(b) Spec Gifts	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S. Child' Fund for Stud. Aid	(a) Church	(b) S. Schools	Total	Education Local Educational Interests	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deaconness
Bethany	[W. W. Tranter]	$650	$75	$725		$54	$54	$10	$10	$789	$25		$25	$100	$80	$62		$13	$15		$4	$15	$5	$24	$6	$5	$17	$10		$10		$5	$15
Camden	S. B. Timmons	650	150	800		56	56	2	2	860	5		5	125	75	35		10	3		3			3		2	47	49					54
Centerville	A. D. Maddox	800	150	950		71	71	12	12	1033	64		64	225	70	82		58	40		12	15		27	7	5	105			78	$7	32	19
Dayton: Broadway	John Lloyd	1400	200	1600		120	120	21	21	1741	30		30	475	160	108	$65	89	130		10	25		35	5	4	469	444	$45		33	5	38
Grace	M. B. Fuller	2500	600	3100		241	241	39	39	3380	200		200	4100	300	367		396	263		19	170		189	25	37	220	418	52	1919	64		258
Homestead Ave	[Horace A. Ewell]	300		175	$ 125					175				40		4			50													
Raper	V. F. Brown	1600	300	1900		142	142	24	24	2066	79		79	1619	256	133	39	193	140	57	18	57	8	83	8	15	268	201	19	300			
Riverdale	E. W. Serl	1100		1100		82	82	17	5	1187	10		10	650	170	30		18	20			15		15			10			37	4		3
St. Paul	D. G. Latshaw	1600	300	1900		142	142	33	33	2075	138		138	900	300	549	35	105	50		21	60		81	50	20	137	159		506	45		70
Trinity	O. M. Sellers	850	200	1056	Ex 6	75	75	12	12	1143	20		20	250	152	34		31	45		16	5		21		1		43	15	86	5		34
Donnelsville	[C. F. Gowdy]	150		150		12	12	3	3	165	3		3	40	20	14		1	1		1			1	1	1	1	1			1		
Eaton and West Alexandria	E. M. Ellsworth	1500	200	1705	Ex 5	128	128	15	15	1848	60		60	940	278	48	30	103	57		10	8	2	20	2	8	101	102	35	59		2	40
Ebenezer and Woodward	N. O. Sweat	600	135	735		52	52	9	9	796	11		11	189	192	17		36	19		10	6		16		3				62	5		
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	T. G. Williams	700	100	800		53	53	10	10	863	56		56	120	78	422		98	310		10	42		52	10	20				81	12	10	29
Fort Jefferson	[D. S. Ferguson]	600	75	675		48	48	8	8	731	16		16	150	65	35		3	25		4	5		9		2	2	2			4	8	2
Franklin	Asa J. Kestle	1000	150	1150		* 86	* 86	12	12	1248	35		35	525	60	30		44	30		5	15		20		4	35	110		11	4		32
Germantown	J. J. Hawk	550		632	Ex 82	41	41	5	5	678	22		22	191	108	35		40	30		2	10		12		1							12
Gordon	Thomas Cundy	600	100	700		42	42	10	10	752	20		20	175	200	42		58	30		11	7		18		2							
Hamilton: 1st Church	A. B. Austin	2000	360	2360		177	177	30	30	2567	50		50	1333	300	168		130	159		14	32		46	13	9	186	207	104	234	30	35	117
Lindenwald	C. P. Pumphrey	750		750		40	40	4		790	3		3	210	75	8		6	3		3			3				25		13			3
Lewisburg and Brookville	G. W. Keen	775	125	900		60	60	11	11	971	43		43	275	150	53		40	55		28			28				96	34				18
Miamisburg	W. L. Boicourt	1400	200	1600		105	105	17	17	1722	80		80	765	300	105		64	85		18	45		63	5	5	47	48		89		12	60
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker	1400	200	1600		112	112	15	5	1727	100		100	1035	229	80		55	105		12	40		52	5	12	50	106	81	121	18		164
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	800	100	900		67	67	9	9	976	10		10	120	50	25		15	2		5	5	1	11				12	16	50	1		
New Paris	C. S. Grauser	600	75	688	Ex 13	40	40	6	3	731	9		9	90	76	7	15	7	10		3	7		10		2					2		
Osborn	A. Hamilton	700	110	810		49	49	12	12	871	13		13	200	200	15		13	15		5			5	2	2	55			88	4	10	15
Oxford	Chas. L. Bovard	1500	300	1800		127	127	18	18	1945	81		81	706	172	135	23	50	128		10	28		38		8	112	156		130		4	100
Port Union and Glendale	G. P. Austin	800	125	925		69	69	9	9	1003	16		16	125	65			16	16		18			18	3	2					6		6
Red Lion and Merrittstown	D. W. C. Washburn	600	100	600	100	50	*	8	6	606	2		2	100	25	3		8	2		2	2		4									
Seven Mile	Jos. W. Patton	800	100	900		67	67	12	12	979	35		35	145	180	150		5	20		20	5		25	10	2	42			28	12		
Springboro and Lytle	[Jas. C. Lewis]	600	75	675		34	34			709	10		10	145	85	9		14	2		3	3		6		1		38	5		2		
Venice	H. Hershey	700	75	775		58	58	5	5	838	20		20	160	160	60	15	1	25		5	4	1	10		1				17			
Walker and Union	[A. A. McGinniss]	400		365	35	33	33	5	4	402	20		20	54	51	5	30	10	23		8	6		14		5					5		
West Carrollton	W. T. Gilliland	900	200	1100		82	82	13	13	1195	70		70	470	144	150	15	115	161			35		35		15	101	91	124	145	4		
West Chester	C. L. Gowdy	700	100	800		56	56	10	10	896				150	103	10			10		4	4		8									
West Elkton	W. B. Cundy	690	60	642	48	47	47	6	6	695	20		20	178	152	45		19	14		10	2		12							5		4
West Milton	R. O. Matthews	1500	100	900		45	5	5	5	905	9		9	180	52	10			7		8	4	1	13		2					4	5	
Totals		$24275	$5145	$28995	$ 505	$2295	$2268	$437	$341	$31	$1095		$1095	$17685	$7188	$1485	$392	$1224	$1485	$2	$328	$472	$10	$1282	$162	$105	$1485	$1821	$580	$4071	$282	$128	$1080

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.				Su'port Presid. Elders.		Support of Bish'ps		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants.			Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																							
		Claims.		Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Received from.		Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Missions.				Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools.				Education		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S.		Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deaconnes	
		Salary	House Rent								Collections	Other Sources				Board for Missions		Sunday-school not Divided	Board of Home Miss. & Ch'h Ex.		Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S.				Local Educational Interest.			(a) Cash	(b) Supplies							
																(a) Church	(b) Spec'l Gifts		(a) Church	(b) Spec Gifts	Child Fund for Stud Aid	(a) Church	(b) S. Schools	Total													
Belfast	J. A. Easton	$800	$100	$700		$52	$52	$8	$8	$760	$5		$5	$330	$75	$50		$3	$4		$5	$5		$10		$1					$4		
Blanchester	A. T. Cowgill	800	150	950		68	68	9	9	1027	33		33	250	120	45		70	30		5	15		20		5	$68		$35	$2	9		$10
Bowersville	Roy B. Coleman	650	75	650		55	55	9	9	714	10		10	210	55	21		12	46		24	3		27	$4	4				45	11		11
Centerfield	J. H. Davis	60		60						60	5		5	6	12	5			1														
Clarksville	H. H. Compton	800	150	951	Ex $1	68	68	10	10	1029	40		40	200	132	38	100	25	40		4	17		21	6	6	10			5			41
Greenfield	J. E. Beery	1600	300	1900		136	136	20	20	2056	100		100	870	400	182		130	25		8	30		38	4	5	177	$64	113	71	20		245
Highland	Jas. R. Hill	750	200	950		64	64	11	11	1025	40		40	200	120	78		29	45		18	7		20		4	92			40			
Hillsboro	W. A. Deaton	1500	300	1800		127	127	15	15	1942	60		60	574	180	175		50	205		7	20	$5	32	5	4	289	251	20	350			51
Jamestown	Chas. L. Conger	1050	150	1200		89	89	13	13	1392	80		80	464	165	95		112	76		5	20		25	113	4	139	84	50	56	9		110
Leesburg	E. T. Lane	750	150	900		64	64	11	11	975	30		30	300	125	50		32	40		12	40		52	10	5	84	59	14	21	5	$5	5
Loveland	Thos. S. King	650		650		42	42	7	7	699	16		16	150	100	10		55	6		6	3	2	11		7	5			40	4	2	23
Lynchburg	Chas. W. Briggs	900	150	1050		74	74	11	11	1135	38		38	250	162	81			71		5	12		17	14	7	27			46	11	5	
Maineville	J. E. H. Sentman	650	100	750		56	52	6	4	808	10		10	200	100	11		14	2		5	2		7	1	1				16			
Martinsville	W. S. Gray	750	96	846		64	64	11	11	920				200	90	68	$15	16	30		12			12		1	28			88	6		8
Morrow	Geo. S. Easton	700	100	800		59	59			859	18		18	160	52	11		13	11						11								6
New Burlington	O. D. Becker	800	100	900		68	68	12	12	980	62		62	186	187	217					3	22		25		2	36			67	5	2	30
New Jasper	Frank Leever	700	100	800		60	60	10	10	870	10		10	180	60	45		5	53		5	3		8	2	2					5		
New Vienna	J. H. Lease	750	150	900		64	64	11	11	975	60		60	225	150	100		15	100		11	15		26		4	152			4			10
Pleasant Plain	[Jos. Shepard]	600		600		51	51	4	4	655	2		2	190	164	18			12		3			3		3				4	17		10
Rainsboro	J. F. McColm	650	75	725		55	55	9	9	789	20		20	210	108	18		28	24		10			13	4	4				11			4
Sabina	W. M. Coffman	800	150	950		68	68	12	12	1080	45		45	150	90	80		54	60				4	22		2	73			17		5	15
Sinking Spring	[J. C. Boltin]	550	50	560	40	46	41		3	570	3		3	155	46	35		3	3		8		22	8		1							3
South Lebanon	J. M. Bennett	600	100	700		51	51		5	756	2		2	125	33	5									3								
Sugar Tree Ridge	[T. M. Scarff]	500	75	590	15	45	42	7	6	608				125	85	38		12	25		4	10		14		3				2	5		5
Union	W. M. Patton	800	150	950		68	68	12	12	1030	50		50	225	150	117		44	45		10	25		35		2	77			96	5		5
Waynesville	Philip Trout	800	150	950		68	68	4	4	1022	20		20	128	60	40		18	12		7	5		12			40			10		1	23
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey	800	240	1040	Ex 26	68	68	18	18	1326	65		65	303	85	90		50	67		14	23		37	3		83			27	17		50
Xenia: First Church	E. H. Cherington	1500	300	1800		126	126	24	24	1950	100		100	1150	282	250		130	255		10	40		50	5	15	157	226		403	27		25
Trinity	J. R. Colley	1200	300	1500		100	100	20	20	1620	45		45	463	94	70	50		125		28			28		10	117	167	44	227	21	8	60
Totals		$22200	$3961	$27092		1946	1934	$284	$291	$26382	$969		$969	$8179	$3432	2043	165	$920	1393		$224	$317	$32	$573	$185	102	$1654	$851	276	$1622	185	$50	$747

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent	Pastor's Support. Total Receipts	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies	Su'port Presid. Elders. Amount Appor.	Su'port Presid. Elders. Amount Paid	Sup- port of Bish ps Amount Apportioned	Sup- port of Bish ps Amount Paid	Total Support Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants. Received From. Collections	Conference Claimants. Received From. Other Sources	Conference Claimants. Total	Current Expens's Church, Sexton, Lights, Fuel, etc.	Current Expens's S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Benevolent Collections. Missions. Board for Missions a. Church	Missions. Board for Missions b. Spec'l Gifts	Missions. Sunday-school not Divided	Missions. Board of Home Miss. & Ch'n Ex. a. Church	Missions. Board of Home Miss. & Ch'n Ex. b. Spec Gifts	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S. Child' Fund for Stud Aid	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. a. Church	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. b. S. Schol	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. Total	Edu- cation Local Educa- tional Interests	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. a. Cash	W. H. M. S. b. Supplies	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deacon- ness
Aberdeen	W. F. Martin	$900	$100	$707	Ex$7	$60	$60	$8	$8	$775	$10		$10	$130	$80	$25		$5	$5		$12			$12							$8		$18
Amelia	W. J. Baker	650	120	772	Ex2	60	60	5	5	837	15		15	250	110	35		31	30		35			35			$2			$32	8	5	$18
Batavia	Edmund Burdsall	800	120	920		74	74	10	10	1004	40		40	295	120	40			40		9			9	$2	$8	25	$24		13			10
Bethel	D. S. Ewry	670	100	770		48	48	6	6	814	8		8	150	110	137			13		10			10		2				58	8	22	21
Branch Hill	[U. T. Belfry]	440	100	509	31	32	32			541	34		34	188	59	9			8		3			3							6	24	12
Chilo	A. F. Hunt'gton	450	50	487	13	48	43	4	4	539	2		2	80	45	16			4		6			6			10						
Decatur	B. H. Lewis	600	100	672	28	50	48	6	6	726	12		12	135	100	100		4	25		15			15		5	4			65	8	8	6
Dunkinsville	[M. L. Titus]	128	9	112	25	28	28			140	6		6	15	35	10			10						5								
Feesburg	[G. W. O'Neill]	500	75	575		50	50	4	4	629	5		5	105	72	10			10		6	$1		7						5	9		
Felicity	W. E. Spurrier	600	100	715	Ex15	58	58	8	8	776	8		8	245	132	40		9	30		15			15		1	13			35	10		18
Georgetown	T. W. Salt	900	120	1020		66	66	10	10	1086	35		35	280	85	73	$10	18	60		17	16		33	2	5	14	7		17	9		37
Goshen	G. M. Fulton	600	100	700		53	53	6	6	758	15		15	125	75	20		30			5		$2	7		1	1		$55	6	4	2	6
Laurel	Alfred Taylor	600	85	685		54	54	6	6	745	15		15	190	78	50	15	11	22		2	15		17		4				10			
Lebanon	W. A. Cooper	1200	200	1400		100	90	10	10	1500	40		40	375	125	195	65	60	20		11	25		36		13	232	194		179	15	11	96
Manchester	L. A. Washburn	700	100	800		68	58	8	8	866	15		15	160	112	50	19	60	50		25	5		30	3	5	46			10	5		40
Marathon	[W. E. Shriver]	500	75	575		44	44	6	6	625	20		20	155	85	60		7	20		4	6		10		1	9		6		7	3	18
Mason	W. E. Putt	800	200	1056	Ex56	65	65	10	10	1131	20		20	135	135	5	20	22	26		21	8		29		2		8		35	7	3	75
Milford	M. LeSourd	1200	150	1350		111	111	12	12	1473	140		140	350	150	190	80	111	190		16	88		104	15	15	188	155	26	255	15	35	125
Moscow	John Phillips	675		658	18	58	50	8	5	713	25		25	185	100	55		15	20		20			20		5	5	5		15	5		
Mount Orab	[H. O. Collins]	750	150	900		65	53	10	5	958	5		5	225	125	25			5		5	4		9	5	1							
Mount Washington	[S. W. Griffith]	525	100	625		45	45			670	2		2	200		38			12		1	2		3	1	1							1
Mulberry	[W. S. Hoggatt]	431		431		4	2			433	7		7	150	100	15			3		5	2		7	2	1				3			
New Richmond	C. L. Chapman	700	150	850		54	54	8	8	912	7		7	250	90	32		3	34		8	5		13		2		3					
Newtown	W. E. Verity	558	120	779	Ex101	42	42	6	6	827	40		40	260	158	54			45		10	15	20	45		5	55			11	6		28
Owensville	W. B. Brown	750	150	900		52	52	6	6	958	5		5	200	80	22		14			3			3		1							8
Peebles	Jonathan Verity	623	100	696	27	60	57	10	2	755	5		5	130	88	36		8	31		3	4		7		2				3	1		7
Ripley	H. W. Bailey	900	200	1100		74	74	10	10	1184	13		13	301	100	25		30	25		3		3	6	4	2	2	10	12	19	4	3	5
Summerside	A. G. Newton	550	100	650		45	45	6	6	701	5		5	140	90	10		28	35		3	5		8	2	3				2	2		5
West Union	R. E. Smith	700	100	800		60	60	8	8	868	34		34	150	125	70		7	73			9		9		5				10			
Williamsburg	W. J. Dunham	950	150	1100		52	52	10	10	1162	23		23	190	200	98	15	34	50		18	4	4	23	2	5	80	15	15	35	12		6
Williamsburg Circuit	[T. J. Lewis]	400		369	31	32	32	4	1	402	1		1	185	80	10	1				4	4		8		2	5						6
Winchester-Seaman	J. M. Bailey	700	100	800		58	53	10	10	863				200	112	30		10	10		6	4		10		4	4						
Totals		$21151	$3024	$24488	Ex$8	1746	1715	$215	$190	$25800	512		512	$6978	$3109	1585	225	517	1890		$258	$222	$29	549	$48	100	1095	$421	132	$770	165	$90	$518

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor | Pastor's Support. | | | | Su'port Presid. Elders. | | Sup-port of Bish'ps | | Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops | Conference Claimants. | | | Current Expens's | | Benevolent Collections. | | | |

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

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CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of Presiding Elder and Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
CLEVES,	$550	$550
Harrison,	450	450
ELMWOOD PLACE,	500	500
Reading,	400	400
LINWOOD,	450	455
Madison Ave.,	450	470
RIVERSIDE,	500	500
Camp Washington,	600	600
WESTWOOD CHARGE,		
Asbury,	230	230
Groesbeck,	325	325
Dent,		360
Ebenezer,		280
Miami,		450
Mt. Hope,		250
DAYTON DISTRICT.		
CENTERVILLE,	600	600
Bellbrook,	200	200
EBENEZER,	275	275
Woodward Ave.,	325	325
FAIRHAVEN,	440	440
Sugar Valley,	260	260
GORDON,	265	265
West Baltimore,	175	175
Pittsburg,	135	135
West Sonora,	75	75
FORT JEFFERSON,	183	183
New Madison,	111	111
Hollandsburg,	178	178
Jaysville,	128	128
LEWISBURG,	400	400
Brookville,	300	300
Pyrmont,	75	75
MONROE,	650	650
Amanda,	150	150
NEW PARIS,	300	300
Gettysburg,	300	304
PORT UNION,	358	358
Glendale,	208	208
Princeton,	134	134
Valley Chapel,	100	100
RED LION,	500	450
Merrittstown,	100	50
DAYTON—Continued.		
SEVEN MILE,	$534	$534
Darrtown,	266	266
VENICE,	90	90
New Haven,	130	130
New Baltimore,	113	113
Okeana,	212	212
St. Charles,	155	155
WALKER,	150	115
Union,	250	250
WEST CHESTER,	290	290
Tylersville,	210	210
Sharon	200	200
WEST MILTON,	200	350
Concord,	125	150
Pleasant Hill,	30	35
Union,	75	37
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
BELFAST,	128	128
Prospect,	115	115
London,	96	96
Louisville,	91	91
Folsom,	65	65
BOWERSVILLE,	262	262
Center,	210	210
Mt. Zion,	92	92
Haws Chapel,	86	86
CLARKSVILLE,	337	338
Pansy,	82	82
Union,	82	82
Olive Branch,	153	153
Harveysburg,	146	146
HIGHLAND,	375	375
Memphis,	210	210
Samantha,	165	165
LEESBURG	470	470
Olive Chapel,	155	155
East Monroe,	125	125
LYNCHBURG,	420	430
Dodsonville,	200	203
Russell,	150	153
Dunn's Chapel,	210	188
MAINEVILLE,	400	400
Zoar,	150	150

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.		
Cozaddale,	$100	$100
MARTINSVILLE,	232	232
Morrisville,	233	233
Westboro,	190	190
Midland,	95	95
NEW BURLINGTON,	251	251
Sharon,	233	233
Lumberton,	216	216
Zoar,	100	100
NEW JASPER,	500	500
White Chapel.	100	100
Mt. Tabor,	100	100
NEW VIENNA,	400	400
Auburn,	200	200
West Chapel,	150	150
PLEASANT PLAIN,	110	110
Butlerville,	135	135
Wesley,	135	135
Edenton,	135	135
McKendree,	85	85
RAINSBORO,	302	302
Marshall,	160	160
New Petersburg,	114	114
Boston,	74	74
SINKING SPRING,	200	180
Carmel,	170	160
Pisgah,	80	80
Cedar Chapel,	60	55
Conway Chapel,	40	35
SOUTH LEBANON,	425	425
Shiloh,	125	125
Rochester,	50	50
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	183	183
Emerald,	108	108
Olivet,	102	102
Fairfax,	61	61
New Market,	23	24
Wesley Chapel,	23	7
UNION,	260	260
Richland,	159	159
Glady,	150	150
Spring Valley,	260	260
Mt. Holly,	69	69
MILFORD DISTRICT.		
ABERDEEN,	194	199
Bradyville,	154	154
Ebenezer,	135	137
Fitch's Chapel,	117	117
AMELIA,	430	430
Pleasant Hill,	150	150

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Union Chapel,	$70	$72
BETHEL,	446	446
Old Bethel,	113	113
Lakin,	113	113
BRANCH HILL,	100	100
Brecon,	100	100
Montgomery,	60	52
Rossmoyne,	80	57
Miamiville,	100	100
CHILO,	200	200
McKendree,	90	90
Cedron,	100	100
Smith's Landing,	60	47
DECATUR,	174	174
North Liberty,	131	103
Russellville,	145	145
Eckmansville,	75	75
Fairview,	75	75
DUNKINSVILLE,	37.50	26.80
Cedar Mills,	35	35
Union Chapel,	19	13
FEESBURG,	55	55
Eden,	223	223
Hamersville,	107	107
Mt. Pisgah,	62	62
Mt. Zion,	53	53
FELICITY,	435	440
Point Israel,	125	125
Mt. Olive,	40	50
GEORGETOWN,	700	700
Freesoil,	100	100
Hillman,	100	100
LAUREL,	208	208
Mt. Pisgah,	158	158
Spring Grove,	122	122
Franklin,	112	112
MANCHESTER,	460	460
Bentonville,	160	160
Quinn Chapel,	80	80
MARATHON,	169	169
Greenberry,	103	103
Burdsall,	103	103
Fayetteville,	66	66
Taylor,	66	66
MASON,	565	631
Union,	100	90
Socialville,	135	135
MOSCOW,	202	202
Calvary,	200	200
Pt. Pleasant,	151	151
Neville,	123	105

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Mount Orab,	$225	$225
Sardinia,	220	220
Buford,	150	150
Shiloh,	105	105
New Hope,	50	50
Mt. Washington,	325	325
Salem,	100	100
California,	200	200
Newtown,	188	202
Armstrong Chapel,	158	212
Madeira,	112	140
Camp Dennison,	100	105
Owensville,	220	245
Belfast,	205	205
Newtonville,	215	215
Maple Grove,	85	85
Peebles,	415	415
Locust Grove,	64	64
Dunbarton,	136	136
Summerside,	167	167
Asbury,	167	168
Olive Branch,	167	167
Withamsville,	50	50
West Union,	462	462
Liberty Chapel,	150	150
Stone Chapel,	88	88
Williamsburg,		
Afton,	125	125
Concord,	110	100
Salem,	110	94
Branch Hill,	55	50
Winchester,	400	. .
Seaman,	300	. .
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		
Addison,	194	194
McKendree,	226	226
Beech Grove,	95	95
Wesley,	$85	$43
Brandt,	130	130
Palmer,	150	150
Wayne,	100	83
Catawba,	458	458
Nation,	235	235
Pleasant,	83	83
Cedarville,	650	650
Clifton,	75	75
Concord,	561	561
Westville,	189	189
Dialton:		
Newson,	397	407
Sims,	132	142
Asbury,	121	101
King's Creek,	375	370
Cable,	100	100
Mutual,	240	290
Union,	250	250
Trickles Creek,	105	115
Fountain Park,	55	59
New Moorefield:	175	175
New Moorefield Village,	140	140
Fletcher Chapel,	175	175
Asbury Chapel,	170	170
Vianna Church,	100	100
South Charleston,	650	650
Selma,	150	150
Tremont City,	200	200
Terre Haute,	200	200
Grafton,	70	70
Troy Circuit,		
Bethel,	186.50	186.50
Raper Chapel,	186.50	186.50
Casstown,	233	233
Yellow Springs,	650	650
Emory,	100	101
Old Town,	100	101

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COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE Auditing Committee met in session and carefully investigated all accounts, namely, the Mears Bequest, Treasurer of Publishing Committee accounts, Conference Treasurer's account, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and found the same to be correct.

THOS. D. MOORE, *Secretary.* GEO. H. DART, *Chairman.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As to the present opportunities for missionary work, they are simply stupendous and unparalleled. If to-day our Church would double her gifts to this work and to-morrow double them again, we would in a few years see literally millions converted from paganism and gathered into aggressive forces for Christ that would speedily Christianize the great nations of the East. The day has come in Christian missions when the Church must think in vastly larger figures than she has been accustomed to do, both as to gifts and as to expectation of results. Hence we would strike a new keynote among our people and pray that the Holy Spirit may send upon all a profound conviction of our duty to keep step with the providence of God.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

We congratulate the Church upon the present plan touching Home Missions and Church Extension. Enthusiastic concentration of effort can now be more easily secured, and better results even than in the splendid years of the past can be intelligently anticipated. As never before we have the opportunity of combining the love for country with the devotion for home, knowing that as we, in the spirit of Home Missions, serve the one we at the same time safeguard the other. The flag of a free America and the cross of a free Gospel were never in so mutually helpful relations, the flag waving a patriotic invitation to Christian workers to enter fields of richest possibilities, the cross lovingly urging the followers of Jesus to highest endeavor, and wherever the flag is known we pray the principles of the cross may be recognized and practiced.

From the standpoint of the world, the multitudes of foreigners that are flocking to our shores are a menace to the Republic, but from the standpoint of the Gospel these same multitudes are one of God's great opportunities to the Christians of this favored land to tell to these strangers the story of Christ's love and His power to save. If Christians shall be neglectful of this opportunity, the Republic will indeed

be endangered; but if they shall be true, all nations will be infinitely the gainers.

The spiritual condition of the Christless ones in our large cities can not be recognized without one's mind turning to the Master as He wept over Jerusalem. These are destructive to themselves, they are ruinous to others. Home Missions seek to solve this problem of the cities by bringing to them the Christ.

Another phase of the work of this Board that appeals to the heart is that it is the channel through which relief to the distressed is afforded. If it is a call because of a fire, or tornado, or flood, or earthquake, it is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension that responds, as the calamity-smitten cities of Charleston, Galveston, Jacksonville, and San Francisco gratefully testify.

The Church Extension feature of this Board is one that must appeal to every lover of the kingdom of Jesus. Nearly 15,000 Churches have been helped to help themselves, and these have begun immediately to spread the seed of salvation. No greater work is being fostered by our Church than is Church Extension, and no work presents more worthy opportunities for Christian benevolence.

We urge that the appeal for "A Million for Home Missions and Church Extension" shall be heard with favor, and we recommend that the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving, as designated by the Board, shall be observed by our pastors in the presentation of this cause. We further recommend that the "Christian Republic" shall be placed in every Methodist home.

We trust that every Sunday-school in our Conference will observe Children's Day and report a largely increased offering to aid needy and deserving students in securing a higher education.

Closing.

Our Church has now three great Benevolent Boards, and each of these should have its own separate presentation in every congregation and its own separate collection. From the organization of our Missionary work into a Foreign and a Home Board we anticipate very favorable results, as our members can now designate the direction of their gifts. We hope that the General Conference will so rearrange the affairs of the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools as to enable the Church to emphasize the peculiar appeal of our negro membership, as well as the vast and various claims of our educational work among our white people, both in the North and in the South.

American Bible Society.

We recommend that the Bible be read in our public schools; that it be read in all our homes at family prayers; that Christian parents seek to inculcate its teachings in the minds and hearts of their children; that it be used in all our Sunday-schools by teachers and scholars, and read responsively by pastor and people in all our Churches.

We rejoice that the American Bible Society seeks to put the Word of God into every home where it is not, in order that Scripture holiness may be spread over these lands. The Society is worthy of all consideration. Its work is invaluable. It stands vitally related to our missionary work in all lands, both at home and abroad. Its income should be greatly increased.

It saves our Mission Boards many times as much as our Church is paying into its treasury, and is altogether indispensable. Our Conference has lately made a considerable advance in contributions for this great work, and we sincerely hope this advance will not only be main-

tained, but largely increased. We recommend the adoption of the same apportionment as last year, viz.: one-eighth as much as for Missions; that the Presiding Elder send out this apportionment to all our pastoral charges, and we earnestly request every pastor in the Conference to preach a sermon during the year in the interest of the Society, take the collection for the same, and try to secure at least the apportionment.

C. L. CHAPMAN, *Secretary.* W. J. DUNHAM, *Chairman.*

EDUCATION.

THE cause of Christian education has a large place in the plans and activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While the name has been modified, the purpose and mission of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society remain the same. The oversight, on the part of our pastors and people, of this fact would mean disaster to this great and important work among the neglected population in the Southland. We place special emphasis on the claims of this great cause.

We again approve the work of the Board of Education as it stands related to Christian education. We recommend a general and conscientious observance of Children's Day; and also that care shall be taken to keep our people acquainted with the design and needs of the Tract Society and Sunday-school Union.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Every age demands men prepared to meet its emergencies. A progressive and growing people will launch out in new lines of thought and action. Many of the things called "new" are old forms with new faces—a reappearing of ideas held many years ago and brought again to notice. The minister of to-day must know the past, in order to meet the present. Our seminaries are engaged in fitting young men to this end. They were never more needed and were never more efficient than now. The faithfulness of their professors, the good report of the healthy tone that prevails in these institutions commends them to the whole Church.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

The Woman's College has had an eventful history. The great fire crippled its finances, but the place it held in Methodism rallied to its support a host of new friends and gave it a wider patronage. It is now better equipped for work than ever. It is equal to the best colleges of the land in affording opportunities for the higher education of women.

a. HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

The case of the Hillsboro College is now pending in the Common Pleas Court of Highland County awaiting the decision of the Judge before whom the hearing was held. It is the purpose of the Trustees, through the Board of Education of Hillsboro, to push the matter to a final close as rapidly as possible and thereby secure possession of this valuable property. We recommend the following named persons as Trustees for the ensuing year: J. T. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, W. C. Duckwall, James F. Brown, J. W. Watts, W. N. Bean, J. H. Head, and the pastor of the Greenfield Methodist Episcopal Church; said Trustees to be authorized to fill all vancancies that may occur among them.

We further recommend the appointment of a commission to act with the Trustees, said commission to consist of the Presiding Elder of Hillsboro District, our pastor at Hillsboro, and Rev. M. P. Zink.

b. Ohio Wesleyan University.

Above all other centers of learning this institution commands our confidence and support as among the greatest and most influential educational plants within the bounds of Ohio Methodism. Succeeding years convince us that the University is increasing in efficiency and influence. We are pleased beyond measure to observe its devotion to all that makes for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

In years past the institution has experienced a deficit in current expenses that has been somewhat oppressive; but a day of betterment is at hand. While the expenses of the last year were $12,000 greater than those of the preceding, the deficit was $10,000 less. This is an encouraging increase of income. Ohio Methodists should make impossible any deficit whatever in the ensuing year. The meager contribution of ten cents a member within the several Ohio Conferences would entirely relieve this undesirable situation.

It should be borne in mind that consolidation of certain connectional benevolences, recently effected, does not in any way invalidate the local educational work of the Church. This means that collections for the Ohio Wesleyan University are to continue to have a large place in the liberality of the Cincinnati Conference.

The enrollment of students steadily increases.

The wise use of the Sabbatic year granted to members of the Faculty enables them to spend a time in research in the centers of advanced learning both at home and abroad.

In the realm of literature the University is entitled to distinction. A number of the instructors are authors of books and booklets which have elicited enthusiastic commendation.

On the mooted question of athletics no precipitated action has been taken. President Welch thus expresses himself: "As a result of two years' experience I have come to believe more earnestly than ever in the importance of athletics in college life. We are happily situated in our athletic activities. Our sports are under the direction of graduates of our own college, who are men of fine character and excellent influence."

It is the earnest wish of the administration that five thousand dollars, at least, be donated in the near future for the reconstruction of the athletic field. The name of the donor will be given to the field.

There is also great need of a gymnasium for young women that shall furnish advantages commensurate with those which exist already for young men in the new Edwards building.

The religious life of the University continues vigorous. With the Day of Prayer for Colleges an aggressive revival campaign, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Theodore Henderson, was begun. The results were highly gratifying.

The decease of Rev. Dr. R. S. Rust during the year created a vacancy on the Board of Trustees which is sorely lamented. The President in his recent report says: "Dr. Rust was a Trustee from the Cincinnati Conference for thirty successive years. He gave to the institution faithful and devoted attention."

To succeed him in office, for a term of five years, we nominate Rev. John A. Story, of the Cincinnati Conference; and for the unexpired term of one year we nominate H. S. Bradley, of Springfield, Ohio, to succeed the late Robert W. Burns.

For visitors to our educational institutions we make the following nominations: Ohio Wesleyan University: D. G. Latshaw, W. L. Y. Davis; alternate, L. M. Davis. Drew Theological Seminary: C. M. Vanpelt, C. E. Schenk; alternate, A. W. Leonard. Boston School of

Theology: S. W. Bell, E. P. Edmonds; alternate, J. E. Thomas. Garrett Biblical Institute: G. P. Austin, W. E. Putt; alternate, C. L. Myers.

G. P. AUSTIN, *Secretary.* D. G. LATSHAW, *President.*

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

WE rejoice in the continuous and growing prosperity of our Publishing interests. We note with pleasure the growing circulation of our Sunday-school publications. In view of their general excellence, and in view of the fact that our Publishing Agents report that nineteen of the Sunday-schools in our Conference are not using our publications, we call the attention of our pastors to their duties under Paragraph 349, Section 1, of the Discipline. We are convinced that all of our Sunday-schools ought to be supplied with our own literature.

We are greatly pleased to hear of the prosperity of the Western Christian Advocate and congratulate the editors on its efficiency. We urge the General Conference not to do away with the Western Advocate or combine it with any other paper.

We approve the campaign carried on by the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Medical Society looking toward the extirpation of patent medicine frauds from the advertising columns of the religious press. We have carefully considered a vigorous communication from a sub-committee of that organization, signed by three of the foremost physicians of the State belonging to our denomination, Doctors W. E. Shaw, Edward S. Stevens, and R. L. Thomas, pleading for our co-operation in the movement, and rejoicing that our own official denominational weeklies have been almost completely purged from complicity with the monstrosities of the patent medicine traffic. We commend the action of our Book Committee, our Pupblishing Agents, our editors, and the Advertising Agent of our Book Concerns, whereby a policy forbidding the insertion of patent nostrums has come into vogue.

Let us be vigilant and courageous in backing our own editorial and publishing authorities in keeping our own columns free from these and other similar advertisements.

We commend the Methodist Review to our preachers and thoughtful laymen, and urge all our preachers to give it place in their reading.

In view of the superior facilities of Cincinnati for the manufacture and distribution of the Book Concern output; in view of the superior advantages of Cincinnati, historically, geographically, educationally, as the home of the Book Concern, we memorialize the General Conference to take no action with a view to removing the Western Methodist Book Concern from its present location.

F. M. KIRGAN, *Chairman.*
CHARLES P. PUMPHREY, *Secretary.*
JOHN PEARSON.

COMMITTEE ON REFORMS.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

WE urge our membership to a recognition of the new birth as the essential principle of the Christian life. To this end we recommend the importance of emphasizing the educational means of grace, the family altar, the Sunday-school, the Epworth and Junior Leagues, the Church periodicals—particularly the Western Christian Advocate—the Epworth Herald, the Methodist Review, and World-wide Missions, and all the

services of the public congregation. We warn against those fascinations and bewilderments of the world that are antagonistic to our religion, and exhort all those who call themselves Methodists to see to it that their example, their influence, and their experience comport with their profession as followers of our Divine Lord.

Criminology.

That department of sociology which relates to crime, its causes, and the methods of dealing with and preventing it, demands and should receive our careful study. We note with satisfaction that the Western Christian Advocate and other Church periodicals are giving valuable information to the public in their discussions of these questions, and that State and national and international conventions are being held for the promotion of investigations and applications of remedial agencies. While the statistics of the world show that more homicides are committed in the United States than in any other civilized country according to our population—and the statistics of our country show an increasing ratio of crime—among people under twenty years of age as compared with criminals of more advanced years, we believe this tendency will be counteracted by the general operation of the Juvenile Courts for dealing with first offenders. We recommend that as far as it may be practicable to do so we will, in compliance with the request of the National Prison Congress, observe some Sunday in October of each year as Prison Sunday.

Industrial Arbitration.

We are gratified at the progress now being made by the cause of industrial arbitration, and we trust that a new era will speedily be inaugurated in which strikes and lockouts and reasonless fights between employers and employees shall be no more. We rejoice in all the advantages gained in the betterment of working men and women through the agency of labor organizations, and we declare our brotherly sympathy with all men and women who carry the burden and heat of the day, whether they belong to organized labor or not. We stand for justice and fraternity and other fundamental elements of the Gospel whereby strifes between capital and labor can be equitably composed. We condemn heartless greed and arbitrary, selfish treatment of labor wherever shown, and we likewise urge that the principles of our civilization demand that no man shall be hindered from exercising his privilege of working in his vocation according to his desire, by threats or personal violence. To willing people everywhere we urge consideration of the fact that the Carpenter of Nazareth and the Gospel He embodied have given to diligent and honest labor the only lasting dignity and the highest privileges it has ever enjoyed. We plead with all the sons of toil to become servants and brothers in the kingdom and patience of our Lord.

Marriage and Divorce.

We endorse the efforts being made in the direction of reform of the marriage and divorce laws in the several States. If uniformity can not be secured in the action of the several States, we favor a constitutional amendment whereby we can secure the enactment of national legislation for the protection of the family life and the home. We recommend for immediate local consideration that our ministers should study the provisions of our Discipline relative to the marriage of known divorcees, and to the end that the preacher may the more readily know the status of divorced applicants for the marriage service, we would

urge agitation for a State law providing for the insertion of information concerning divorcees in the marriage license as is already done in Pennsylvania.

Temperance.

During the past winter two hundred and fifty anti-liquor bills were passed in various States, and, although there were strenuous efforts by the liquor people, not one pro-liquor measure became a law.

One of the greatest victories of the past year was won in Illinois, when, after years of persistent effort, a Township, Precinct, Ward, and City Local Option Law was passed. Advanced temperance legislation was obtained in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Georgia, and in nearly all of the other Southern States. Arkansas and Mississippi have only nine wet counties. Texas has one hundred and fifty-two dry counties. The Alabama Legislature passed the Anti-Jug Law and also County Local Option. Tennessee has marched on under the extension of the Adams Law until only three wet cities remain, viz.: Memphis, Nashville, and Chattanooga. West Virginia has for consideration a proposed prohibition constitutional amendment. Kentucky has really surprised the nation. With ninety-one dry counties with only twenty-five wet towns and cities, with seventy-six per cent of the population living in dry territory, and with ninety-seven per cent of the map made white by law, Kentucky, the former stronghold of the liquor-traffic, is surely destined to go dry!

We rejoice over the new victories of our own beloved State. Our hopes of a year ago have been more than realized. Our General Assembly heard the voice of the people and gave us strong temperance laws. The Roberts Dance Hall Law, the powerful and effective Search and Seizure Law, and the Jones Residence District Local Option Law. For these we are profoundly thankful. We now have more than eleven hundred and fifty dry townships, and more than four hundred and seventy-five dry towns and cities. More than 400,000 people of our great cities have used the Residence District Local Option laws successfully and banished the saloon. About seventy-five per cent of our State has been made dry, and almost one-half of our entire population is living in that dry territory.

We are rallying our forces now for County Local Option. It is the next step, logically, in our conflict. With this law let us also demand the right of women to express their sentiments effectively on all local option questions. In pulpit, press, and in private conversation let us labor persistently and unitedly for the passage of these measures. In view of these things be it therefore

Resolved, 1. That we express our gratitude to Almighty God for the manifest tokens of His presence and power among the leaders of temperance reform in the State and nation. We note with joy the increasingly united efforts of the Church and all moral forces for the overthrow of the liquor-traffic. In leading these forces engaged in the conflict we believe the Church is proving her loyalty to Jesus Christ.

2. That the Anti-Saloon League has been an effective agent of the Church and moral forces of the nation in the crystalizing of public sentiment against the worst enemy of the Church, and the enactment of laws in accordance with that sentiment for the relief of suffering humanity; that we believe in their sane methods; that we hereby commend the organization to the faithful support of the people, and pledge our heartiest co-operation.

3. That we hereby express our belief in the right of women to vote (or remonstrate) in all local option issues; that we hereby heartily endorse the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other temperance

organizations working to this end; that we pledge them also our united support for the passage of such a law by the General Assembly of Ohio.

4. We nominate as delegates to the twelfth National Anti-Saloon League Convention, to be held at Norfolk, Va., September 16-19, 1907, the following: Heber D. Ketcham, Charles L. Conger.

5. We rejoice in the opportunity to commend the courage, fortitude, and high moral ideals of President Roosevelt as embodied in his personal character and in the principles he has advocated, as embodied in the national legislation of the past few years. We believe that some of the measures he has suggested, but which have not yet been incorporated into law, will, when adopted, relieve the land from the dangers involved in the colossal combinations of capital, wielded by men who have acted regardless of law and of popular rights.

JESSE B. YOUNG, *Secretary.* J. E. H. SENTMAN, *Chairman.*

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

AT the close of this, its fifty-sixth session, and of its third session held in this classic city of Oxford, the Cincinnati Annual Conference expresses its sense of indebtedness and gratitude in the following resolutions:

1. That we are grateful to God for having preserved our brother, Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, during the long and perilous journey of his official visit to the Orient, and for having brought him in full measure of health and strength to preside over our Conference sessions; that we have greatly enjoyed companionship with Bishop Spellmeyer while he has so directed the business of the Conference as to facilitate its progress, and that his preaching and spiritual ministrations have afforded us much edification.

2. That we have greatly enjoyed the visit of Bishop John M. Walden and Mrs. Walden to our Conference, and that we are grateful to God for their preservation and abundant usefulness to the Church.

3. That we record our grateful acknowledgements to the pastor, Charles L. Bovard, and membership of this Church and to the citizens of Oxford for their hospitable provision for the wants, comforts, and pleasure of the Conference; to the choir of the Church for excellent music; to the ladies for flowers; to Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President, Dean Harvey C. Minnich, and to other officers of the Miami University for their generous hospitality and the use of Hepburn Hall and for other accommodations.

4. That we thank Dr. Mary Sawyer, President of the Western College for Women, and her associates for having generously provided transportation, entertainment, and refreshments for members of the Conference at that great and prosperous institution of learning.

5. That we have been favored and helped by the evangelistic services conducted by Dr. Theodore S. Henderson during our meeting, and that we will be glad to have his services in our institutions of learning at any time and at future sessions of our Conference.

6. That the interchange of greetings between our Conference and the Lay Electoral Conference, and the joint session of these two bodies held on Friday afternoon, have given us joy inexpressible, and that the memories of these privileges shall be long and gratefully cherished as affording us encouragement and enthusiasm in the work of our common Master in which they and we are alike engaged.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary.* A. D. MADDOX, *President.*

WOMAN'S WORK.

ONE of the harbingers of increasing good to the world consists in the new opportunities afforded to our girls and young women for educational equipment and for training for Christian work. We give Godspeed to all our women's organizations, especially the Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and we commend Glenn Industrial Home and Elizabeth Gamble Training School and Christ Hospital in view of the work deaconesses and nurses are achieving under their direction among the poor. We exhort pastors to be diligent and wise in counseling young women to avail themselves of the hitherto unmatched facilities which now present themselves for extended usefulness at home and abroad.

JESSE B. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

THE spiritual work of the young people of our Church is a cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing. We are grateful to God for the magnificent work of the young people throughout the Conference. To maintain and advance the high ideal of life in the present year, we submit a few recommendations of living importance:

1. We recommend that the Epworth League be of the young people and officered by the young people, receiving required counsel and needed aid from maturer Christians.

2. That the Epworth League service be understood to be an additional service, and in no way a substitute for the regular Church worship.

3. We recommend that our young people be impressed to recognize the value of choice companionships, the ennobling results of the Christian views of life, and the enriching returns from reading good literature, of which none is better than that published by our Methodist Book Concern.

4. We recommend that the expression of Christian life be emphasized which seeks to save men, and that method considered timely which is continual and personal, man for man, the noblest form of Christian evangelism.

5. We suggest, also, that an anniversary meeting of the Epworth League be arranged for the next session of the Cincinnati Conference.

JOHN L. DUCKWALL, *Secretary.*

VI.

Miscellany.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

On May 31st the Conference Deaconess Board licensed Misses Idonia Barnes, Carrie Darnell, Bessie Mayer, and Mary Stewart as deaconesses.

On July 13, 1907, Miss Eva Adelle Sharpe was received by transfer from the Rock River Conference.

We recommend the renewal of the license of each of the following named deaconesses: Dora Adron, Lucy Banting, Idonia Barnes, Anna Basset, Mary V. Cameron, Clara H. Close, Adda B. Day, Carrie Darnell, Florence Deaver, Anna Dwinell, Emma Enders, Lula May Eyre, Blanche Fuller, Marguerite Gloub, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Nettie B. Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Lucelia House, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jacques, Harriet L. Kemper, Elenora Kittell, Evangeline Loufbourrow, Bertha Lukemeier, Leila Lybarger, Bessie Mayer, Mary McEwen, Harriet Malott, Lillian Manler, S. M. Martin, Edythe L. Nevitt, India Paff, Ida Pennell, Mary Pickett, Hannah M. Pierce, Minnie Post, Clara V. Potter, Cynthia Richardson, Frances Saunders, Eva Adelle Sharpe, Lottie Sinnett, Ellen Slear, Bessie Smith, Clora Solomon, Mary Stewart, Alice Thatcher, Carrie Thompson, Estelle Trusler, Margaret Wilson, Nellie Young, Pluma Scott.

Of the forty-nine deaconesses under the supervision of the Board at the beginning of the year, forty-six are still with us. Miss Felicia Black was married, Miss Anna Sandige was transferred to the New England Conference, and Miss Effie Austen retired from the work. We have licensed five additional deaconesses and received one by transfer, making our force now number fifty-two. Of these three are employed in the management of the Hospital, three in the management of the Home, and three in the management of the Training-school, nineteen are nurses, sixteen are employed in the various other departments of deaconess work, four in kindergarten work, and four are absent on sick leave. Three others have made application for indefinite leave of absence for reasons given to the Board which seem entirely satisfactory.

One, Miss Florence Rice, has completed the required studies, but not being of the required age could not be licensed, but was granted the privilege of wearing the garb.

An important item in our report of the progress of Deaconess Work this year is the establishment of the Cincinnati Missionary Training-school. A neat and comprehensive manual of the school has been published, which should be in the hands of our pastors and used by them. The object of the school is to give an opportunity for the equipment of women for special work, and will seek to prepare young women for the work of the deaconess and nurse, but also in Sunday-school work, kindergarten work, evangelistic work, missionary work in the home or in the

foreign field. There will be attention given to fitting young women for leadership of young people, assisting in pastoral work, industrial training school for the poor, principles of Settlement work, Juvenile Court work, and all work which will enable a young woman to do her part in the great work of showing to the world that Christianity is practical.

April 18th Miss Harriet E. Kemper was consecrated as a deaconess by Bishop Walden, and entered upon the work of organizing and preparing for the Training School to be opened in September, 1907. She has enlisted the interest of many co-workers, secured the promise of many young ladies who are eager to begin the studies prescribed—about forty of them—and we are assured that the school will open with enthusiasm at the time set.

The building on Wesley Avenue has been undergoing thorough repairs, the capacity of the building for accommodation of students has been greatly enlarged, new plumbing and heating apparatus installed, and new paint, paper, fresco, and furnishing and lighting have made the home a splendid plant for the equipment of trained work in the kingdom.

The members of the family in the Methodist Home for Aged have been in as good a degree of health as could be expected from people of their age and infirmities. The new building on College Hill is approaching completion, and is a source of enthusiasm and cause for thankfulness to all who look upon its complete appointments. It is a building of which Methodists will be justly proud.

We submit herewith financial statements from the Treasurer of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, and from the President of the Methodist Home for the Aged.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, and of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as President of the Methodist Home for the Aged Corporation.

Full reports have been made by the deaconesses of their year's work, and have been summed up by the superintendents of the Home and the Hospital. These reports show an amazing amount of work done, in visits, donations, religious services held, practical help given to the poor and needy, relief of the sick and suffering in homes and in the hospital.

The work of the past year, and the prospects for the work of the coming years, are sufficient basis for the enthusiastic and continued support of pastors and people of our Church.

Record should be made of the Nurses Home, which is nearing completion. Its complete appointments, kitchen and dining-room, reception-rooms, rest-room, bedrooms and their furnishings, make this a home which all lovers of the deaconess work and workers will delight to think of. Miss Lillian Gamble, whose generous gift made this building possible, was permitted to be present and lay the cornerstone, but was not given to see the completed structure. She was taken May 1st, but she has left a monument of comfort for weary workers in this beautiful building.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ELIZABETH GAMBLE DEACONESS HOME ASSOCIATION FOR QUARTER ENDING JULY 1, 1907.

Receipts—

From W. A. Robinson, Secretary	$14,239 58
From Interest and Dividend on Endowment Fund	1,088 64
From C. A. Ault Endowment Fund	5,000 00
Total Receipts	$20,328 22
April 1, 1907—Balance in Treasury	2,243 16
Total	$22,571 38

Disbursements—

To Miss H. M. Pierce, Superintendent, for Disbursement at Hospital	$5,200 00
To Mrs. K. R. Haynes, Superintendent, for Disbursement at Home	1,425 00
Sundry Vouchers	9,760 96
To Endowment Fund—Investment (Penn. R. R. Co. Note)	4,956 25
Total Disbursements	$21,342 21
July 1, 1907—Balance in Treasury	$1,229 17

(Signed) CHAS. A. AULT, *Treasurer.*

THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED.

THE Methodist Home for the Aged was born of a suggestion from the highest source. A plan for its founding in the property secured for the purpose at Yellow Springs, Ohio, under the management of the Inter-Conference Committee, to be under the supervision of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association of Cincinnati, which was approved by this Conference, and the committee was appointed by the several Ohio Conferences. But prior to the next session of the Cincinnati Conference the Board of Trustees of the said association changed its mind, and decided that it would be best for the Home for the Aged to be under the management and control of a separate board. To carry out the purpose, and in harmony with this action, H. C. Weakley, A. H. Norcross, A. J. Lyon, J. H. Fitzwater, of the Inter-Conference Committee, and Robert Johnson, our first treasurer, took out a charter from the State, August 4, 1899. The Cincinnati Conference approved of this action, and appointed H. C. Weakley, A. B. Leonard, and James P. Porter a commission to secure the co-operation of the other Conferences. The North Ohio, the Ohio, and the East Ohio Conferences approved of the incorporation and plan for the development of this Home and became patronizing Conferences, and appointed their quota of members of the corporation. The next year the Central Ohio Conference did the same. So that this Home will forever be under the control of an Inter-Conference Board of Managers, appointed by the patronizing Conferences of Ohio Methodism, as provided in our charter. The governing body is not a self-perpetuating body.

The said association generously loaned their superintendent, Miss Hannah M. Pierce, to this corporation for ninety days to open the Home for us, organize its internal affairs, and take charge thereof until we could secure a superintendent, which was done March 31, 1900, when Miss Elizabeth Ford Irwin became superintendent.

President William McKinley was elected by the East Ohio Conference and accepted a position on our Board of Trustees, saying to our president, "I regard this the most beautiful charity of our Church, and when free from public duties, I promise you that I will meet with the Board regularly and do all in my power to promote its interests." Mrs. Virginia Lang Bosworth, James P. Porter, and Robert W. Burns, all efficient members of the corporation, have since passed on to their eternal reward.

Beginning with practically nothing in 1899, our assets to-day amount to $350,000 in round numbers, which, with the outlay for current expenses, makes $400,000 given for this cause. Nine-tenths of this has come without the asking, and was given by the children of Methodist clergymen.

The old hotel at Yellow Springs, Ohio, was purchased, changed, and equipped, in which to demonstrate our need of something adequate and adapted to our purpose. Sabbath, November 9, 1902, while the family were at breakfast, fire broke out, totally destroying it in less than two hours. Fortunately, no one was even hurt. Before the smoke from the last embers ceased to rise, this Inter-Conference Corporation was in session, and calmly planned, in the presence of a $20,000 loss, and resolved to proceed with the enterprise, and build a house that would not burn, one adapted to our purpose. Not a note of discouragement was heard in that meeting. We believed the permissions of Providence to be as truly providential as its allotments, and we knew better than ever the need of this Home.

Such a structure, with capacity for two hundred persons, has been erected on College Hill, Cincinnati, at vast expense. The builders promised that it will be ready for occupancy next November. When completed it will be the best house for the purpose on earth, ideally located on the crest of one of the highest hills about the city, near the middle of a twenty-acre tract, a fireproof, convenient, and safe building, facing east forty-five degrees to the south. Every room will have sunlight every clear day in the year. This part, completed and equipped properly, will cost $300,000.

Go see it; those who do so can not remain indifferent to or neglect its claims for sympathy and aid. Ohio Methodism has formally assumed charge of this Home by action of its five Conferences, and repeatedly pledged its support to this much-needed retreat for its homeless aged. We hope to take a family of from fifty to sixty there prior to Thanksgiving-day, whether the building is entirely completed or not. A much larger number must remain on the waiting list until the Churches, Sabbath-schools, and benevolent public respond more generally to our appeal for money to enable us to enlarge our usefulness. Five cents from each member of our Sabbath-schools and from all our Church members, paid annually, would support all whom we could provide for in this large building.

Our needs are still great; we must have $50,000 to complete what is now under roof, and $15,000 for current expenses next year, or go in debt, for we can not longer delay our removal thereto. Sixty (60) rooms costing $50 to $100 should be furnished at once. Beloved, this can be and should be promptly done, and will be if only the pastors and presiding elders take hold in good earnest. Hence, we entreat you and all friends of humanity in His stead who declared, "Whosoever doeth the will of God is My brother, My sister, My mother," to help us to do this work. Take this newest activity of the Church to your hearts. We lay it there, trusting you will cherish it. Surely, if you give it real sympathy and co-operation, it will make the Methodist Church in Ohio richer as the years pass.

Let the Epworth Leagues continue their helpfulness, observe Old Folks' Day, and all give us prayerful co-operation, and hundreds of aged disciples now in great distress will find shelter, care, home—of whose need the Church should not be unmindful. Remember that we can only enlarge our usefulness as you make it possible by helping.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. OBED J. WILSON,
ROBERT JOHNSON,
C. W. BENNETT,
C. E. SCHENK,
H. C. WEAKLEY,

Cincinnati Conference Representatives of this Corporation.

THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED CORPORATION TO JUNE 1, 1907, AT THE CLOSE OF THE EIGHTH FISCAL YEAR:

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—	
Home Grounds	$20,000 00
Home Building (Expended)	165,723 85
Home Equipment	1,971 80
Accounts Receivable, Estate of Mrs. S. M. Y. Whetstone	20,000 00
Investments, Real Estate	23,935 00
Investments, Bills Receivable	17,050 00
Investments, Securities	15,795 00
Investments, Acct. Rec.—Estate of S. M. Y. Whetstone	20,000 00
Accounts Receivable—Sundries	1,394 85
Accounts Receivable—Executors' Estates	9,400 00
Bills Receivable—Subscription Notes	32,500 00
Treasurer's Account, Bank Balance	4,626 95
Total Assets	$332,397 55
Liabilities—	
Home Fund	$233,027 20
Admission Fund	10,024 53
Endowment Fund	53,800 00
Annuity Fund	14,300 00
Special Trust Fund	300 00
Bills Payable	10,000 00
Accounts Payable, Sundries	9,782 49
General Fund (Unconditional) Balance	1,163 33
Total	$332,397 55
Home Budget Account, 1906-1907—	
General Fund, Receipts from All Sources	$7,103 12
Deficit for the Year	323 37
Total	$7,426 49
Disbursements for Current Expenses, Including Annuities Paid	$7,426 49

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. NORCROSS, *Treasurer.*

LAKESIDE.

YOUR Committee on Lakeside take pleasure in reporting another very successful year. The Assembly was largely attended, the program the best in many years. The Bible Conference was most instructive, and the Conference next season ought to bring a larger attendance. The camp-meeting evangelistic services were conducted in connection with the Bible Study Conference.

The German Camp-meeting and Sunday-school Institute was under able leadership, and the German brethren are to be congratulated on the successful meetings and splendid showing.

A successful Epworth League Institute was held at Lakeside the first week in July, under the State Board of Control, and arrangements have already been begun for a greater one next year.

In spite of the bad weather and backward season, we feel grateful to be able to report that Lakeside has enjoyed such a successful year.

From the reports submitted by the officers, there will be an actual cash balance over all running expenses of $3,500, and a profit from the hotel estimated at $1,500. Out of this balance there are maturing bonds, interest, and other indebtedness to be met, and whatever is then left will be applied in much-needed improvements.

To meet the frequent requests and to give some idea of the problems and burdens facing the present management, and the success met with in the three years they have had charge, a brief statement of the indebtedness is herewith given:

Bonded debt, 1904		$24,500
Notes Payable for Purchase		1,200
Additional Indebtedness		6,000
		$31,700
Bonds paid by present management	$3,500	
Two notes of additional debt	1,600—	5,100
Present indebtedness		$26,600

This being the last year of a number of long-time concessions given by a former management, the Board is free for the first time in five years to altogether control several lines of business, and to insure that they will be conducted in a manner, times, and seasons in harmony with the true spirit of Lakeside.

We have every reason to believe that conditions at Lakeside are improving, property increasing in value, and a spirit of confidence in its future becoming more manifest. In the hope, then, that the successful management of the past three seasons will inspire both clergymen and laymen to ever-increasing enthusiasm to make Lakeside a "thing of beauty and a joy forever," this report is respectfully submitted.

We recommend that Rev. W. A. Robinson and H. C. Hopkins be elected as trustees for the term of two years, and Rev. C. M. Van Pelt be elected to fill the unexpired term of one year of Rev. J. E. Abrams, deceased.

FRANK G. MITCHELL,
M. B. FULLER,
JAS. R. COLLEY,
The Committee.

MEARS' BEQUEST.

CINCINNATI, August 30, 1907.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Oxford, Ohio:

The undersigned Trustees of the John Mears' Bequest respectfully report as follows:

1. By reason of a typographical error in the published Minutes of last year, the principal of the fund in our hands was made to appear as only three thousand dollars, although it is in fact eight thousand dollars ($8,000), as we reported a year ago and report now.

2. Our receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as follows:

Receipts—		
To Balance Cash on Hand August 30, 1906		$16 79
To Interest Collected on Investment		440 27
Making Total of		$457 06

Disbursements—

By Cash to Ohio Weslevan University	$75 00
By Cash to Illinois Wesleyan University	75 00
By Cash to Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society	150 00
By Cash to Cincinnati Conference Claimants	150 00
By Cash to Fifth National Bank (rent of box)	4 00
By Cash Balance on Hand	3 06
Making Total of	$457 06

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. PEARSON, *President,*
W. F. BOYD, *Treasurer,*
W. A. ROBINSON,
Trustees.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Resources—		
Real Estate	$24,692 24	
Bills Receivable	28,354 74	
Cash on Hand	30 87	
		$53,077 85
Liabilities—		
Capital Account	$48,806 29	
Income Account	1,571 56	
Annuity Account	1,000 00	
Bills Payable	1,200 00	
Bequest Account	500 00	
		$53,077 85
Receipts—		
Cash on Hand, September 1, 1906	$1,508 12	
Rents	667 61	
Interest	1,305 56	
Donations	31 00	
Membership Fees	155 00	
Bills Payable	1,200 00	
Loans Paid	6,010 74	
		$10,878 03
Expenditures—		
Donations	$1,271 00	
Expenses	629 16	
Loans on Notes	8,872 00	
Interest, Annuity Gift	75 00	
Cash on Hand August 23, 1907	30 87	
		$10,878 03
Analysis of Expense Account—		
Taxes and Repairs	$406 39	
Bond of Treasurer	25 00	
Salary of Treasurer	50 00	
Safe Deposit Box	3 50	
Insurance	41 84	
Paid Bookkeeper	25 00	
		$551 73
Committee Work:		
Meetings of Board	$49 61	
Trustees Meeting	12 12	
Printing	15 70	
		$77 43
		$629 16

Cincinnati, August 23, 1907.

Respectfully Submitted,
Treasurer.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, mortgages, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, O.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. H. DART.
THOS. D. MOORE.
E. BURDSALL.
Auditing Committee.

VII.

Historical.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1864.—L. D. McCabe, W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.

1868.—A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, William Young, J. M. Walden, J. Armstrong. *Reserves:* M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.

1872.—J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves:* G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey. *Lay delegates:* Ichabod Corwin, Philip B. Swing. *Reserves:* Jacob Chambers, J. M. Phillips.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800	October 6,	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1801	October 1,	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1802	October 1,	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1803	October 2,	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1804	October 2,	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1805	October 2,	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, Richard Whatcoat,	William Burke.
1806	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1807	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury,	William Burke.
1808	October 1,	Liberty Hill, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury, W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1809	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	Francis Asbury, W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1810	September 6,	Shelbyville, Ky.,	W. McKendree,	William Burke.
1811	October 5,	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree,	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812	October 1,	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree,	Charles Holliday.
1813	September 1,	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree,	David Young.
1814	September 8,	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E.,	David Young.
1815	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree,	David Young.
1816	September 3,	Louisville, Ky.,	W. McKendree, Enoch George,	David Young.
1817	September 3,	Zanesville, O.,	W. McKendree, R. R. Roberts,	David Young.
1818	August 7,	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, Enoch George,	John Tevis.
1819	August 7,	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, Enoch George,	Cornelius Springer.
1820	August 8,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1821	September 6,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1822	September 5,	Marietta, O.,	Enoch George, W. McKendree,	Cornelius Springer.
1823	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1824	September 2,	Zanesville, O.,	W. McKendree, R. R. Roberts, J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825	October 12,	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George,	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826	October 4,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George,	G. R. Jones.
1828	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	G. R. Jones.
1829	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, W. McKendree,	G. R. Jones.
1830	September 8,	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831	September 8,	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833	August 21,	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	H. O. Sheldon.
1834	August 20,	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835	August 19,	Springfield, O.,	O. J. Andrew, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	J. M. Trimble.
1838	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	E. Hedding, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.

OHIO CONFERENCE.—Continued.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841	August 25,	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	J. M. Trimble.
1842	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1844	September 4,	Marietta, O.,	B. Waugh, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1845	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1846	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847	September 1,	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1849	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	B. Waugh, L. L. Hamline, E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1850	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1851	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1852	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856	October 1,	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865	August 30,	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866	August 29,	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867	August 28,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868	August 26,	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869	August 25,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870	August 24,	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871	August 30,	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872	August 28,	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873	August 27,	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874	August 26,	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876	August 30,	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr
1883	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr
1884	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell
1885	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887	August 31,	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890	August 27,	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892	August 31,	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893	August 30,	Troy, O.,	C. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	C. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895	August 29,	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897	September 1,	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.
1898	August 31,	Xenia, O.,	John H. Vincent,	Stanley O. Royal.
1899	August 30,	St. Paul, Dayton, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1900	August 29,	Hillsboro, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1901	September 5,	Grace, Dayton, O.,	Jas. N. FitzGerald	Stanley O. Royal.
1902	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden,	Stanley O. Royal.
1903	September 2,	Wesley, Cin'ti, O.,	C. H. Fowler,	Stanley O. Royal.
1904	August 31,	Miamisburg, O.,	J. W. Bashford,	Stanley O. Royal.
1905	September 6,	High St. Springfield, O.,	Earl Cranston,	Stanley O. Royal.
1906	August 29,	Eaton, O.,	J. F. Berry,	Stanley O. Royal.
1907	September 4,	Oxford, O.,	Henry Spellmeyer	Valorous F. Brown

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

OF THE

REV. GEORGE W. MALEY.

(Written about the year 1852.)
(Continued.)

(By the courtesy of the Publishing Committee of the Cincinnati Conference, another installment of the interesting reminiscences of early Methodism in this region is published. Another chapter of this manuscript is in the hands of the Historical Society, and it is hoped to complete the publication next year.)

September, 1823, the Conference met in Urbana, Bishop Roberts presiding. This was an important week in my life. My two years as a probationer in the Conference had ended. I must undergo an examination by such men as Dr. M. Ruter, J. Young, Jos. McMahin, and Benj. Ellis. O, how the perspiration broke on me that warm night up-stairs at Judge Reynolds! Dr. R. asked me one question out of the works of Josephus: "Where did Moses get his Ethiopian wife?" I was posted so well here, I proceeded to give the history in detail, when the committee stopped me, and took me on trust for half the balance. Still, I was in suspense until Saturday, when the committee reported my case, and by the votes of my brethren, poorly furnished as I was for the work, I was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders. Brother A. W. Elliott came to let me know the action of the Conference, adding: "I must decrease, but you will increase." Also informing me that I might now take a seat in the Conference and have a vote and liberty of speech.

Sabbath was a high day, the day when the Bishop usually preaches at Conference, and the day of ordination of deacons and elders. I stood up and knelt down with my class in the presence of God and the whole congregation, and took upon me the vows of office, with prayers and tears. At the close of the session. Sister C., in the Bishop's room at the house of Judge Reynolds, complained about the appointment assigned her husband. The superintendent very kindly replied: "Sister, it is only for one year. Come to Conference next year, and you and Brother C. may get another."

Piqua Circuit.

My colleague was John A. Baughman, fresh from the tannery of Thos. Means, a young man of extraordinary gifts, grace, and usefulness. Soon after the adjournment of Conference I received a letter from Col. Wm. McLean, of Piqua, who was then a member of Congress elect from Dayton District. Here I transcribe an extract from his letter: "The Trojans want you to settle with them, but they have no vacant house, neither can one be obtained in Piqua, but as I am going to Washington City this fall, I have concluded to let you occupy my law office on the lot where my family reside, without fee or reward. While we have a loaf, you shall have half. And now, George, I command you to accept the above offer." While I am now writing I stop and record, as this is August 2, 1858, the anniversary that gave me spiritual life, by faith and

love in Christ Jesus. About this hour I was exclaiming, between hope and despair: "O, wretched man that I am, etc." "O, most merciful God, what shall I render unto Thee for all Thy benefits unto me?" "From this, my natal hour, I dedicate myself to Thee afresh through Thy blessed Son, my Lord and my God." The first Sabbath after Conference I reached Piqua. I found Brother Elo T. holding a two-days' meeting, and preaching on the history of Onesimus and Philemon. My predecesors were D. D. Davisson and the aged R. W. Finley, the father of all the Finleys. This circuit contained in its territory most of Miami, and parts of Clark, Champaign, Montgomery, and Shelby Counties, rich in soil and abundant in the productions of the country.

Methodist Whisky-Makers.

Along the bluffs of the Great Miami River, north of Dayton, a continuous cloud of smoke arose from four or five Methodist distilleries. At a meeting house centrally located between two of them, J. B. F. came in those days to hold a quarterly meeting. He put up on Sabbath at the house of Esquire W. In the afternoon, taking a walk, he espied a still house under the covert of the hill. He returned to the house and said, "Sister W., whose distillery is that down in the hollow?" "O," answered the downright clever old lady, "It is ours, Brother F." "Then," said the elder, "I want my horse." In spite of all remonstrance he put off to the next farm, and with saddlebags on arm walked into Brother L—'s. His horse was soon disposed of, and he received a hearty welcome. The host was at his post down the hill. Again the elder, walking about, discovered another black smoke issuing from a whisky manufactory. He inquired for the ownership, and was told that it belonged to Mr. L—. "Then," said the warm temperance preacher, "I must have my horse, and seek other quarters. I will not lodge with Methodist whisky-makers." He landed at old Brother Shepard's, in the White Oak flats. Next day, Sabbath, he gave such a rebuke to Church members engaged in the whisky traffic that the craft was endangered. Old Sister W—, when I traveled there, complained to me about the elder, and as an offset to the public insult he had given them, said: "Brother E. is a better preacher. He did not expose us so. He said a stew was good for a cold. And he often had a cold when he staid at our house."

What a noble army of members composed this circuit! What society, friendship, and love reigned triumphant! The venerable John Collins presided over the district, which extended from the bank of the Ohio to our northern boundary. What neatness of person; how apostolic in appearance and in his ministrations! Peace to his manes!

Judge Tatman, in early days a traveling preacher, lived on a farm in peace and plenty here. I had heard of his strength as a preacher, and I was afraid. But he cured me with one remark, namely: "When I go to preaching, I don't go to hear great things and wise things from books. If this was my object I would stay at my library; but I go to meeting to feel, to get happy." Blessed man he was!

Old-Time Quarterly Conferences.

This was a glorious year. The quarterly meetings were not looked to so much as business meetings as seasons of renewing of Christian friendships and covenants; of conversions and ingatherings to the fold of the great Shepherd of the sheep.

In April, 1824, what a time of refreshing was our quarterly meeting in Troy! During the interim between the public meetings the town was vocal with singing where our people were entertained from different parts of the large circuit. The "Love-feast" was a heaven to go to heaven in.

At the close the sheriff (Major Levi Hart,—Ed.) and his wife, old Sister Hart, and Sally Ann, the daughter, who afterward became the wife of John W. Clark, now of the Ohio Conference (1858), and a goodly number of others who were worthy, came to the spot where we stood inviting, and gave themselves to God and His Church. A very nice woman of a sister Church complained about having her rest interrupted at night by the noise of our meetings. She also, with her pastor, expressed disappointment at the decision Mrs. Hart had made in not joining their congregation, as they had expected her to do for some years. The old lady apologized by saying she loved and respected them, but the Methodists had such good love-feasts and class-meetings that she preferred being a Methodist.

John P. Durbin.

We had an appointment on the west side of Still Water River, organized in '19 or '20, by the youthful John P. Durbin, during his first year while traveling Greenville Circuit. The settlement was composed of Quakers, regular and irregular principally. The young itinerant, either by application or invitation, got an appointment in the school-house. He won a goodly number over to his standard, embracing some of the best Quaker families in that country. More than thirty years ago they built a Methodist Chapel, and called it Concord. In this neighborhood I found the pious old George Hoffman, a brother of Joseph, one of the Bishops of the U. B. Church. Brother George was a local preacher in the M. E. Church and a presiding elder among the U. B. in Christ at the same time. At R. McFarland's house we had a week-day appointment, one of the green spots in all that country. The work of the Lord broke out in the early part of the year, and made almost a clean sweep of every sinner in the neighborhood. There was one notable exception, a man of Dutch extraction. He staid at home and tried to induce others to do so—a persecutor. A good Brother Bryan and his wife had to pass along a pathway by Barger's farm to their meeting house. There stood a dead tree. He was so enraged that he wished that the tree would fall upon them and kill them. After the revival had progressed a few months none were left to join him in opposing. He heard that his Squire and Captain had been converted. The sound of prayer and praise from new born souls reached his ears at home. Finally he said that he thought he would go and see what it all meant. It was Brother Baughman's day. Barger got an awful gospel harpooning. He was found upon the floor confessing publicly his sins and hatred of God and the Methodists while he rolled to and fro under the benches. Among other acknowledgments he made this: "Oh what a sinner I have been! So many years I have ate good wheat bread and never thanked the Lord for it." And the Lord forgave him upon his true repentance, and a bold witness he became for religion, went home and brought his wife to seek the same blessing. She obtained the like precious faith, and they were numbered with the society and called upon the name of the Lord morning and evening.

Patriotism in a Meeting House.

The citizens of Piqua had a celebration of the Fourth of July that year, and occupied the Methodist Chapel for the reading of the Declaration, and for the delivery of the oration after. Old Brother D., an excellent man, who resided two miles in the country, rode up to my door. I saw that his righteous soul was vexed I felt very conciliatory. "What had you such a set of men in the Methodist meeting-house for the other day?" was the salutation. I answered I supposed the trustees had consented. "I did not," was the pious, angry reply. I wished to relieve him, and added the congregation in the house was well behaved; that

I had opened the exercises with prayer; that the marshal of the day had requested me to invoke a blessing at the dinner table, and respect was shown to the religious ceremonies; that our Congressman was one of the number, and he was a class-leader and a good man, and several others of our people and members of the Church were there; that it was patriotic and Christian to celebrate the day when a nation, the finest and happiest on earth, was born. The dear old brother could not believe there was any religion about it, and rode off, but evidently mollified in his feelings toward me, and generally fraternized with me as aforetime.

My last appointment this year was on a week day, at Father Scudder's, two miles above town on the river, for the purpose of baptizing Col. Cox and wife. He taught the Piqua Academy. They were Kentuckians, and had been educated Baptists. They preferred the mode of immersion, a precious couple, warm in their first love. A few days before I went in company with Judge Johnson (brother to the old Indian agent) up to Nine Mile at the house of Brother Hiatt, to take in a preaching place, and form a society. My text was Num. ix, 29; had a good time. When I was about to commence the meeting at Scudder's, old Brother Johnson requested me to preach again about "Moses and Hobab." Very opportune was the suggestion, for my treasure of texts was about exhausted. It was a day of weeping and rejoicing. We marched down to the river singing "Jesus, my all to Heaven is gone." I waded out into the stream with Brother Cox first. His good little wife awaited on the shore for her turn, clapping her hands and shouting as "sweet as the music of the spheres." We held two camp-meetings this year on the circuit. They were harvest seasons for the Church. Many were added and converted. Among the number was Miss M. H., the present wife of Rev. Aaron Wood, of Indiana. This year, I received 146 members, baptized 168, preached 344 times, traveled 3,844 miles, received $200 for my support, marriages 12, fees $27; commission on books sold $40, and attended two camp-meetings. Piqua, thou art pleasant to my rermembrance. Here my first son was born. Kindness from God and man crowned the year from beginning to end.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY. Conference.	Y'r.	Elected Bishop.	REMARKS.
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1735	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1791	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Phila.	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 23, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio.	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio.	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Phila.	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont	1857	1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880	Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, 03.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind.	1859	1888	Died in Minneapolis, Minn., July 28, '05.
Stephen M. Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Died in Keyport, N. J., Nov. 11, 1905.
Chas. C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Died in New York, Dec. 19, 1906.
J. N. FitzGerald	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	Died in Shanghai, China, July 4, 1907.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky,	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.,	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 31, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Age
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference	Time of Death.	Age	Years of Ministry	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference	Time of Death.	Age	Years of Ministry
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	.....	1864	63	31
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1853	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1850	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1853	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1840	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shiun,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47
W. Simmons,	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54
N. C. Parrish,	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10
W. Routledge,	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32
M. G. Purkiser,	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10
J. C. Bontecou,	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48
N. Callender,	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51
P. A. Ogden,	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51
Samuel Brown,	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44
Wm. H. Lawder,	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43
Elijah H. Field,	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54
Alex. Meharry,	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37
Jos. A. Reeder,	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49
John C. Deem,	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48
John F. Wright,	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64
Wm. H. Miesse,	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10
John Barton,	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43
Herman Lüders,	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4
David Warnock,	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48
James Kendall,	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31
George C. Crum,	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45
Charles Kalbfus,	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19
Willis M. Boyer,	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27
David Kemper,	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
John N. Irvin,	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
Joseph J. Hill,	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
John C. Maddy,	1852	Dec 12, 1885	63	33
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
J. W. Stone,	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
David Whitmer,	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
Wm. Young,	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
T. S. Peregrine,	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
S. F. Conrey,	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
M. P. Gaddis,	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
William Mahon,	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
Jer'h H. Bayliss,	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Thomas Lee,	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
J. W. Keely,	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
J. F. Conrey,	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
L. F Van Cleve,	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
G. W. Kelley,	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
W. E. Hines,	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
W. N. Williams,	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
J. P. Bishop,	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
D. H. Sargent,	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
T. S. Cowden,	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
Henry Stokes,	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Benj. Glascock,	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
W. B. Jackson,	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
W. R. Webster,	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Jas. Murray,	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Mighill Dustin,	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
W. L. Hypes,	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
E. C. Smith,	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Henry Miller,	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
W. J. Quarry,	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 25, 1897	91	67
J. L. Grover,	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
L. D. McCabe,	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
Geo. T. Perry,	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Silas Bennett,	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Timothy Wones,	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Asbury Lowrey,	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
Jas. Stephenson,	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
F. W. Hypes,	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Patrick Carland,	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
M. Kauffman,	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
John W. Cassatt,	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Chas. H. Payne,	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Wm. B. Moler,	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
A. M. Griffith,	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	...	59
James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
William I. Fee,	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
James P. Shultz,	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
David C. Vance,	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
J. H. Middleton,	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
John F. Marlay,	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
T. H. Pearne,	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Thomas Collett,	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Adam Miller,	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
M. A. Richards,	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
C. W. Gullette,	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
George B. Shanor,	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Adam Bowers,	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
Wm. Runyan,	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
John F. Loyd,	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
J. L. Gregg,	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Wm. T. McMullen,	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
L. E. Prentiss,	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	29	55
R. K. Deem,	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	39	69
J. W. Mason,	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	46	68
G. W. Fee,	1858	Oct. 19, 1904	78	46
D. A. McColm,	1880	Jan. 8, 1905	65	24
A. C. Turrell,	1889	Feb. 6, 1905	15	40
J. P. Porter,	1864	May 9, 1905	68	41
W. N. Maxey,	1855	May 13, 1905	76	49
S. B. Smith,	1846	June 13, 1906	70	51
E. McHugh,	1856	May 6, 1906	69	48
C. Hartley,	1887	Dec. 8, 1905	47	28
R. S. Rust,	1814	Dec. 22, 1906	91	62
C. Wones,	1884	Apr. 8, 1907	51	23
J. E. Abrams,	1891	July 14, 1907	48	16
J. R. Hill,	1892	Aug. 3, 1907	55	15

Memorial Sermon.

"Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee."—Job. xiv, 15.

THINGS do not just happen. Racial movements are not accidents. Tides in the affairs of men are not purely incidental.

In the beginning it may have been "Va tohu and va bohu." "Without form and void." But from the time "The spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters," man has evidently been the climax of Divine thought, love, and purpose.

No man can study nature intelligently until he sees God, nor can any man study God intelligently until He sees man as the solution of the riddle creation.

Since God talked with Adam in the garden He has been man's best friend. There has not been an age nor an epoch in the world's history in which God was not working for man's good. The advent of the Christ was not the first demonstration of His love for man, and when the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will to men," they sang a truth which had four thousand years of demonstration in God's deal with man. John tells us "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made," and I believe it would be equally true to say of man, for him were all things made that were made, and without considering him was not any thing made. For all things appear to be planned for man's good, and as the poet has said, even death is "A vizored friend."

Yes, all things, with the emphasis on all. For as Paul tells us, "All things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollis, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours."

Take man out of the world and much of our environment is an unsolvable engima, for every thing seems to gravitate toward him; nay, more, every thing that is appears to have been made for him: to serve him. Hence he must have had a large place in the Divine mind.

The man who answered the sneering question, "What do you suppose God cares for you or me?" by saying, "Every thing in nature which contributes to man's comfort or joys, the supplies set over against his every need, is proof of God's Fatherly love and care," uttered a great truth. And how true it is that

> "To him who in the love of nature holds
> Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
> A various language."

True, it takes the spiritual vision to see things aright. In the daisy the botanist sees petals, stamen, pistils, polen tubes, etc., etc. The florist sees a little beauty of the plant life with its golden center and outer rim of white pointed leaves, a miniature of yonder sun. But he whose eyes have been anointed with spiritual eye salve; the soul that knows God, sees Him in the beauty of the daisy. Yes, to the soul that has learned to know God, has felt the touch of the Divine mind on his own, from every daisy, from every lump of ore, from every harvest field, from every babbling brook, there is a beaten path to God.

On the surface things look cruel, but it is only apparent, for that "God is love" is written on the skies of every day in as bold type as

in holy writ. And in the face of it all, all the sorrow, all the wrongs, injustices, and affliction, Jesus said to the disciples not even a fallen sparrow "Is forgotten before God," and then adds, "Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows." So I am satisfied it is not cruelty that takes us away, that calls our loved ones, and some day, somewhere, out yonder in that ever bright land, I am going to get a satisfactory vision which will change belief into knowledge. When seeing as I am seen, and knowing as I am known, I shall see it all, and see the wisdom and beauty of the Divine plan. Then I will know as I can not now know, that the mind that planned and the hand that led was my loving Heavenly Father's, and that it was best.

Yes, when we get the larger vision things take on a more hopeful aspect. Lives are not like strokes of a clock pealing out on the midnight air, and then lost forever. Nor like a sweet singer's song, filling the air with heart-touching sentiment and soul-stirring melody, only to waste itself in the few moments it lives in our emotions. Nor yet, like the characters who pass before us in the short-lived play, as kings, priests, or peasants, and then fade out of our thought and vision like a fleecy summer cloud. No, no, lives are not like these;

Lives are set into the plan of the ages,

and it will take unnumbered millenniums to tell us the all of any life, no matter how humble its place here.

That old Arabian, Emir Job, who wrote this wonderful poem from which our text is taken, and whose dust had in all probability been peacefully sleeping in its last earthly resting-place, long years before Moses' mother hid him amidst the bullrushes of the Nile, way back there near the dawn of history, goaded by false accusers, harassed by self-appointed judges, looking up into the sky as if he might see Him whom he trusted, and knowing that life here was too short for the gathering of the knowledge hungered for, or the consummation of the purposes and wishes which sprung spontaneous in his mind. Seeing God's loving care for man demonstrated in a thousand ways in nature, he asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Then as faith swung its telescope into the future, he answered his own query, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call and I will answer Thee. Thou wilt have a desire to the work of Thine hands." Job could not believe God would create man and endow him as he is endowed, and limit his existence to the little span of time between cradle and grave. He felt certain man was created for greater things than were possible under the limitations of time and body, was convinced God would not be satisfied to let man go out like a candle at the grave. But He would "have a desire," for the work of His hands would want to see more of man than would be possible in so short a life as is lived here. So, as Job saw and reasoned, faith climbed the mountain peak, and with victory ringing in the tones, he shouted, "Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee." He was sure the grave could not hold him, but that it was simply the open door to the new, the better.

Yes, lives are set into the plan of the ages. "Art is long and time is fleeting," is only true as regards man's earthly stay; so what we do here we must do quickly. Not so with our Heavenly Father. He is not limited by time. He is not careful to complete to-day what He began yesterday, but can adjust His plans to limitless ages; so we see Him working out His plans and processes in nature.

Way back yonder in time, ages upon ages ago, by processes we do not know, He formed the diamond and hid it in yonder gravel bed until such time as man should want it. How long ago? Oh, I do not know.

I will not even hazard a guess. I think, about the same time, by processes of heat, pressure, and chemical action, He built the gold into the stratas of the rock, there to lie and wait the call of man.

So that pile of dirty, grimy coal in your cellar, with which you warm your house, cook your food, generate steam by which the wheels of commerce are moved, was at one time—how long ago I do not know—but at one time, was reeds, rushes, ferns, and mammoth forest. Living their allotted time here, they decayed, just as our vegetation decays, and fell to the ground; then came earth upheavels, flooding of valleys filled with the debris of decaying vegetation and forests. Then land slips, and the vegetation was buried under great masses of earth, there to lie subject to chemical influences and processes that changed the mass into coal, and now we are burning the forests which passed from the earth's surface ages and ages ago.

But that diamond must be taken from its companion gravel to the lapidary, there to be cut, ground, and polished, losing much in quantity, but gaining in brilliancy and beauty until it comes to the market with fabulous value. The gold in the interstices of the rock must be freed by the crushing of the rock, then by processes of purifying and minting it becomes coin current of the realm, and a *quid pro quo,* an equivalent for the merchandise of commerce. These and thousands of other things in nature, many of which are of equal slow growth and development, are set there in earth's storehouse, set over against the day of man's need, evidencing God's planning for man, and as the apostle wrote to the Church at Corinth, we can write to all men, "All things are for your sakes." And do you suppose for one moment you can get me to believe that these supplies set over against man's need, stored away in nature's warerooms until he should call for them, shall be longer lived than he for whom they were formed? You may believe it if you so wish, but not I. With Job I believe I was created for two worlds at least; more than that, I believe I was created for companionship with God.

Independent of the scores of precious promises culminating in the words of the Christ, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Which floods the future with light and hope. The entire family of man, of every age, in every clime, of every stage of mental culture, or lack of culture, has believed he was built for other worlds than this, and has looked to the future for a life relieved of present limitations, that should permit the widest development of mind and soul; where every psychical hunger should be satisfied. AND DO N'T YOU KNOW A UNIVERSAL HUNGER IS A PROPHECY, AND IS SURE OF FULFILLMENT?

Yes, life is too big to be bounded by cradle and grave. Its possibilities too many to be developed in threescore years and ten. This present life is spent in this earthly ante-room to the larger life, this preparation place for other worlds. Like the diamond, the gold, the coal, we are here in God's great laboratory, being fitted for the larger, the better. No, no! God is not cruel. We may think Him so, but we are mistaken. In the larger life out yonder we will see it, and know "Our Heavenly Father doeth all things well." And how rapidly we are moving out to that other country! If I mistake not, there are only three men living who were members of this Conference at its organization—William H. Sutherland, James T. Bail, and Milton P. Zink. How fast we are dropping, as

"Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
Drop by drop the springs run dry;
One by one beyond recall,
Summer roses droop and die."

So we are going, slipping away, moving out to that other country. Society is kaleidoscopic; it will never again be just as it is to-day, for we are dropping like the roses. But what of it? If we are only ready for the call, we will simply move out to a better country, to "a city that hath foundations," where all is well, where all the hungers of the soul shall be satisfied, where nothing shall mar the peace, where time shall not be measured, FOR THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT THERE.

This year four of our brethren have gone over into that better land; have transferred from the Corps honorable to the Corps triumphant; have laid down the sword to take up the harp. Richard S. Rust, whose ninety-one years, crowded with activities, make a record of work equaled by few. Whose years of devotion to the interests of the Freedmen of this land make his name to be loved and honored in thousands of homes. And why not? For he has probably done as much to enhance the interests and improve the condition of the Freedman as any other one man, and his most lasting monument will be built in loving hearts that beat beneath black skins. Then from the firing line we have lost three comrades, brave, true, loyal—Wones, Abrams, Hill. With unsheathed swords they fell at the front where the battle was hottest. All in middle life apparently at the time when best fitted for work and most needed. How we shall miss them; yes, and how we need them, for the day calls for men who are not only true, but tried and found fitted for the Master's work. But their voices are stilled; their places are vacant; others must fill the gaps in our ranks, for they have exchanged the shouts and groans of battle for the hallelujahs of the angel chorus.

We could not all be at their bedsides to say the last earthly good-bye, but, brethren, is it too much to believe that their spirits are here this morning? Is it too much to believe they have joined the ranks of that "cloud of witnesses" that we are "compassed about with?" If they are here, if they are listening, I want to say to them: Watch for us, for we are coming, and some of us will soon be there, for on a goodly number of us

> "The frosts are falling thick,
> And we are on the double quick,
> To the camp that is over the river."

But God is not unkind. No, no; there is no cruelty intended in death, but rather an open door to the things better, the "mansions prepared," for as the apostle tells us, "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." And if we could only see as God sees, or as the dying Christian sees, death is not such a monster, and would be a welcome visitor.

I saw it expressed in the poet's way the other day, and I bring his vision to you, believing he has seen truth.

> "I had an interview with death.
> The place, a lonely dell, winter bound, swathed in spotless snow.
> The time, a new risen morn; the last star, paling
> As if in fear, retired but not extinguished.
> A spirit strengthened me to brave the enemy of life,
> And gave me courage to upbraid his cruelty.
> My speech I do remember well, and Death's reply.
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> "Said I, in heightened tone, as if to keep uncertain
> Courage steadfast and ardent: 'Monster, of thee
> No man speaks well; thy silent tread makes
> The house tremble, and in thy cold breath all
> Flowers die. No little child is safe from
> Thy all-withering touch; nor mothers

Dost thou spare, nor lovers weaving life's story
Into colored dream, nor saints in lowly prayer.
Why not content thyself with warring and succeeding
In the gloomy jungle?—smite the tiger crouching
For his prey, or the lion in his fierceness,
Or fly after the panting wolf, or lodge
An arrow in the heart of the proud eagle.
Why devastate our homes? Why kill our little ones?
Why break out hearts and mock our thirst
With the brine of useless tears? O Death! I would
That thou wert dead'

"Then Death answered me, and filled me with amaze.
'Believe me,' said the weird defendant, 'Thy reasoning
Is false, and thy reproach an unintelligent assault.'

"His voice was gentle, and through all his pallor
There gleamed the outline of a smile. I saw
Transfigured Death!

"'I am God's servant. The flock must be brought home.
I go to bring the wanderers to the fold.
The lambs are God's, not yours; or yours but to
Watch and tend until He sends for them.
Through your own fatherhood read God's heart.
Through your own watching for the child's return
Conceive the thought that glows in love Divine.'

"He paused. Said I: 'Could not some brighter
Messenger be sent? An angel with sunlight in
His eyes and music in his voice? Thou dost
Affright us so, and make us die so oft in
Dying once. If our mother could but come; or some
Kindred soul; or old pastor whose voice
We know; any but thou, so cold, so grim!'

"'I understand thee well,' said Death, 'but thou dost not
Understand thyself. Why does God send the cold snow
Before the spring? Why icebergs first, then daffodils?
My grimness, too, thou dost not comprehend.
The living have never seen me; only the dying
Can see death. I am but a mask. The angel thou
Dost pine for is behind; sometimes angel-mother,
Sometimes father, sometimes a vanished love,
But always to the Good and True the very image of the
Christ. No more revile me. I am a vizored friend.'

"The dell was transformed. The snow gleamed
Like silver. The day a cloudless blue. And
Suddenly living images filled the translucent space.
And then I asked of Death if he could tell whence
Came they. And he said, 'These are mine.
A reaper I, as well as shepherd. I put in the sharp sickle;
I bound the sheaves; I garnered the precious harvest;
And when I come angels sing "Harvest Home."'"

Memoirs.

REV. R. S. RUST, D. D.

In the death of Richard Sutton Rust Saturday evening, December 22, 1906, in the ninety-second year of his age, there passed from our midst one of the oldest itinerant preachers in Methodism. While he was known throughout the Church and as widely honored, he was, because of his practical interest in the freedmen, tenderly loved by the colored members of our Church, and held in highest esteem among the people of African descent throughout the entire country.

He belonged to that class of American youth who, although empty-handed and friendless, determined to secure the advantages of a collegiate training. His early years on the farm were followed by an apprenticeship in cabinet-making, but, impelled by a desire to attend school, having saved his earnings, he purchased his time and entered Phillips Academy. For reasons named later, he became a student in Wilbraham Academy. From here he went to Wesleyan University, and graduated in 1841, having worked his way through both his academic and college courses.

At Phillips Academy, under the influence of a lecture from George Thompson, was begun that anti-slavery career in which he was conspicuous and useful. He became associated with an anti-slavery society, and would not abandon this in order that he might continue in the school—hence his transfer to the Wilbraham Academy. While here, and during his college course, he lectured against slavery, earning something toward meeting his school expenses, but sharing in the obloquy, and sometimes in the harsh treatment to which Abolitionists were often subjected.

After his graduation in 1841, he found employment as principal of an academy in Ellington, Massachusetts, and subsequently as principal of the high school in Middletown, Connecticut, where his college days had been passed. In 1844 he was received into the New England Conference and appointed to Wesley Church, Springfield; and, in 1845, to Worcester. In 1846 he was transferred to the New Hampshire Conference, where he was principal of the Conference seminary for three years; and during this period he was State school commissioner. Then followed these pastorates: Portsmouth, 1850-51; Great Falls, 1852-53; Lawrence, 1854-55; Manchester, 1856; Haverhill, 1857-58.

In 1858 Dr. Rust was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference to take the presidency of Wilberforce University, located near Xenia, Ohio —a school open to colored students, and, at that time, under the auspices of the Cincinnati Conference. After three years this school was transferred to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and, in 1862, Dr. Rust was appointed pastor of Morris Chapel, Cincinnati. Prompted by his interest in educational work, he became president of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College, and maintained the school during a part of the trying war-period, 1863-65.

In the fall of 1865 he was appointed corresponding secretary of the Western Freedmen's Aid Commission, thereby becoming officially related to one form of the work for the elevation of the emancipated slaves, to

which the subsequent years of his active ministry were constantly and zealously devoted. He was a member of the convention which, in August, 1866, organized the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Clark was elected president; Dr. Walden, corresponding secretary, and Dr. Rust, field superintendent, especially because of his experience as an educator. After the General Conference made Dr. Walden publishing agent, Dr. Rust was charged with the entire administration of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

A correct view of the work before this Society at that time is not

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readily obtained. It had entered a new and difficult field. Because of the political conditions, the efforts for the aid and education of the freed people, made by Northern societies, though carried forward only in a Christian and humanitarian spirit, were misunderstood, criticised, and sometimes harshly opposed in the South. The planting and administration, even, of our Methodist schools, under these conditions, required great patience, tact, and wisdom. This part of the administration was enough to command the time and strength of any man.

But the attention of the Church had to be arrested and turned to the new movement. This meant visiting the Annual Conference sessions where the preachers could be addressed in a body; and it further meant holding the cause before the pastors and the Church by every available

means. In common with our other benevolent societies, the Freedmen's Aid Society, through its office, must raise the funds for the work for which it stands, but is unlike them in that it can not look to Annual Conferences to aid in administering the funds, as school work must have not only a general but the scrutinizing supervision of the secretary in charge.

From May, 1868, to May, 1884, Dr. Rust was solely responsible for this twofold work. During the next four years he had an assistant in his office, but he, being the ultimate authority, still had the burden of responsibility. It will be noted that his active official work in this Society covered twenty-two years. During that period the policy of establishing a college for the colored people at some central point in each of the Southern States was pursued. In selecting the sites and securing the lands, Dr. Rust showed rare wisdom, while the buildings erected under his oversight are substantial and well adapted to school purposes. The property secured under his administration is worth more than a million of dollars.

Dr. Rust, since 1888, has been one of the Board of Managers of the Society, and, as honorary corresponding secretary, has maintained an active relation to this work of his life and has cherished a lively interest in it.

The position he gained in the New Hampshire Conference is indicated by his election to the General Conference of 1856. He was honored and revered as the oldest member of the Cincinnati Conference. It was a great satisfaction to him that, as a delegate from this Conference, he was permitted to share in the election of Gilbert Haven to the episcopacy. His conference honored him in other ways and will tenderly cherish his memory.

Dr. Rust was born in Ipswich, Massachusetts, September 12, 1814. In early life he wedded Miss Sarah Hubbard, who died in 1842. Subsequently he married Miss Elizabeth Lownes,—one of the organizers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society—who died a few years since. Two sons survive the dead veteran, the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Rust, of the Cincinnati Conference, and Mr. Charles H. Rust, associated with his father in the business of the Union Central Life Insurance Co., with which Dr. Rust has been connected for fifteen years and of which he was vice-president. He had signed checks the very morning of his demise.

By his constant and wide travel, Dr. Rust became known throughout our borders. Our pastors and people will lament for a leader in Israel departed. But they will rejoice that such a long and useful life was granted him. Until the last few months he mingled freely with his brethren, and frequently spoke in the Cincinnati Preachers' Meeting. His vitality was astonishing and was retained until an hour of his death. He showed marvelous enthusiasm and, like the roar of a lion aroused, his voice pealed out in debate. He was by nature endowed with an enduring physique, an abounding cheerfulness and optimism, a capacity for hard work, an utter fearlessness and a love for the fray, an oratorical temperament, and an intense humanitarianism. To these traits were added an intense religious consecration which characterized him throughout his life.

BISHOP JOHN M. WALDEN.

REV. CREIGHTON WONES.

IN a Methodist parsonage in Berlin, Ohio, Creighton Wones was born August 19, 1857, the son of Rev. Timothy and Louisa Wones. At the age of nineteen he sought and found salvation, and united with

the Central Church, Springfield, Ohio. His early education was received in the public schools of that city. Afterwards he attended Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated in the class of 1882. In the fall of the same year he entered the Cincinnati Conference.

His call to preach was as distinct and definite as his experience of religion. With him it was not an honorable profession, but a divine ambassadorship; an apostolic message. With this ideal he could not court applause. With such a foundation his urgent mission was saving men, and building them up in Christian grace and character. No successes satisfied him, and no commendations quieted his passion for souls, unless he could see that his labor was producing fruit. The key-note of his entire ministry was the salvation of people.

The end of his work did not overtake him as a surprise. For three years he had felt within his aching breast the premonitions of this early end. With this chill fog in his face he urged on his heroic way. Knowing that the hours of his life could not be many, and knowing that with rest from labor he might prolong his life, he chose rather to die at the post of battle; and he crammed the hours with bravest effort, and with plans for the best campaign of his life.

Some of us had noted for several months the deepening lines upon his face which told us he was suffering from depression of mind. They were really the lines of secret pain. They were the furrows of anxiety lest the quickly coming Lord should find him with his work undone. He had no fear of meeting his Master, but his uplifted eyes saw the vastness and the value of the harvest-field. To lay by a sickle even for a crown was no welcome exchange for such a lover of lost men.

Last year he returned to Franklin for the fifth year, determined to make it the best of the five, the best of his life. With this purpose supreme he planned wisely and well. He engaged the services of Elisha P. Brown, the well-known evangelist. The time for the campaign was set, the preliminaries all arranged. But the disease which had worked so stealthily struck the fatal blow. Heavier than from weakness and disease was the pang of his soul when he was compelled to give up his cherished plans. But the call of God, whose wisdom we can neither question nor comprehend, called him to rest ere this task was begun. Thus another kingly spirit has gathered material for enlarging the living temple of God, and was called away with the task undone. And we may assuredly believe that he has heard the voice of the Master saying: "Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house to My name, thou doest well that it was in thine heart."

His fields of labor were South Charleston, three years; Price Hill, one year; Harrison, three years; Monroe, three years; Cumminsville, five years; Eaton, one year; Broadway (Dayton), four years; Franklin, five years.

On the 22d of June, 1887, he was married to Miss Bertha Bachelor at Hartwell, Ohio. With their six children this widow takes up her lonely way, greatly cheered by the kindness of the people of Franklin, and by the love of the many who never can forget the devotion of this minister of God. His dust rests on the slopes of Woodhill, overlooking the fields of his final labors. His happy spirit is at home with God.

REV. JAMES ELVA ABRAMS.

James Elva, son of James W. and Emeline T. Abrams, was born near Moscow, Ohio, February 28, 1865. He attended the country district school and later graduated from the high school of Moscow. His father died while he was but a lad. In September, 1883, he entered Hanover

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College, Indiana, and completed the full four years' course of study and at once took up his work of ministerial preparation at Drew Theological Seminary, graduating in 1889. In November of this same year he was married to Miss Lucia Woolley, of Hanover, Ind. Three children were born in their home and then came the great separation, and the young wife and mother, after less than five years of happy married life, was taken to her heavenly home. During his pastorate at Miamisburg his son, a child some nine years of age, went to join the mother. He often was heard to say that he could not put his finger upon the time and place of his conversion, but little by little there came to him an experience of his relation to God in Christ that was definite. He went steadily forward to the work of the Christian ministry. In September, 1889, he was received into the Cincinnati Annual Conference, and served the following charges: 1889, King's Creek; 1890-91, Dialton; 1892, Catawba; 1893-97, Ripley; 1898-1902, Miamisburg; 1903-06, First Church, Urbana. He began and ended his work in Champaign County, and four of the six charges in which he spent his entire ministry lie wholly or in part in this county, so that it is not strange that at his own request his body is to find its resting-place there and the sacred dust of his wife and child is to find repose by his side. Brother Abrams succeeded in the ministry from the first. He gave himself to his work; he neglected no part of a pastor's duty. He was versatile in method; there was an element of freshness and adaptability to changing conditions that made his ministry ever acceptable. During his pastorate at Miamisburg the present fine church structure was erected and in all the work he was a wise leader. Early in June he was taken ill with typhoid fever. As soon as he knew the serious nature of his sickness he attended to some matters of business, and then in a spirit of faith and hope and courage awaited the issue. There was no fear, his mind was clear, his trust in God unwavering, and underneath him were the Everlasting Arms. Early Sunday morning, July 14th, his spirit found release. Much more might be said. We can no more tell the full story of his life than we can gather by handfuls the life-giving winds that blow from the four corners of the heavens. We can not follow to their end all the influences of this Christian minister's work, but the record is on high. His brother ministers, who have known and loved him for eighteen years, testify to his purity of character, his high ideals, his noble sense of devotion to duty, his earnestness and cheerfulness and brotherliness. We believe him to have been a man of clean hands and pure heart. His name and record add honor to our roll of Conference membership. We grieve at his untimely end, but we cherish the well-grounded hope of greeting him again with others who have passed on before, in the "general assembly and Church of the first born who are enrolled in heaven!"

REV. JAMES ROBERT HILL.

James Robert Hill was well born. His parents—John and Dorcas Hill—were Methodists of the olden type. Into their home at Bethel, Clermont Co., O., was born on October 25, 1852, the son, who was to become the true man, the earnest Christian, and the successful Gospel minister.

Something in the life of Clermont County Methodism has been prolific of Methodist preachers. In the older day Foster, Fee, and Cassatt, and in the later times Burdsall, Aultman, Abrams, and Hill, with many others, have gone out to be flaming heralds of the eternal gospel.

Bro. Hill grew to manhood and received his education in the neighborhood of his birth. At sixteen he began the work of a teacher in the

public schools of his county and was one of the most popular and successful of his profession. He was converted at twenty-five under the ministry of the Rev. J. F. McColm. He at once became a most earnest and devoted worker in the Church. He from childhood felt called to the ministry, and soon after his conversion the Church felt this to be his true life work, but not till he was thiry-eight years of age, in 1890, did he fully surrender to the call. He was admitted to the Cincinnati Annual Conference, at Greenville, and for seventeen years he did splendid, efficient work in our itinerant ranks. Brandt, Covington, Tippecanoe City, Catawba, Arcanum, and Highland were the fields in which he labored.

He won success in every place by his pure character, manly life, and earnest, Christian ministry. His ministry was marked by his influence over the men in all these charges. He was a public spirited and helpful citizen, a true manly friend, a loyal Methodist, and a broad-minded Christian.

In 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Donham, and during his whole ministry she was a sympathetic and helpful sharer of all his toils and triumphs. One daughter, Grace, came to cheer their home and to be the comfort of her widowed mother. His last illness was brief, and on August 3, 1907, in his fifty-fifth year, he passed to his reward on high. A large number of his Conference brothers were in attendance at his funeral and he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Mt. Orab, O.

He was loved by those who knew him and his Conference honored and trusted him. He has joined our brothers in the skies, those who have gone up to their crowning.

His work abides and his memory is both an inspiration and a benediction to those who remain.

MRS. ELIZA P. HERR.

MRS. ELIZA P. HERR, widow of the Rev. William Herr, was born on Nantucket Island in 1822. The daughter of Judge and Mrs. Swain, prominent citizens of Dayton, Ohio, she was for many years identified with the civic and religious interests of that city. The nature of Dr. Herr's service exempted her from many of the trials incident to the itineraries of a Methodist minister. For more than half a century she built her life into the home of her early womanhood. Queenly dignity, sanity of judgment, and repose of manner distinguished her. Christ was her ideal and power. For her religion was life; salvation was character. Comparing herself with the Master, she was humble in spirit. If in the loneliness of her soul she ever cried, "Lord, take away pain," she must have heard the Divine answer:

"Shall I take away pain?
And with it the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away love that redeems with a price
And smiles at the loss?
Can you spare from your life
That would climb unto mine, the Christ on the Cross?"

Death for her was emancipation, from the limitations the flesh imposes. She was always free in soul. Death was time of "mooring." The vessel of life was completed. The Master gave the order. Over the

trackless deep this life swept into the harbor of His love. Death was "Home-coming." The Elder Brother gave her the message. "I go to prepare a place for you." The country to which she has gone is neither new nor strange.

DEATH WAS "SLEEP."

"Speak thou, availing Christ, and fill this pause."

At the Methodist Home for the Aged, Granville, Ohio, where she was temporarily residing during the absence from this country of her step-daughter, she sweetly "fell on sleep." The funeral services were held in Grace Church, August 2d. Bishop Walden, Drs. Royal and Weakley, and the pastor of the Church were present. The interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton.

MRS. CHARLES W. BRIGGS.

ANNA LOUISE, daughter of A. M. and Matilda Blaine, was born in Ross County, near Greenfield, Ohio, May 2, 1853; departed this life at the parsonage in Lynchburg, Ohio, Sabbath evening, November 4, 1906. Just as the shadows were gathering, she went home to enjoy an eternal Sabbath in full assurance of peace and rest. In infancy her parents dedicated her to the Lord in Christian baptism. In early childhood she gave her heart and life to Christ and joined the United Presbyterian Church in Greenfield, where she remained a member until after her marriage. She was united in marriage to Rev. Charles W. Briggs by Rev. John Pearson, D. D., April 13, 1886. To bless this union two daughters were given—Mary Belle and Grace Blaine—who, with their father, mourn the loss of a true Christian wife and mother. For more than twenty years she faithfully and lovingly performed the duties which devolve upon the wife of a Methodist minister. Her home was always open, and hospitality freely extended to ministers. She constantly endeavored to maintain a model parsonage home. The work of the Church in all its departments had her special care; and to win young people for Christ was her supreme joy; and this life of service and love for souls ripened into a rich experience. Her sufferings extended over a period of three and one-half years, during which time she bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and resignation. Her aim and ideal was to live the spirit of St. Paul as expressed in the thirteenth chapter of his First Epistle to the Corinthians. Her last messages to her family and friends were in keeping with her life, committing her husband and children to the care of Him "who doeth all things well." She spoke of death as "going home," and calmly faced the close of life, making arrangements in detail for her funeral. Death to her had no terrors.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. Lee Aultman, D. D., presiding elder of Hillsboro District, at the Lynchburg M. E. Church on Wednesday afternoon, November 7th, at 2 o'clock, in the presence of a large and sympathizing congregation. The ministers present and assisting were Revs. Deaton, Davis, Lane, Hill, Gray, Coffman, Scarff, Edmiston, and LeSourd.

According to her request, the family and friends accompanied the remains to Greenfield Wednesday evening to the home of her sisters. On Thursday, Rev. Dr. S. D. Crothers, of the Greenfield Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. E. T. Lane, and Rev. R. W. McBride, of the United Presbyterian Church, conducted a short service, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery in Greenfield. M. L.

CINCINNATI LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

THE Cincinnati Lay Electoral Conference was called to order by William E. Brooks at 10 A. M. on Friday, September 6th, in Bishop's Chapel of the Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio. Hon. T. M. Watts, of Sinking Springs, was elected chairman and William E. Brooks, of Cincinnati, Secretary.

There were 131 delegates present. Mr. Gamble offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of six laymen, one from each district and one at large, be appointed by the president, which shall, with a similar committee appointed by the Cincinnati Annual Conference, be a Committee on Co-operation, to take such measures as will successfully promote during the quadrennium the active co-operation of preachers and people in the support of the Conference claimants.

"*Resolved*, That we request the Annual Conference to appoint a committee of six—one from each district and one at large—to co-operate with the committee herein authorized.

"*Resolved*, That the committee so chosen constitute one body, and be authorized to formulate and adopt all plans, and do those things requisite to accomplish the work, and with this view the Quarterly Conference on each charge be requested to appoint a committee of three, of whom the pastor shall be one, for the purpose of promoting, under the direction of the General Committee, the active co-operation of the individual members of each Church.

"*Resolved*, That the secretary be instructed to immediately advise the Annual Conference of this action."

A ballot was then taken for delegates, and the tellers withdrew to count them. Dr. Gilbert, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes about the Western. The following Committee on Conference Claimants was then appointed, in accordance with the resolution adopted above: James N. Gamble, at large; George B. Johnson, Cincinnati District; Joseph W. Story, Hillsboro District; P. N. Sigler, Dayton District; C. L. Greeno, Mliford District; and H. S. Bradley, Springfield District. On motion, the proposed amendments to the Constitution were taken up. The proposed amendment as to the representation in the General Conference, sent out by the Iowa Conference, making the figures twenty-five and ninety, received thirty-one yeas and seventy-three noes.. The one sent out by the Illinois Conference, making the figures twenty-five and seventy-five, received seventy-four yeas and twenty-four noes. The one sent out by the West Wisconsin Conference, making the figures fourteen and sixty, received one yea and ninety-one noes.

At 2.30 P. M. the Conference was called to order by the chairman, and the tellers made their report as follows: There were 131 ballots cast; necessary to a choice, 66. The following, having received a majority vote, were declared elected: H. C. Minnich, O. F. Hypes, O. N. Sams, W. F. Boyd, W. C. Herron. It was then moved that the three persons

who received the next highest votes be declared the reserves. Carried. F. J. Cook, W. E. Brooks, and J. W. Story being the next three highest, were declared elected as the reserves.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution as to the election of Bishops for work among particular races and languages was then taken up, and received seventy-two noes and no yeas.

The Committee on Resolutions made its report, and the following were adopted:

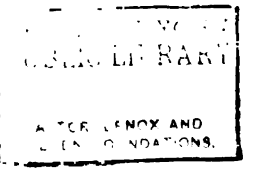
"1st. That we favor the restoration of a time-limit. 2d. As spirituality has always been the life-blood of our Church, we urge that no step be taken which will lower our standard, and we trust that Methodism more than ever will represent aggressive evangelism against all forms of worldliness, expressed or implied. 3d. We desire to thank the people of Oxford for their cordial reception of our members, and we tender to Miami University our best thanks for the use of their hall and rooms."

Rev. T. S. Henderson was introduced and spoke on special evangelistic work by the Methodists in Ohio during the coming winter, after which the following resolution was read and adopted:

"*Resolved,* That we lend to the evangelistic movement, presented by Dr. Henderson, our support as a body, as individuals, and as Churches."

Moved, that we send our regrets to Mr. Dymond, as he is not permitted to be present on account of an accident he had a couple of weeks ago. Carried.

A collection was taken, amounting to $14.91, to help cover the expenses. On motion, adjourned. WM. E. BROOKS, *Secretary.*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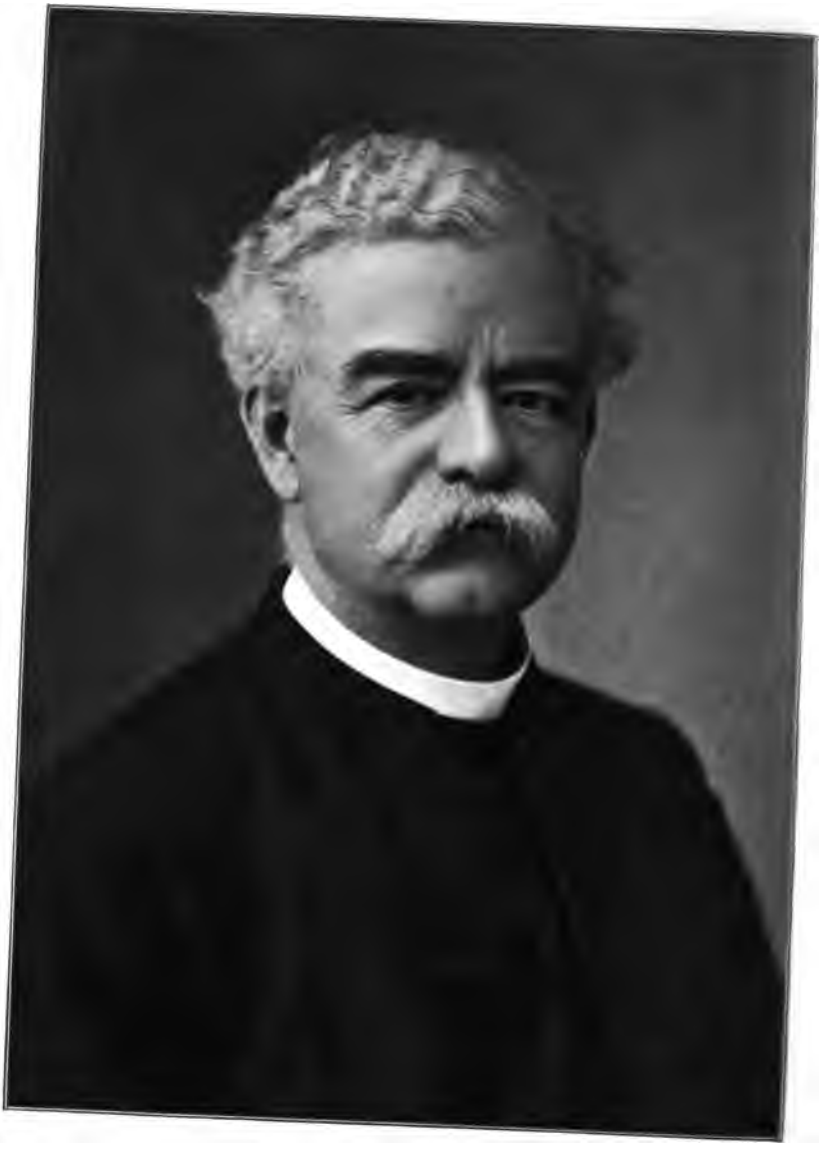

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. The **elective officers** of the Conference shall be chosen annually by such method as the Conference may adopt, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

2. After the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor.**

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order,** and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division,** upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors,** unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question,** and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman,** unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

15. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence.**

16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes,** upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question,** or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes,** to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The District Superintendents, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial,** and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

25. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

26. The annual **memorial service** shall be held at the opening session of each Conference, and shall consist of a memorial sermon not exceeding thirty minutes in length, followed by a memorial not exceeding three minutes in length concerning each minister or minister's wife deceased during the year. The fuller Memoir shall be printed in the Minutes.

Transfers.—The Board of Examiners, through its chairman, F. G. Mitchell, presented the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved,* That we respectfully request the Bishop in charge of the Conference to transfer to it no minister until after he has been admitted to full membership in an Annual Conference. This request shall be printed on the same page with the rules of the Conference."

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1908.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name, first column, indicate the serial number; second column, the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

		MEMBERS.				MEMBERS.	
1	1845	William H. Sutherland,*		55	1876	John H. Davis,	P.
2	1850	James T. Bail,	P.	56	"	John A. Easton,	P.
3	1851	Milton P. Zink,		57	"	John W. Gaddis,	P.
4	1856	John Vance,		58	"	James F. McColm,	P.
5	1857	George M. Edgar,*		59	"	John C. Eckles,	P.
6	"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	60	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
7	1858	Evan P. James,	P.	61	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	
8	"	George H. Dart,	P.	62	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
9	"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	63	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
10	"	John G. Black,	P.	64	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
11	"	David J. Starr,	P.	65	"	James S. Ruggles,	
12	"	William K. Brown,	P.	66	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
13	"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	67	"	James W. Bashford,†	
14	1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	68	"	Davis W. Clark	P.
15	1860	John M. Walden,†	P.	69	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
16	"	John H. Lease,	P.	70	"	Charles W. Rishell,¶	
17	"	Sylvester Weeks,		71	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.
18	1861	Thornton E. Fidler,		72	"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.
19	1862	Thomas J. Harris,		73	"	John A. White,	P.
20	"	Jonathan Verity,	P.	74	"	John A. Story,	P.
21	"	J. McKeudree Shultz,	P.	75	"	Eugene P. Edmonds,	P.
22	"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	76	1880	Charles L. Conger,	P.
23	1865	John S. Pumphrey,	P.	77	"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	
24	"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.	78	1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.
25	"	William W. Ramsay,		79	"	Benjamin. D. Hypes,	P.
26	1866	John F. Hull,		80	"	Edward T. Lane,	P.
27	1867	William P. Jackson,		81	"	Canaro D. Munsey,	
28	"	Samuel W. Carey,		82	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield	
29	"	John Pearson,	P.	83	1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.
30	1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.	84	"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	
31	"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.	85	"	Charles H. Haines.	P.
32	"	John W. Peters,	P.	86	"	Harry Compton,	
33	"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.	87	1883	Marion LeSourd,	P.
34	1869	Edward T. Wells,		88	"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.
35	"	Carey T. Crum,	P.	89	"	George S. Easton,	P.
36	"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.	90	1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.
37	"	Chas. F. Gowdy,	P.	91	"	James L. Glascock,	P.
38	1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.	92	"	John G. Vaughan,	P.
39	"	Richard H. Rust,	P.	93	"	George R. Frenger,	P.
40	"	Jesse B. Young,‡		94	1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	
41	1871	Seren N. Marsh,		95	"	John L. Dalbey,	P.
42	"	William A. Robinson,	P.	96	"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.
43	1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.	97	"	Willis A. Cooper,	P.
44	"	John Wilson,	P.	98	1886	George M. Fulton,	P.
45	1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.	99	"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.
46	"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.	100	"	Thomas W. Salt,	P.
47	"	Charles J. Wells,		101	"	Henry C. Jameson,	P.
48	"	Lafayette Young,		102	"	Chas. L. Bovard,	P.
49	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.	103	"	Watson W. Tranter,	P.
50	"	William M. West,		104	1887	John F. Laird,	P.
51	"	James E. Gilbert,		105	"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.
52	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.	106	1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.
53	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.	107	"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.
54	1876	William J. Baker,		108	"	James R. Colley,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members. ¶ Transferred to New England Conference.
‡ Transferred to St. John's River Conference.

		MEMBERS.				MEMBERS.	
109	1888	Edward J. Moore,	P.	164	1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
110	1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	165	"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
111	"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	166	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
112	"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	167	"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
113	"	William B. Brown,	P.	168	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
114	1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	169	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
115	"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	170	"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
116	"	Calvin W. Elliott,	.....	171	"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
117	"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	172	"	John R. Troxell,	P.
118	"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	173	1898	James A. Geissinger, †	P.
119	"	Henry Hershey,	P.	174	"	Charles W. Sullivan	P.
120	"	Elmer E. Powell,	P.	175	1899	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
121	1891	Reuben S. McColm,	P.	176	"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
122	"	James E. McGee,	P.	177	"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
123	"	Wm. E. Grose,	P.	178	"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
124	1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.	179	"	William F. Martin,	P.
125	"	John P. Ninde,	P.	180	1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
126	"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.	181	"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
127	"	William E. Spurrier,	P.	182	"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
128	"	Frank C. English,	P.	183	1901	Charles P. Pumphrey	P.
129	"	Philip Trout,	P.	184	"	Samuel A. Keen	.....
130	"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.	185	"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
131	"	William H. Spybey,	P.	186	1902	George Gable,	P.
132	"	William E. Putt,	P.	187	1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
133	"	James P. Gilliland,	.....	188	"	John F. Chenoweth,	.....
134	"	Herbert Welch,	P.	189	"	Asa J. Kestle,	P.
135	"	Walter D. Cole,	P.	190	"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
136	1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.	191	"	Hugh G. Scudday,	.....
137	"	George W. Vorhis,	P.	192	"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.
138	"	William H. Wehrly,	P.	193	1904	James M. Bailey,	P.
139	"	William M. Coffman,	P.	194	"	Wm. E. Verity,	P.
140	"	Homer G. Curless,	P.	195	"	Jacob J. Hawk,	P.
141	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.	196	1905	Fred. J. Reinbarth,	P.
142	"	William A. Deaton,	P.	197	"	William T. Gilliland,	P.
143	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.	198	"	Lewis O. Hartman,	P.
144	"	John E. Beery,	P.	199	1906	Hasse O. Enwall,	P.
145	"	John Phillips, ††	P.	200	"	Charles J. Moore.	.....
146	"	Sherman P. Young,	P.	201	"	Jesse L. Corley,	P.
147	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.	202	"	Clarke L. Gowdy,	P.
148	"	James D. Darling,	P.	203	"	Benjamin H. Lewis, ‖	P.
149	"	William A. Wiant,	P.	204	"	Bert E. Smith,	P.
150	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.	205	"	Purdy L. Van Wicklen,	P.
151	"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.	206	"	George F. Barber,	P.
152	"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.	207	"	William L. Boicourt, ‡	P.
153	"	George B. Goodrich,	.....	208	"	George W. Keen,	P.
154	1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.	209	1907	Norman O. Sweat,	P.
155	"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.	210	"	James M. Bennett,	P.
156	"	William M. Patton,	P.	211	"	Walter C. Nash,	P.
157	"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.	212	1908	Clarence S. Grauser,	P.
158	"	William C. Mitchell	P.	213	"	Anthony E. Huntington,	P.
159	"	John E. Thomas,	P.	214	"	William C. Lewis,	P.
160	"	James S. Young,	.....	215	"	Herbert R. Whiting,	P.
161	"	William D. English,	P.	216	"	C. Harold Clerke,	P.
162	1896	George H. Smith,	P.	217	.....	Frank S. Miller,	P.
163	"	Harrison H. Compton,	P.	218	.....	C. Ross Parish,	.....

‡ Withdrawn. † Transferred to California Conference.
†† Transferred to North Indiana Conference.
‖ Transferred to South Kansas Conference.

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TUESDAY.

7.30 P. M. Missionary Sermon, A. W. Leonard.

WEDNESDAY.

10.00 A. M. Memorial Sermon, W. L. Y. Davis.
3.00 P. M. Anniversary of W. H. M. S. Address, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff.
7.30 P. M. Anniversary of Board of Foreign Missions. Address, Bishop F. W. Warne.

THURSDAY.

10.30 A. M. Semi-Centennial Address, Bishop John M. Walden, D. D.
2.00 P. M. Anniversary of W. F. M. S. Address, Mrs. Titus Lowe.
3.30 P. M. Annual Meeting of the Preachers' Relief Society.
7.30 P. M. Anniversary of Board of Education. Address, Rev. Thos. Nicholson, D. D.

FRIDAY.

2.00 P. M. Anniversary of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Address, Rev. J. H. Fitzwater, D. D.
3.30 P. M. The Methodist Brotherhood. Address, C. E. Craig, D. D., Columbus, O.
7.30 P. M. Temperance Anniversary. Address, Rev. E. J. Moore, Ph. D.

SATURDAY.

2.00 P. M. Anniversary of Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home.
7.30 P. M. Anniversary of Board of Conference Claimants.

SUNDAY.

9.00 A. M. Conference Love Feast. Led by V. F. Brown, D. D.
10.30 A. M. Sermon by Bishop D. H. Moore, D. D., LL. D.
2.30 P. M. Ordination Service. Sermon, Bishop J. C. Hartzell, D. D.
6.30 P. M. Anniversary of Epworth League. Address, S. W. Bell,
7.30 P. M. Anniversary of Board of Sunday-Schools. Address, C. S. Baketel, D. D.

MONDAY.

7.30 P. M. Anniversary of Freedmen's Aid Society. Address, J. P. Maveety, D. D.

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

GREENFIELD, O., *September 2*, 1908.

Opening.—After an interval of forty-four years the Cincinnati Annual Conference convened for its fifty-seventh session in the new and commodious Church of Greenfield, Ohio, at 8.30 o'clock this morning, Bishop David H. Moore, D. D., LL. D., presiding. The Bishop announced for the opening hymn, "When I survey the wondrous cross," which was heartily sung, after which the Bishop and the District Superintendents partook of the sacrament. Under the direction of D. L. Aultman, the District Superintendent of this district, the sacrament was then administered to the entire Conference.

Roll-Call.—The Secretary of the last session called the Chronological Roll, and one hundred and twenty-five members responded to their names.

Officers Elected.—Upon motion of D. Lee Aultman, Valorcus F. Brown was elected Secretary and accorded the privilege of nominating his assistants, and they were confirmed, as follows: W. L. Y. Davis, C. C. Peale, A. W. Leonard, and C. L. Conger. Upon motion of T. W. Salt, J. Elbert Thomas was elected Statistician, and upon his nomination the following were confirmed as his assistants: J. E. McGee, E. W. Serl, L. O. Hartman, J. L. Corley, and J. L. Duckwall. Calvin W. Horn, upon nomination, was elected Conference Treasurer and nominated as his assistants W. H. Spybey, J. W. Patton, N. O. Sweat, and H. E. Armacost, and they were confirmed.

Memorial Service.—Conference standing, the Secretary called the names of the brethren who had died within the year. H. C. Jameson announced the hymn, "Rock of Ages," which was

tenderly sung by the Conference, after which W. A. Robinson led the Conference in an impressive prayer. "Faith of our Fathers" was then sung, which was followed by a thoughtful and spiritual Memorial Sermon, delivered by Wilbur L. Y. Davis, from the text, 1 Corinthians xv, 58.

Fifteenth Question.—The Fifteenth Question, *"Who have died?"* was called. George M. Edgar and W. H. Sutherland were reported as having deceased during the year. By request of the Conference, Bishop Moore spoke feelingly of the life and labors of Dr. Sutherland. A. B. Leonard also spoke tenderly of his associations with Dr. Sutherland, and upon his motion A. N. Spahr was requested to prepare a suitable memoir for the Conference Minutes. The memoir of George M. Edgar was read by W. H. Wehrly. The names of four deceased wives of ministers were announced. Marion LeSourd read the memoir of Mrs. L. F. VanCleve. The memoir of Mrs. M. G. Baker was read by H. C. Weakley. That of Mrs. L. A. Washburn was read by W. S. Gray, and the memoir of Mrs. George H. Dart was read by A. B. Austin. One stanza of the hymn "Forever with the Lord" was sung, the Conference standing. The service closed with prayer by A. B. Leonard. Upon motion of H. C. Jameson, the memoirs as read were adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes, and also the Memorial Sermon.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was called, *"Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?"* The entire list of effective Elders was then called, and the character of each passed.

Committees.—The list of Standing Committees as published in the Minutes of 1907 was, upon motion, confirmed, with the following necessary alterations: On Auditing Accounts, omit W. A. Wiant, insert G. P. Austin; Postmaster, omit W. L. Boicourt, insert D. S. Ewry; Reforms, omit W. D. Cole, insert C. M. VanPelt; omit J. B. Young, insert S. P. Young; Resolutions, omit W. P. Thirkield, insert H. D. Ketcham; Woman's Work, omit J. B. Young, insert S. P. Young; omit John Phillips, insert L. O. Hartman.

On motion, the Conference Program, as prepared and published by the Committee on Public Worship, was adopted.

Sessions.—A motion prevailed fixing the hours of the Conference sessions from 8 A. M. to 11.30.

Conference Bar.—The Conference Bar was fixed at the sixth seat from the front.

Isaac Crook, LL. D., of the Ohio Conference, was introduced.

William B. Brown was appointed to canvass for the *Methodist Review,* and Sheridan W. Bell to represent the books of the late Byron Palmer.

Public Morals.—Upon motion of D. J. Starr, a special Committee on Public Morals was ordered. The appointment of the Committee was later reconsidered and, by order of the Conference, the subject matter was referred to the Committee on Reforms for its special consideration.

Conference Cane.—S. O. Royal moved that, owing to the death of the oldest member of the body, W. H. Sutherland, the Conference Cane, now to come into the possession of James T. Bail, who now becomes the senior member, should be secured and presented by Wilbur L. Y. Davis.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the session closed with the benediction by Isaac Crook, LL. D.

AFTERNOON.

Statistical Session.—The Conference reassembled at 2 o'clock, with A. B. Leonard, by appointment of the Bishop, in the chair. Following devotional services, the roll of the charges was called, the pastors reported their statistics and benevolences. The session closed with the benediction by Edmund Burdsal.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *September* 3, 1908.

CONFERENCE reassembled this morning at 8 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by Edmund Burdsal, speaking to the theme "The Preacher in the Prayer-meeting."

Journal.—The Journal of the sessions of Wednesday was read, corrected, and approved.

Evangelistic Committee.—The Bishop presented a letter from Bishop Joseph F. Berry, requesting the appointment of an Evangelistic Committee, as desired by the General Commission on Evangelism, and, upon motion, the selection of said committee was left to the Bishop and his Cabinet.

Anti-Saloon League.—A paper was read from William H. Anderson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, requesting the Conference to take some action regarding the passage of the "Interstate Liquor Shipment Bill," which has been before the National Congress for the past five years. Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the action requested by said Society was adopted by unanimous rising vote, as follows:

WHEREAS, Complete enforcement of State and local prohibition laws will not be possible until the passage of the "Interstate Liquor Shipment Bill," or a similar measure, to protect the States in the enforcement of their valid enactments; and,

WHEREAS, This measure is so reasonable and the sentiment in favor of it so strong that it is generally believed that it will pass whenever it is brought to a vote; and,

WHEREAS, Although it has been pending at least five years, Congress has not yet been allowed to vote upon it; and,

WHEREAS, The Speaker of the National House of Representatives absolutely controls the procedure of the House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully petition Congress to pass this measure in the form approved by the accredited representatives of the Anti-Saloon League of America; and be it further

Resolved, That we advise our people to vote this fall for candidates for Congress who will not only vote, but will also agree to support for Speaker a man who will give them a chance to vote upon it.

Episcopal Fund.—A paper from the Book Committee, stating the sum necessary to be raised for the Episcopal Fund by the Cincinnati Conference this year, was read and, upon motion, referred to the District Superintendents for apportionment to the districts. The sum of $2,345, together with the deficiency of the last year, amounting to $626, was asked for.

E. R. Graham, one of the Agents of the Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference. Drafts were presented by the Bishop from the Chartered Fund and the Book Concern of $22 and $1,919, respectively, for the Conference Claim-

ants, and they were ordered signed and handed to the Board of Stewards.

The Bishop announced that the apportionment of the Freedmen's Aid Society to this Conference for the coming year was $6,000. Upon motion, the matter was referred to the District Superintendents for apportionment to the districts.

Hillsboro College.—W. A. Deaton, on behalf of the Commission on Hillsboro College, requested the appointment of a Special Committee to consider the interests involved and report to the Conference. The committee was constituted as follows: Herbert Welch, C. M. VanPelt, A. B. Leonard, J. A. Story, and George H. Dart.

Ninth Question—*"What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?"*—was called.

Upon motion, the case of Edward T. Waring, a Probationer and Deacon in Studies of the Fourth Year in the New England Southern Conference, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Bert E. Smith, C. L. Gowdy, Benjamin H. Lewis, C. Harold Clerke, and Herbert R. Whiting were called. Reported by the Board of Examiners, represented by the District Superintendents, and having passed an examination of character and completed the course of study, were graduated and elected to Elders' Orders. Purdy L. VanWicklen, not having been before the Board of Examiners, was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Board of Examiners having reported that Edward T. Waring had completed his studies, recommended that he be elected to Elders' Orders, and the Bishop was requested to transfer him to the Cincinnati Conference. The Bishop announced his transfer, and he was elected.

Rev. Erwin H. Richards, for twenty-five years a missionary in East Africa, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

A. N. Spahr.—A. N. Spahr read the report of his district. At the conclusion of his report, H. W. Bailey, on behalf of the preachers of the Milford District, spoke complimentary words to the retiring District Superintendent and presented him a purse of gold. Dr. Spahr responded tenderly.

Upon motion, the request of A. N. Spahr for a Superannuate relation was granted, and a like relation was granted to W. J. Baker.

A. N. Spahr was appointed a Committee of One to extend the sympathies of the Conference to W. J. Baker, who is detained from the seat of Conference by serious illness.

W. D. Cole, Chaplain of the First Regiment of the O. N. G., was excused from further attendance upon the session.

Rev. J. F. Horton, Agency Secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference upon the work of the Society.

Introductions.—Freeley Rohrer, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city; R. W. McBride, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of this city; Franklin McElfresh, Superintendent of Teachers' Training Class of the Sunday-school Department, of the Ohio Conference, and Sherman P. Young, a recent transfer to this Conference, were introduced.

Upon motion, the Statistician was granted the authority to select additional assistants. H. G. Whiting and S. A. Stephan were selected.

Roll-Call.—The roll of the absentees from yesterday's sessions was called and twenty-nine additional members responded.

Bishop Walden.—The Order of the Day having arrived, "The Semi-Centennial Address" of Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., Hymn 679, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord," was sung. George H. Dart offered prayer, after which Hymn 491, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," was sung. Bishop Moore then introduced Bishop Walden, who delivered an interesting, instructive, and historical address.

Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the thanks of the Conference were extended to the Bishop, and his address was requested for printing in the Minutes.

Upon motion of D. Lee Aultman, the Conference requested A. N. Spahr to preach a semi-centennial sermon Friday at 2 P. M., in case the representative of the Home Missionary and Church Extension Society failed to arrive.

The session closed with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *September* 4, 1908.

M. LESOURD conducted the devotional services this morning, beginning at 8 o'clock, speaking upon the topic "The Preacher in the Pastorate." At 8.30 the business of the Conference was resumed and the Journal of Thursday was read and approved.

On motion of W. A. Robinson, it was ordered that pastors who have not included the funds for Christ Hospital along with the Deaconess Home, see the Treasurer and have it done, that said funds be not diverted from the original purpose.

D. J. Starr presented papers bearing upon Public Morals, which, upon motion, were referred to the Committee upon Reforms.

H. C. Jameson, District Superintendent, presented the report of the Cincinnati District.

Western Christian Advocate.—Levi Gilbert, D. D., Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate,* was introduced, and presented the interests of that periodical.

G. W. Dubois presented the following paper, which, upon motion, was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We recognize that the present circulation of the *Western Christian Advocate* within our Conference is inadequate and unrepresentative; be it therefore

Resolved, That we hereby commit ourselves to a definite and earnest endeavor to secure a subscription list on the basis of one subscriber to every fifteen of our entire Church membership, and thereto pledge our pastors and charges in an effort to double the number of present subscribers.

Resolved, That we recommend a special Quarterly Conference Committee to co-operate with the pastor in extending the circulation of the *Western* in each local charge; that we recommend to our pastors the observance of some Sunday for the special presentation of the importance of our denominational publications; that we recommend to the Program Committees of future sessions of the Conference the propriety of arranging for an evening anniversary of our publishing interests.

Question Five—*"Who have been Continued on Trial?"*—was taken up. Robert O. Matthews, Thomas J. Lewis, and Roy B. Coleman were called, reported by the Examiners, and advanced

to the Studies of the Second Year. William F. Clark, George H. Pettingell, and William H. Cundy, not having been before the Examiners, were continued in the Studies of the First Year. Clarence S. Grauser, Anthony E. Huntington, and William C. Lewis were called, reported by the Examining Board, and advanced to the Studies of the Third Year.

Question Fourteen.—Question Fourteen was called, *"Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?"* J. A. Geissinger, transferred to the California Conference; Edgar S. Jackson, a Probationer in the Studies of the Second Year on Trial, to the New York East Conference; C. W. Rishell, to the New England Conference; and John Phillips, to the North Indiana Conference.

Question Sixteen—*"Who have been Located at their own Request?"*—was asked, and answered, "None."

Question Seventeen—*"Who have been Located?"*—was asked, and answered, "None."

Question Eighteen—*"Who have Withdrawn?"*—was asked. The credentials of W. L. Boicourt were presented by S. O. Royal, together with his request to withdraw that he might unite with the Congregational Church, which request was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to endorse his credentials in behalf of the Conference and return them to him.

Question Nineteen—*"Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?"*—was asked, and answered, "None."

Question Twenty.—Question Twenty was called, *"Who have been expelled?"* and answered, "None."

S. O. Royal, Superintendent of the Dayton District, presented his report.

A. B. Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, forcibly presented the work of the Society.

Bishop's Birthday.—On behalf of the Conference, A. B. Leonard in a very felicitous address presented to Bishop Moore a jardiniere of exquisite roses, one for each year of the Bishop's age. The Bishop responded in a very happy manner.

George W. Dubois, District Superintendent, presented the report of the Springfield District.

Bishop Walden, by request of Bishop Moore, took the chair.

Joseph B. Hingeley, Secretary of the General Conference and General Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The Preliminary Report of the Conference Stewards was read by George S. Easton.

Bishop Moore resumed the chair.

Introductions.—Dr. C. F. Sitterly, of the Newark Conference, Professor in Drew Theological Seminary; Dr. S. D. Carothers, a Presbyterian minister of this city; Dr. F. B. Short, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City; Dr. A. E. Craig, of the Ohio Conference, and Dr. Thomas Nicholson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, were introduced.

Mears Bequest.—An abstract of the annual report of the Trustees of the John Mears Bequest was presented by John Pearson for publication in the Minutes.

Upon motion, O. L. Seward was substituted for J. A. White on the Board of Conference Stewards on account of the illness of the latter.

Lakeside.—Upon motion of H. C. Jameson, a special committee was appointed upon Lakeside, as follows: W. A. Robinson, M. B. Fuller, and J. R. Colley.

Question Twenty-two.—Question Twenty-two was called, *"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"* The following were continued in the same relation: John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, J. S. Young, C. W. Elliott, H. G. Scuddy, George Gable, L. M. Davis, F. M. Dowlin.

Upon motion, I. R. Marshall was made effective.

By order of the Conference the Treasurer was authorized to close his accounts at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Doxology was sung and the session closed with the benediction by Dr. Short.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September* 5, 1908.

"THE Preacher in the Pulpit" was the theme to which W. H. Wehrly directed the thought of the Conference at the 8 o'clock devotional services this morning.

The Journal of Friday's session was read and approved.

Cabinet Nominations.—D. Lee Aultman submitted the list of nominations from the Cabinet for the Board of Foreign Missions, District Missionary Secretaries, Committee on Evangelism, the Board of Examiners, to preach the Missionary Sermon, to preach the Memorial Sermon, and Conference Trustees, and they were confirmed.

A communication from the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was presented by the Secretary, and, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Public Morals.

Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell entered the room at this juncture and was received with applause and invited to a seat upon the platform.

Resolutions offered by D. J. Starr were, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Deaconess Board.—J. A. Story presented the Report of the Conference Deaconess Board, in which certain recommendations were made, all of which, upon motion, were concurred in. (See Report.)

Rules of Order.—Upon motion of D. J. Starr, the Rules of Order as printed in the Minutes for 1907 were adopted for this session, with the amendment changing the term "Presiding Elder" to "District Superintendent," to harmonize with our present legislation.

Upon motion of Frank G. Mitchell, the Nominating Committee was authorized to prepare the list of officers for all Conference Societies not required to be nominated by the Cabinet and Bishop.

Lakeside.—The Special Committee on Lakeside presented its report, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Woman's Work.—The Report of the Committee on Woman's Work was presented by R. E. Smith and adopted. (See Report.)

Question One—*"Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?"*—was called, and the Bishop announced the transfer of George B. Goodrich from the New Hampshire Conference and Edward T. Waring, an undergraduate, from the New England Southern Conference.

A motion prevailed requesting the Bishop to transfer Frank S. Miller, a Supernumerary member of the Indiana Conference, providing the Committee on Conference Relations report favorably.

Question Two.—Question Two was asked, *"Who have been Readmitted?"* and answered, "None."

Question Three.—Question Three was called, *"Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?"* and answered, "None."

Question Four—*"Who have been Received on Trial?"*—was taken up. The recommendations of Ernest Fremont Tittle, recommended by the Central Church Quarterly Conference, Springfield, Ohio; Herbert Killinder, recommended by the Tremont City Quarterly Conference; L. C. Radley, recommended by the Marathon Quarterly Conference; George W. Berry, recommended by the Lebanon Quarterly Conference, and Harvey O. Collins, recommended by the Mount Orab Quarterly Conference, were presented.

Question Eleven—*"What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?"*—was asked, and answered, "None."

Question Twelve—*"What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?"* Alfred Taylor was so elected.

Question Thirty.—Question Thirty was called, *"Where shall the Next Conference be held?"* No invitation appearing, the matter was referred to the District Superintendents, to find a place and at the same time consider the matter of self-entertainment.

Home Missions.—The Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was read by C. C. Peale. (See Report.)

The following resolution, presented by S. O. Royal, was adopted:

Resolved, That we instruct the Board of Conference Trustees to ascertain, as far as possible from the records in their possession, the aggregate amount of funds under their control, arising from the sale of Church and parsonage property; and to set aside each year the proportionate amount of income produced by this sum; and to hold this amount subject to the order of this Conference for the uses of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

H. C. JAMESON, A. N. SPAHR,
G. W. DUBOIS, D. LEE AULTMAN.
S. O. ROYAL,

Dr. J. H. Fitzwater, one of the Field Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Dr. F. B. Short, of the First Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, spoke of the needs of his Church and received private offerings for the same.

Question Twenty-six.—Question Twenty-six was called, *"What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?"* $59,998. (See Treasurer's Report.)

Upon motion, the fractional sums remaining in the Treasurer's hands were ordered paid to the Conference Stewards.

Question Twenty-three.—Question Twenty-three was asked, *"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"*

S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, Sylvester Weeks, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, W. W. Ramsay, C. H. Kalbfus, J. S. Ruggles, G. L. Travis, C. T. Crum, J. E. H. Sentman, Jonathan Verity, J. P. Gilliland, E. T. Wells, were continued in the same relation.

Upon motion, Homer C. Middleton, at his own request, after

forty-eight years of effective service, was granted a Superannuated relation.

George H. Dart, after an effective ministry of fifty-three years, was granted a Supernumerary relation.

John A. White was granted a Supernumerary relation.

Upon motion, the relation of M. M. Kugler was changed to effective, and the request that he be appointed Instructor in the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home was concurred in.

A collection for the janitor was taken, upon motion of John A. Story, amounting to $24.19.

Bishop Hartzell was introduced, and spoke briefly of Africa.

Dr. George Logan, Secretary of the North Montana Mission, was introduced.

A. E. Smith, D. D., President of the Ohio Northern University, was introduced, and interestingly addressed the Conference.

Dr. C. F. Sitterly, Professor in Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced, and represented that institution.

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies *That on September 6, 1908, in Greenfield, Ohio, I ordained Anthony E. Huntington,* DEACON;

And on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Bert E. Smith, Clarke L. Gowdy, Benjamin H. Lewis, C. Harold Clerke, Herbert R. Whiting, Edward T. Waring, Alfred Taylor, ELDERS, *according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

David S. Moore

Bishop.

Greenfield, Ohio, September 7, 1908.

Question Seven—*"Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?"*

Clarence S. Grauser, Anthony E. Huntington, William C. Lewis, Herbert R. Whiting, and C. Harold Clerke were called forward, pointedly and tenderly addressed by the Bishop respecting the work of the Ministry, were favorably reported by the Board of Examiners, satisfactorily answered the Disciplinary Questions, and admitted to the Conference into Full Connection.

Anthony E. Huntington was elected to Deacon's Orders.

John Reed Shannon, D. D., of the New England Conference, was introduced.

A. L. Brokaw was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

The Doxology was sung, and the session closed with the benediction by Bishop Hartzell.

FIFTH DAY.

September 7, 1908.

THE devotional service this morning, beginning at 8 o'clock, was directed by F. G. Mitchell, discussing the "Preacher in the Sunday-school."

Journal.—At 8.30, the Bishop called for the Journal of Saturday's session, which was read and approved.

Edward T. Waring, having failed to be present with the class received into Full Membership Saturday morning, was called forward and questioned, and admitted into Full Membership.

A. N. Spahr.—Upon motion, the Conference requested the publication of A. N. Spahr's Semi-centennial Sermon in the *Western Christian Advocate.*

Dowlin.—Upon motion, the relation of F. M. Dowlin was changed from Supernumerary to Effective, and the Bishop announced his transfer to the Northern Minnesota Conference.

A communication from the Board of Managers of the Ohio Penitentiary, requesting the reappointment of D. J. Starr to the Chaplaincy thereof, was read and the request complied with.

An appreciative letter from Jesse Bowman Young was read

to the Conference, and referred to the Committee on Conference Resolutions.

J. F. Young.—Upon motion of D. Lee Aultman, the Orders of J. F. Young, of the Christian Union Church, were recognized.

Lost Orders.—The Ordination Papers as Deacons and Elders of C. M. VanPelt, H. W. Bailey, R. E. Smith, and J. Verity having in some manner been lost, the Conference requested that the said Orders be reissued by the Bishops issuing them.

The following paper was offered by H. D. Ketcham, and, upon motion, adopted:

Be it Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to arrange in consultation with the local management of the next Annual Conference for a series of Afternoon Lectures throughout the session.

G. P. Benton, Herbert D. Welch, Heber D. Ketcham.

The Report of the Committee of the Conference Deaconess Board was read by J. A. Story. W. A. Robinson addressed the Conference upon the work of Christ Hospital and Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, after which the report was adopted.

Herbert Welch, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Africa Diamond Jubilee.—The following paper was offered by Herbert Welch and adopted:

Whereas, It is now seventy-five years since the Methodist Episcopal Church sent out its first foreign missionary, Melville B. Cox, and appointed him to Africa; and,

Whereas, The Board of Foreign Missions, acting through its General Committee and its Board of Managers, and with the endorsement of the General Conference, has set apart the year 1909 during which to hold an *Africa Diamond Jubilee* in commemoration of that historic event, and to ask from the Church a Jubilee Offering of at least $300,000; and,

Whereas, The wonderful opening of that vast continent in recent years to Christian civilization and the blessing of God already bestowed upon our work demand from us now larger equipment and more workers; therefore,

Resolved, First, that the Cincinnati Conference heartily approve the proposed *Africa Diamond Jubilee,* and through its District Superintendents and its pastors will seek to co-operate in presenting this matter to our people and to have this Conference do its full share in raising a Jubilee Fund worthy of the Church and the cause.

Resolved, Second, that the Conference request the presiding Bishop to grant the request of Bishop Hartzell and Dr. Leonard for the appoint-

ment of J. G. Vaughan to the work of representing the *Africa Diamond Jubilee* this Conference year.

Resolved, Third, that we have hailed with peculiar pleasure the announcement of Bishop Hartzell that his permanent headquarters will be in Cincinnati, and we bid him heartiest welcome back to our Conference territory. We express our grateful appreciation of his presence at this Conference session, we thank him for his splendid ordination sermon, and we bid him God-speed for the great work which he is doing with such conspicuous success.

Bishop Hartzell earnestly addressed the Conference.

Question Four—*"Who have been Received on Trial?"*—was taken up. Ernest Fremont Tittle, recommended by the Central Church, Springfield, Quarterly Conference; Herbert Killinder, recommended by the Tremont City Quarterly Conference; Lewis C. Radley, recommended by the Marathon Quarterly Conference; George W. Berry, recommended by the Lebanon Quarterly Conference; and Harvey O. Collins, from the Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference, were reported favorably by the Registrar, the Committee on Qualifications, and the District Superintendents, and admitted.

Frank S. Miller.—The Committee on Conference Relations, to whom the case of Frank S. Miller, a Supernumerary of the Indiana Conference, was referred, reported, recommending his transfer to this Conference, and the Bishop announced his transfer.

George S. Easton, Secretary of the Board of Stewards, reported the amount necessary for the support of Superannuates for the coming year, as ordered by the General Conference, to be $14,000, and moved that amount be apportioned to the several charges for collection. It was adopted.

Dr. C. W. Drees, of the Southeastern South American Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

O. S. Baketel, D. D., Assistant Editor and Representative of the Board of Sunday-schools, was introduced, and represented his work.

P. J. Maveety, D. D., of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was introduced, and spoke concerning the work of his Society.

Methodist Home for the Aged.—The report of the Cincinnati Conference representatives in the corporation of the Methodist Home for the Aged was read.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, addressed the Conference. His reappointment was requested by the Board and the Conference session.

The Bishop announced the Transfer of Jesse Bowman Young to the St. John's River Conference and the Transfer of P. Ross Parrish from the St. John's River Conference to the Cincinnati Conference.

C. L. Conger offered and Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the District Superintendents be requested to distribute the apportionment for Superannuates on the basis of the pastor's salary, exclusive of house rent.

Upon motion, the Cabinet was requested to fill the vacancy in the Commission for Conference Claimants, created by the departure of J. B. Young.

The Bishop announced that Conference would meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Bishop Walden in the chair. He also announced that Jonathan Verity would lead the devotions.

Upon motion, it was decided to meet this evening at 8.45 o'clock.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by H. A. M. Henderson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 2 P. M. By request of Bishop Moore, Bishop Walden presided and Jonathan Verity conducted the devotional services.

A. D. Raleigh.—Attention having been called to the death of Dr. A. D. Raleigh, a former member of this body, R. E. Smith was appointed to prepare a brief minute regarding the same. The following is the minute:

Among those once associated with us in this Conference, but more recently laboring in other fields, who have finished their course during the past year, none is more tenderly remembered than Rev. A. D. Raleigh, D. D., of the class of 1868, but years ago transferred to the Montana Conference, whose death in the city of Helena, Montana, has come to our knowledge. Dr. Raleigh was highly esteemed both here and in his Rocky Mountain field as a faithful friend, an able preacher, and a vigorous de-

fender of the faith. Our sympathies are hereby extended to his bereaved family, whom we will ever bear up before a throne of grace.

Journal.—The Journal of the morning session was read, corrected, and approved.

Conference Photograph.—Upon motion of J. A. Story, a copy of the large photograph, recently taken of this body, was ordered purchased and placed in the hands of the custodian of the Conference Historical Society.

The Report of the Committee on Education was read by J. S. Pumphrey. That portion referring to the Theological Schools was read and adopted. That part referring to the Ohio Wesleyan University was read and adopted. The portion referring to the Baltimore Woman's College was read and adopted. That portion referring to the Hillsboro College, after amendment, was adopted. The nominations of visitors to the various schools were read, and they were confirmed. The report was then adopted as a whole.

T. D. Moore read the Report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on General Conference Benevolences was read by H. H. Compton. The item respecting the Bible Society, after amendment, was adopted. The item concerning Conference Claimants was read and adopted. The item concerning Sunday-schools was read and recommitted. The item concerning the Freedmen's Aid Society was read. Pending its adoption, C. H. Haines, a professor in Gammon Theological Seminary, spoke regarding the work of that institution.

The following paper was presented by John Pearson, and adopted:

The Gammon Theological Seminary at Atlanta, Georgia, established through the wise forethought of Elijah H. Gammon, holds the supreme position in connection with the Freedmen's Aid Society among the colored people. It is educating those who are to be forceful leaders of their race. We are glad to have a member of our Conference, Rev. Dr. C. H. Haines, in the Faculty, and ask God's blessing upon him in his important mission.

That item of the report was then adopted. The item concerning Home Missions and Church Extension was read and adopted. The item concerning Foreign Missions was read and adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole, except that

portion already recommitted, on Sunday-schools, the Secretary being granted the privilege of editing the same.

The Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read by A. D. Maddox and adopted.

Question Twenty-seven—*"What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?"* Answer, $13,970.

Question Twenty-eight—*"What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?"* Answer, $11,436.25.

J. M. Bailey read the Report of the Committee on Young People's Work. The nominations presented therein were concurred in, after which the report was adopted.

The Statistician.—J. E. Thomas, the Statistician, read his report by totals only, and it was ordered printed.

Reforms.—The Report of the Committee on Reforms was read by C. L. Bovard. The item respecting the State of the Church was read and adopted. The item respecting International and Industrial Peace was read and adopted. The item on Marriage and Divorce was read and adopted. The miscellaneous items, namely: the Chaplaincy of Dr. Starr, the election of a Trustee for the State Anti-Saloon League, the recent National Anti-Saloon League Convention, and the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were read and adopted. The item on Temperance was read. H. A. M. Henderson offered a Minority Report. During the discussion following, an appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair. The Chair was sustained. The Minority Report was laid upon the table and the item adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The session adjourned, to meet at 7.30 P. M. H. D. Ketcham was appointed to lead the devotional service, after which the session closed with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

EVENING SESSION.

BISHOP WALDEN called the Conference to order at 7.30, and J. G. Vaughan led in the devotional service.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools, which

had been recommitted, was read and, after further amendment, was adopted, and the nominations made therein confirmed.

The following paper was offered by H. D. Ketcham and adopted.

In pursuance of the request of Dr. Welch, chairman of the general organization for Social Service, that some action be taken by this Conference for a federated committee with the general organization, members of the Conference met at 1.30 for organization. H. D. Ketcham was elected President, and W. H. Wehrley, Secretary. A motion was passed creating an organization and asking the Conference to endorse the same, with the above-named officers, which shall operate during the year under the name of "The Committee of Social Service and Brotherhood." A committee was appointed, consisting of A. W. Leonard, W. A. Deaton, C. L. Bovard, and S. P. Young, to co-operate with the Chairman and Secretary named for the work contemplated during the year. W. H. Wehrly was named to serve during the year as Secretary of Social Service, and A. W. Leonard as Secretary for the Brotherhood.

The recommendation was adopted.

O. L. Utter briefly addressed the Conference on the work of the Winona Bible Conference.

At 8 o'clock, Rev. P. J. Maveety, one of the Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid Society, delivered an inspiring and helpful address on the work of that Society.

H. D. Ketcham read the Report of the Committee on Resolutions. The part relating to Bishop Moore was read and adopted by a rising vote. That relating to Bishop and Mrs. Walden was read. Bishop Moore resumed the chair and the resolution was adopted by a rising vote. The part referring to the Work of the Conference Secretaries was then read and adopted. The item relating to the change of relation of A. N. Spahr, W. J. Baker, H. Middleton, and J. A. White, was adopted by rising vote. The item relating to the transfer of C. W. Rishell and J. B. Young was adopted. The item relating to Greenfield people as hosts was adopted by rising vote. The resolutions were adopted as a whole. (See Resolutions.)

Upon motion, Joseph W. Story was made an honorary member of the Cincinnati Conference.

G. W. Dubois moved to reconsider the action taken with reference to the amount necessary to be raised for Conference Claimants this year.

Bishop Walden explained the new plan.

F. G. Mitchell moved that a ten per cent advance on the apportionments of the past year be the sum asked for this year.

An amendment was offered by G. W. Dubois making it eight per cent of the cash salary of the pastor.

The amendment prevailed, and the motion as amended was adopted.

W. L. Y. Davis in a very happy speech presented to J. T. Bail, the senior member of this body, the Conference Cane.

James T. Bail responded feelingly.

Triers of Appeals, as appointed by the Bishop, were announced by D. Lee Aultman, also the members of the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants.

The special appointments for which request had been made were approved by the Conference and announced by the Bishop.

Upon motion of D. Lee Aultman, it was ordered that after the reading of the minutes and appointments the Conference should stand adjourned *sine die.*

The Conference closed at 10.30 P. M.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Greenfield, Ohio, September 7, 1908.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 2 to September 7, 1908, this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

David S. Moore

Presiding Bishop.

V. F. Brown

Secretary.

MEMORANDUM.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
George B. Goodrich, from the New Hampshire Conference; Edward T. Waring, from the New England Conference; Frank Miller, from the Indiana Conference; and C. Ross Parrish, from the St. John's River Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Ernest Fremont Tittle, Herbert Killinder, Lewis C. Radley, George W. Berry, Harvey O. Collins.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
(*a*) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*William F. Clark, George H. Pettingell, William H. Cundy.*
(*b*) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Robert O. Matthews, Thomas J. Lewis, Roy B. Coleman.*
(*c*) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.
(*d*) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—None.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACON THIS YEAR.—*Anthony E. Huntington.*
(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*Clarence S. Grauser, William C. Lewis, Herbert R. Whiting, C. Harold Clerke, Edward T. Waring.*

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
(*a*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*Clarence S. Grauser, Anthony E. Huntington, William C. Lewis.*
(*b*) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—*James M. Bennett, Charles J. Moore.*

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
Alfred Taylor, Purdy L. Van Wicklen.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(*a*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Bert E. Smith, Clarke L. Gowdy, Benjamin H. Lewis, C. Harold Clerke, Herbert R. Whiting.

(*b*) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(*a*) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—None.

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(*a*) AS LOCAL DEACON.—*Alfred Taylor.*

(*b*) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(*c*) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—Edward T. Waring.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*
Yes, in open Conference, the names being called.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*
J. A. Geissinger, to the California Conference: E. S. Jackson, to the New York East Conference; C. W. Rishell, to the New England Conference; John Phillips, to the North Indiana Conference; Benjamin H. Lewis, to the South Kansas Conference; Jesse Bowman Young, to the St. John's River Conference; F. M. Dowlin, to the North Minnesota Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*
William H. Sutherland, George M. Edgar.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*
None.

17. *Who have been Located?*
None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*
W. L. Boicourt, to the Congregational Church.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*
None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*
None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*
None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, J. S. Young, C. W. Elliott, H. G. Scudday, George Gable, L. M. Davis, George H. Dart, John A. White.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, Sylvester Weeks, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, W. W. Ramsay, C. H. Kalbfus, J. S. Ruggles, G. L. Travis, C. T. Crum, Jonathan Verity, J. P. Gilliland, E. T. Wells, H. C. Middleton, W. J. Baker, A. N. Spahr.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

George S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, G. P. Austin, E. P. Edmonds, C. W. Horn.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 53,841; Probationers, 1,555. (See Table of Statistics).

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

$59,998. (See Treasurer's Report).

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

$13,970.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

$11,436.25. (See Conference Stewards' Report).

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See List of Appointments.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Referred to the District Superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

H. C. JAMESON, . . District Supt., 3.
P. O. 2525 Gilbert Ave., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.

Addyston, ... To be Supplied.
Branch Hill, ... [J. C. Boltin], 1.
Carthage, ... J. J. Hawk, 2.
Cincinnati:
Avondale, ... C. E. Schenk, 3.
Assistant, . . . R. H. Rust, 2.
Bond Hill and Elmwood Place, J. L. Duckwall, 1.
Camp Washington, G. W. Keen, 1.
Central Group:
Asbury, ... E. S. Gaddis, 2.
Christie, . . . L. O. Hartman, 4.
East Pearl St. and California, S. G. Pollard, 5.
Finley, ... F. C. English, 1.
York Street, . . C. L. Myers, 2.
City Missionary Society, J. D. Darling, 1.
Clifton, ... J. W. Peters, 4.
Columbia, ... C. W. Horn, 2.
Delta Avenue, . . . G. S. Easton, 1.
Fairmount, . . . J. R. Troxell, 2.
Hyde Park, . [C. W. Blodgett], 1.
Linwood, . . . W. C. Mitchell, 2.
McKendree, . . John Pearson, 1.
Madison Ave., . . [J. T. Price], 1.
Mt. Auburn, . . . H. O. Enwall, 4.
Mt. Lookout, . . H. R. Whiting, 1.
Northside, ... O. L. Seward, 3.
Price Hill, . . . C. W. Sullivan, 3.
Riverside, ... B. D. Hypes, 1.
Cincinnati—Continued.
State Avenue, . . C. H. Clerke, 2.
St. Paul, ... W. D. Cole, 4.
Trinity, ... H. D. Ketcham, 3.
Walnut Hills, . A. W. Leonard, 1.
Wesley, ... G. Roughton, 12.
Westwood, ... J. A. Story, 4.
Assistant, . . M. M. Kugler, 1.
Westwood Group:
Groesbeck, Asbury, and Ebenezer, . . W. F. Martin, 2.
Miami, Mt. Hope, and Dent, W. C. Nash, 2.
Winton Place, . . J. E. Thomas, 4.
Cleves and Harrison, S. A. Stephan, 2.
Delhi, ... W. A. Wiant, 3.
Hartwell, ... G. F. Barber, 2.
Loveland, ... J. A. Easton, 2.
Madisonville, ... S. W. Bell, 1.
Mt. Washington, . . F. M. Kirgan, 2.
Newtown, ... J. H. Lease, 1.
Norwood:
First Church, . . . J. L. Corley, 3.
Grace, ... C. C. Peale, 4.
Pleasant Ridge, . . . J. E. McGee, 4.
Wayne Avenue, . . . D. W. Clark, 1.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

S. O. ROYAL, . . . District Supt., 3.
P. O., 145 Oxford Ave., Dayton, O.

Bellbrook and Concord, [E. R. Lewis], 1.
Bethany and Princeton, T. D. Moore, 1.

Camden, ... C. L. Gowdy, 2.
Centerville and Lytle,
W. D. English, 1.
Dayton:
Broadway, ... S. P. Young, 2.
Grace, ... M. B. Fuller, 3.
Homestead Avenue,
[J. F. Probst]
Raper, . . . W. E. Hammaker, 1.
Riverdale, ... E. W. Serl, 5.
St. Paul, ... D. G. Latshaw, 4.
Trinity, . . . C. P. Pumphrey, 2.
Woodward Avenue and
Ebenezer, . . . J. M. Bennett, 2.
Eaton and West Alexandria,
E. M. Ellsworth, 3.
Fairfield, ... To be Supplied.
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley,
J. A. Jenkinson, 1.
Franklin, ... A. J. Kestle, 2.
Germantown, . [G. E. McDonald].
Hamilton:
First Church, . . . A. B. Austin, 4.
Lindenwald, . . . N. O. Sweat, 2.
Lebanon, ... W. A. Cooper, 5.
Lewisburg and Brookville,
E. T. Waring, 1.
Maineville, . . . W. B. Brown, 2.
Mason, ... W. E. Spurrier, 1.
Miamisburg, . . . F. G. Mitchell, 2.
Middletown, ... V. F. Brown, 1.
Monroe, ... Philip Trout, 1.
Morrow, ... J. P. Ninde, 1.
New Paris, ... C. S. Grauser, 3.
Oxford, ... C. L. Bovard, 3.
Port Union, Glendale, and
Reading, ... G. P. Austin, 4.
Seven Mile, ... O. D. Becker, 2.
South Lebanon, . Thomas Cundy, 1.
Springboro and Red Lion,
J. L. Dalby, 2.
Venice, ... H. Hershey, 3.
Walker and Union,
[W. M. Brashears]
West Carrollton, . W. J. Dunham, 1.
West Chester, . . To be Supplied.
West Elkton, . . . A. G. Newton, 2.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, . District Supt., 4.
P. O. Avondale, Cincinnati, O.

Aberdeen, . . . [Evan F. Lovett]
Amelia, ... D. S. Ewry, 1.
Batavia, ... E. Burdsall, 4.
Belfast, ... [J. F. Young]
Bethel, ... J. F. McColm, 1.
Blanchester, ... H. W. Bailey, 1.
Chilo, ... [A. B. Cochnower]
Clarksville, ... R. S. McColm, 2.
Decatur, ... To be Supplied.
Dunkinsville, . . . [Geo. R. Hill], 1.
Feesburg, ... [W. T. Belfry,]
Felicity, ... To be Supplied.
Georgetown, . . . A. D. Maddox, 1.
Goshen, ... S. B. Timmons, 2.
Greenfield, ... J. E. Beery, 3.
Highland, . . . L. A. Washburn, 2.
Hillsboro, ... J. R. Colley, 1.
Laurel, ... [Jos. Shepard]
Leesburg, ... E. T. Lane, 2.
Lynchburg, ... W. S. Gray, 1.
Manchester, . . . W. W. Tranter, 2.
Marathon, ... Thos. B Bitler, 1.
Martinsville, . . . H. O. Collins, 1.
Milford, ... C. M. Van Pelt, 1.
Moscow, ... L. C. Radley, 1.
Mount Orab, . . F. J. Reinbarth, 1.
Mulberry, ... T. J. Lewis, 2.
New Burlington, . A. T. Cowgill, 1.
New Richmond, . . G. M. Fulton, 1.
New Vienna, ... W. C. Lewis, 1.
Owensville, . . . [W. E. Shriver]
Peebles, ... Frank S. Miller, 1.
Pleasant Plain, . . . [T. S. King]
Rainsboro, . . A. E. Huntington, 1.
Ripley, ... W. E. Grose, 1.
Sabina, ... J. S. Pumphrey, 2.
Sinking Spring, . . [R. C. Moon]
Sugar Tree Ridge, G. B. Goodrich, 2.
Summerside, D. W. C. Washburn, 2.
West Union, ... R. E. Smith, 2.
Williamsburg, . . H. H. Compton, 1.
Williamsburg Cir., To be Supplied.
Wilmington, ... C. L. Conger, 2.
Winchester and Seamans,
C. L. Chapman, 1.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, District Supt., 5.
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, ... S. W. Campbell, 6.
Bowersville, . . Roy B. Coleman, 2.
Brandt, ... [C. W. Snyder]
Catawba, ... J. F. Laird, 2.
Cedarville, ... W. E. Putt, 1.
Christiansburg, . . . E. F. Tittle, 1.
Concord and Westville,
C. W. Briggs, 2.
Covington, ... W. H. Spybey, 2.
Dialton, ... A. Hamilton, 1.
Fort Jefferson, . . T. G. Williams, 1.
Gordon, ... [H. Lafferty]
Greenville, ... A. L. Brokaw, 3.
Jamestown, . . . W. M. Coffman, 2.
King's Creek, . [A. G. Shatzman]
Mechanicsburg, . . . J. W. Gaddis, 3.
Mutual, ... H. Killinder, 1.
New Carlisle, ... J. W. Patton, 2.
New Jasper, ... F. Leever, 3.
Osborn, ... J. C. Eckles, 1.
Piqua:
Grace Church, . H. E. Armacost, 4.
Greene St., . . . W. A. Deaton, 1.
South Charleston, . G. W. Vorhis, 3.
Springfield:
Central, ... C. Ross Parrish, 1.
Clifton Ave., . . . H. G. Curless, 6.
Grace, ... W. E. Verity, 1.
High Street, . . W. L. Y. Davis, 1.
Assistant, . . E. P. Edmonds, 1.
St. Paul, ... O. L. Utter, 2.
Tippecanoe City, . . O. M. Sellers, 2.
Tremont City, . . . G. W. Berry, 1.
Troy, ... W. H. Wehrly, 5.
Troy Circuit, . . [D. S. Ferguson]
Union, ... G. R. Frenger, 1.
Urbana:
First Church, . . G. H. Smith, 2.
Grace, ... M. LeSourd, 1.
Vienna Cross Roads,
[Robert Ellsworth]
Waynesville, . . . Wm. Gilliland, 1.
West Milton, . . R. O. Matthews, 2.
Xenia:
First Church, E. H. Cherington, 5.
Assistant, . . . C. F. Gowdy, 1.
Trinity, ... O. P. Hoffman, 1.
Yellow Springs, . . W. M. Patton, 1.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, member of Avondale, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, Secretary of American Society of Religious Education, member of Asbury, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, member Trinity, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

Wm. A. Robinson, Financial Secretary of Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital Association, member Trinity, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

W. K. Brown, Dean of Twin Valley College, member St. Paul, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist, member Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

S. A. Keen, Director of Religious Work Y. M. C. A., Columbus, O., member Westwood Quarterly Conference.

E. J. Moore, State Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, Missouri; member Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

Guy P. Benton, President Miami University, member Oxford Quarterly Conference.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS—Continued.

U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent Anti-Saloon League for Wisconsin, member Middletown Quarterly Conference.

E. E. Powell, Professor in Miami University, member Oxford Quarterly Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, President Howard University, member Franklin Quarterly Conference.

J. G. Vaughan, Secretary Africa Diamond Jubilee, member St. Paul, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, member Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

C. H. Haines, Professor in Gammon School of Theology, member Mechanicsburg Quarterly Conf.

J. F. Chenoweth, Chaplain U. S. Army, member St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

Herbert Welch, President Ohio Wesleyan University, member High Street, Springfield, Quarterly Conf.

LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS.

William H. Cundy, Bert E. Smith, Perdy L. Van Wicklen, William F. Clark, J. M. Bailey, Alfred Taylor, and T. W. Salt were left without appointments to attend school.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service; those before, the number of years in present relation.

5. John Wilson, 34, ... New Vienna, O.
5. F. M. Clemans, 38, . . . New Holland, O.
3. Jas. S. Young, 17, . . . Richmond, Va.
3. C. W. Elliott, 18, . . Cleveland, O.
2. H. G. Scuddy, 18, ... Tyler, Texas.
2. Geo. Gable, 8, ... Lanark, Ills.
2. L. M. Davis, 36, ... Loveland, O.
1. Geo. H. Dart, 53, . . . Hamilton, O.
1. Jno. A. White, 29, . . . Cincinnati, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

S. N. Marsh, 13, ... San Diego, Cal.
J. F. Hull, 17, ... Rowland, Ala.
T. E. Fidler, 30, ... Zanesville Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black, 37, ... New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck, 32, ... St. Paul's (Toledo) Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink, 40, ... Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
John Vance, 36, ... First Church (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey, 19, ... Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
T. J. Harris, 29, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James, 38, ... Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
J. W. Hickman, 14, ... Delaware, O.
L. F. Young, 23, ... Grace (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail, 49, ... Norwood Quarterly Conference.
W. P. Jackson, 33, ... Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
W. M. West, 27, ... Newtown Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter, 29, ... Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
L. O. Deputy, 18, ... Madisonville, Cincinnati.
Sylvester Weeks, 37, . . . Pensacola, Fla.
J. H. Davis, 26, ... Rainsboro, O.
C. J. Wells, 25, ... Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
C. H. Kalbfus, 30, ... Yellow Springs.
J. McK. Shultz, 41, ... New Carlisle.
C. D. Munsey, 24, ... Cleveland, Tenn.
Howard Henderson, 47, . Hartwell, O.
W. W. Ramsay, 39, ... First Church, Detroit, Mich.
J. S. Ruggles, 28, ... E. Pearl St. (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
G. L. Travis, 24, ... Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.
C. T. Crum, 39, ... Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
E. T. Wells, 35, ... Toledo, O.
J. P. Gilliland, 22, ... Pasadena, Cal.
J. Verity, 45, ... Middletown, O.
J. E. H. Sentman, 40, . . . Williamsburg, O.
H. C. Middleton, 48, . . . Yellow Springs, O.
A. N. Spahr, 50, ... Xenia, O.
W. J. Baker, 34, ... Amelia, O.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

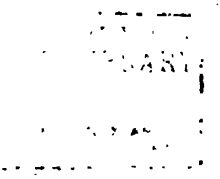
Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry.		Consecr'd Bishop.	Residence.
		Conference.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	New York, N. Y.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Frank W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1860	1900	Cincinnati, O.
John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	Boston, Mass.
Joseph F. Berry	May 1856	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer	1847	Newark	1870	1904	St. Louis, Mo
William F. McDowell	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n.	1883	1904	Pekin, China.
William Burt	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Philadelphia, Penn.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	New Orleans, La.
*Isaiah B. Scott	1855	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan	1883	1904	Singapore, Str's Ste.
*John E. Robinson	1849	South India	1874	1904	Calcutta, India.
*Merriman C. Harris	1846	Japan	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.
William Franklin Anderson	April 22, 1860	New York	1887	1908	Chattanooga, Tenn.
John Louis Nuelsen	Jan. 19, 1867	West German	1889	1908	Omaha, Neb.
William Alfred Quayle	June 25, 1860	Kansas	1886	1908	Oklahoma City, Ok.
Charles W. Smith	1840	Pittsburg	1859	1908	Portland, Ore.
Edwin Holt Hughes	Dec. 7, 1866	Iowa	1886	1908	San Francisco, Cal.
Wilson Seeley Lewis	July 17, 1857	Upper Iowa	1884	1908	Foochow, China.
Robert McIntyre	Nov. 20, 1851	Illinois	1878	1908	St. Paul, Minn.
Frank Milton Bristol	Jan. 4, 1851	Rock River	1877	1908	Buenos Ayres, S. A.

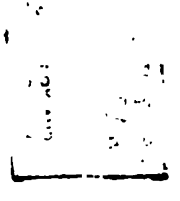
*Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

Note.—1. Sa. indicates those who are Superannuated; Sn. Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise noted. Probationers in *italics*.

Armacost, H. E., Piqua.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.
Austin, A. B., Hamilton.
Austin, G. P., R. R. No. 8, Hamilton.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Bailey, H. W., Blanchester.
Bailey, J. M., ———
Baker, W. J., Amelia.
Barber, G. F., Hartwell.
Becker, O. D., Seven Mile.
Beery, J. E., Greenfield.
Bell, S. W., Madisonville.
Bennett, J. M., Dayton.
Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Berry, Geo. W., Tremont City.
Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Bovard, Chas. L., Oxford.
Briggs, C. W., Westville.
Brokaw, A. L., Greenville.
Brown, V. F., Middletown.
Brown, Wm. B., Maineville.
Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Burdsall, E., Batavia.
Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.





Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Dayton.
Chapman, C. L., Winchester.
Chenoweth, John F., ———
Cherington, E. H., Xenia.
Clark, Davis W., Wyoming.
Clark, W. F.
Clerke, C. H., Cincinnati,
Clemans, F. M., New Holland.
Coffman, W. M., Jamestown.
Cole, W. D., Cincinnati.
Coleman, Roy B., Bowersville.
Colley, J. R., Hillsboro.
Collins, H. O., Martinsville.
Compton, H. H., Williamsburg.
Compton, H., Quito, Ecuador.
Conger, C. L., Wilmington.
Cooper, W. A., Lebanon.
Corley, J. L., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Cowgill, A. T., New Burlington.
Crum, C. T. (Sa.), Dayton.
Cundy, T., S. Lebanon.
Cundy, W. H., Boston, Mass.
Curless, H. G., Springfield.
Dalbey, J. L., Springboro.
Darling, J. D., Riverside (Cin).
Dart, G. H., Hamilton.
Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
Davis, L. M. (Sa.), Loveland.
Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Springfield.
Deaton, W. A., Piqua.
Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Madisonville.
Dubois, G. W., Springfield.
Duckwall, J. L., Cincinnati.
Dunham, W. J., West Carrollton.
Easton, G. S., Cincinnati.
Easton, J. A., Loveland.
Eckles, J. C., Osborn.
Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Hillsboro.
Edmonds, E. P., Woodsfield.
Elliott, C. W. (Sn), Cleveland.
Ellsworth, E. M., Eaton.
English, F. C., Cincinnati.
English, W. D., Centerville.
Enwall, H. O., Cincinnati.
Ewry, D. S., Amelia.
Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Zanesville.
Frenger, G. R., Spring Valley.
Fuller, M. B., Dayton.
Fulton, G. M., New Richmond.
Gable, George (Sn.), Lanark, Ill.
Gaddis, J. W., Mechanicsburg.
Gaddis, E. S., Sta. M, Cin'ti.
Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
Gilliland, Jas. P. (Sa.), Pasadena, Cal.
Gilliland, W. T., Waynesville.
Glascock, J. L., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
Goodrich, G. B., Sugar Tree Ridge.
Gowdy, Chas. F., Xenia.
Gowdy, C. L., Camden.
Grauser, C. S., New Paris.
Gray, W. S., Lynchburg.
Grose, W. E., Ripley.
Haines, C. H., Atlanta, Ga.
Hamilton, A., Springfield, O., R. D.
Hammaker, W. E., Dayton.
Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Cincinnati.
Hartman, L. O., Cincinnati.
Hawk, J. J., Carthage.
Henderson, H. A. M. (Sa.), Hartwell.
Hershey, Henry, Ross.
Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Delaware, O.
Hoffman, O. P., Xenia.
Horn, C. W., Cincinnati.
Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.
Humphrey, U. G., Milwaukee, Wis.
31 Hathaway Building.
Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.
Huntington, A. E., Rainsboro.
Hypes, B. D., Cincinnati.
Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Blanchester.
James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.
Jameson, H. C., Cincinnati.
Jenkinson, J. A., Fair Haven.
Kalbfus, C. H. (Sa.), Yellow Springs.
Keck, H. M. (Sa.), Toledo.
Keen, G. W., Cincinnati.
Keen, S. A., Columbus.
Kestle, Asa J., Franklin.
Ketcham, H. D., Cincinnati.
Killinder, H., Mutual.
Kirgan, F. M., Mount Washington.
Kugler, M. M. (Sn.), Westwood.
Laird, J. F., Catawba.
Lane, E. T., Leesburg.
Latshaw, D. G., Dayton.
Lease, J. H., Newtown.
Leever, Frank, Xenia, R. D. No. 8.
Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
Leonard, A. W., Cincinnati.
LeSourd, Marion, Urbana.
Lewis, Wm. C., New Vienna.
Lewis, T. J., Mulberry.
Maddox, A. D., Georgetown.
Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
Marshall, I. R., Port Union.
Martin, W. F., Westwood.
Matthews, Robert O., West Milton.
McColm, J. F., Bethel.
McColm, R. S., Clarksville.
McGee, Jas. E., Pleasant Ridge.
Middleton, H. C., Yellow Springs.
Miller, Frank S., Peebles, O.
Mitchell, F. G., Miamisburg.
Mitchell, W. C., Cinci'ti, (Linwood)
Moore, C. J., ———
Moore, E. J., Columbus.
Moore, T. D., Bethany.
Munsey, C. D. (Sa.), S. Charleston.
Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.
Nash, W. C., Miami.
Newton, A. G., West Elkton.
Ninde, J. P., Morrow.

Parrish, C. Ross, Springfield.
Patton, J. W., New Carlisle.
Patton, W. M., Yellow Springs.
Peale, C. C., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Pearson, John, Cincinnati.
Peters, J. W., Cincinnati.
Pettingell, G. H., Oxford.
Pollard, S. G., Cincinnati.
Powell, Elmer E., Oxford.
Pumphrey, C. P., Dayton.
Pumphrey, J. S., Sabina.
Putt, W. E., Cedarville.
Radley, L. C., Moscow.
Ramsay, W. W., (Sa.), Detroit, Mich.
Reinbarth, F. J., Mt. Orab.
Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
Royal, S. O., Dayton.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
Ruggles, J. S. (Sa.), Cincinnati.
Rust, R. H., Cincinnati.
Salt, T. W., New Haven, Conn.
Schenk, C. E., Cincinnati.
Scudday, H. G. (Sn.), Tyler, Texas.
Sellers, O. M., Tippecanoe City.
Sentman, J. E. H. (Sa.), Germantown.
Serl, E. W., Dayton.
Seward, O. L., Cincinnati.
Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Smith, B. E., Evanston, Ill.
Smith, R. E., West Union.
Smith, G. H., Urbana.
Spahr, A. N., Xenia.
Spurrier, W. E., Mason.
Spybey, W. H., Covington, O.
Starr, D. J., Columbus.
Stephan, S. A., Cleves.
Story, J. A., Westwood.
Sullivan, C. W., Cincinnati.
Sweat, N. O., Hamilton.
Taylor, A., ———
Thirkield, W. P., Washington, D. C.
Thomas, J. E., Winton Place.
Timmons, S. B., Goshen.
Tittle, E. F., Christiansburg.
Trantor, W. W., Manchester.
Travis, G. L., (Sa.), Lewisburg.
Trout, Philip, Monroe.
Troxell, J. R., Cincinnati.
Utter, O. L., Springfield.
Vance, John (Sa.), Urbana.
Van Pelt, C. M., Milford.
Van Wicklen, P. L., ———
Vaughan, J. G., Delaware, O.
Verity, J. (Sa.), Middletown.
Verity, W. E., Springfield.
Vorhis, G. W., South Charleston.
Waring, E. T., Lewisburg.
Warner, W. G., Cleveland.
Washburn, D. W. C., Summerside.
Washburn, L. A., Highland.
Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
Weeks, S. (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
Wehrly, W. H., Troy.
Welch, Herbert, Delaware.
Wells, C. J. (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
Wells, E. T. (Sa.), Toledo.
West, W. M. (Sa.), Madisonville.
White, J. A., Eastern Ave., (Cin.)
Whiting, H. H., Cincinnati.
Wiant, W. A., Delhi.
Williams, T. G., Fort Jefferson.
Wilson, John, (Sn.), New Vienna.
Young, L. F. (Sa.), Piqua.
Young, J. S., Richmond, Va.
Young, S. P., Dayton.
Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.

DEACONESSES.

Adron, Dora.
Barnes, Idonia.
Bassett, Anna.
Brown, Jennie.
Cameron, Mary V.
Close, Cara.
Darnell, Carrie,
Day, Adda B.
Deaver, Florence.
Dickens, Margaret.
Dwinnell, Anna.
Enders, Emma.
Eyre, Mary.
Fuller, Blanche.
Gloub, Marguerite.
Haines, Dora.
Hare, Anna.
Hathorn, Nettie.
Haynes, Mrs. K. Rawles.
House, Lucelia.
Ireland, Sarah.
Jacques, Vanluah.
Jones, Bertha.
Kemper, Harriet L.
Kittell, Eleanora.
Loofbourrow, Evangeline.
Lukemeir, Bertha.
Lybarger, Lela.
Malott, Harriet.
Martin, S. M.
Mayer, Bessie.
Nevitt, Edythe L.
Paff, Mrs. India.
Pennell, Ida.
Pickett, Mary.
Pierce, Hannah M.
Post, Minnie.
Potter, Clara V.
Rice, Florence.
Richardson, Cynthia.
Saunders, Frances.
Sharpe, Eva Adelle
Sinett, Lottie.
Slear, Ella.
Smith, Bessie.
Solomon, Clora.
Solomon, Hannah.
Stewart, Mary.
Thatcher, Alice.
Thompson, Carrie.
Trausler, Estelle.
Wilson, Margaret.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics;* and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Armbrush, Jos. H. (York St.), Cin'ti.
BENSON, W. C. (Wesley), Cincinnati.
Behymer, Jacob (McKendree), Cin'ti.
Bower, L. F., (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
Cadwell, Burt L., (Hartwell), Cin'ti.
Clark, D. Wilford, (Wesley), Cin'ti.
Cornuelle, Victor, Madisonville.
Faber, H. A., (Madison Ave.), Cin'ti.
Frazier, Wm., (Trinity), Cincinnati.
Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
GILSON, W. H., (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
Halley, R. H. (York St.), Cincinnati.
Jones, Ralph Colton, Cincinnati.
Kirkpatrick, E. Earl (Delhi), Cin'ti.
Leaverton, Wm. L. (Northside), Cin'ti.
LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
McGuffy, W. H. (St. Paul), Cin'ti.
Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, St. Paul.
Nightengale, Fred. (Christie), Cin'ti.
O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.
Olenslayger, L. (Asbury), Cincinnati.
Pugh, A. R., (Avondale), Cincinnati.
Scully, R. E. (Camp Wash.), Cin'ti.
Sawtelle, Elmer (Delhi), Cincinnati.
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Waffensmith, J. W. (Asbury), Cin'ti.
Youngson, W. W. (Trinity), Cin'ti.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A. (R. F. D., No. 5), Dayton.
Billingslea, Chas. L., Bethany.
Brashears, Wallace M., Oxford.
Bull, Earl, Boston, Mass.
Campbell, W. A., Madison, N. J.
Campbell, Cecil W., Morrow.
Crouder, George, Heno.
GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford.
HAGERMAN, R. S., Mason.
Lamm, Chas., Hamilton.
McGinnis, A. A., West Elkton.
Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
REEVES, W. W., Oxford.
ROBERTS, J. M., Dayton.
SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton.
Silvers, H. D. (R. F. D.), Eaton.
Vorhis, J. S., Dayton.
Webber, Leroy, Heno.
Weishampel, W. L., W. Carrollton.
Williamson, Clarence R., Miamisburg

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Burdsall, J. W., Williamsburg, R. F. D.
Chancellor, S. D., Wilmington.
Cole, W. H., Sabina.
Craig, S. L., New Burlington.
Drummond, John, Ryle, S. D.
Foster, J. W., Manchester, R. F. D.
Foster, Clarence, Manchester, R. F. D.
Goffin, Wm., Bentonville.
Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Hill, J. H. P., Westboro.
Hendrixon, E., Felicity.
Hoggatt, Wm., Fayetteville, R. F. D.
Howell, E. S., Summerside.
Jones, E. A. Pollard, Peebles.
KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.
McLaughlin, Granville, Loveland.
Moore, J. W., Midland.
Murphy, Geo. W., Turkey.
Naylor, Fee, Moscow.
Naylor, John S., Hillsboro.
Nobis, L. B., Amelia,
Penny, Alvin, Felicity.
Roberts, W. E., Seaman. (R. F. D.)
Sample, Robert, Cedar Mills.
Shade, J. W., Hillsboro.
Titus, Murray, Batavia.
Thompson, Milton, Hillsboro.
Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

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BENNETT, C. W., Piqua.
Clutch, David, Alcony.
CROW, THOMAS D., Urbana.
Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.
GUNN, J. W., 690 E. High St., Springfield.
Hall, C. E., 197 W. High St., Springfield.
Herr, David, 10 S. Limestone St., Springfield.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
Martz, G. H., Greenville.
McIntyre, Altman, New Burlington.
Mitchell, R. M., 1 W. McCreight Ave., Springfield.
Scarff, T. M., Spring Valley.
Stevens, A. A., New Carlisle.
Thatcher, Jon'n, Urbana, (R. F. D. 6).
Trout, John (R. F. D.), Springfield.
Trout, Jos. D., (R. F. D. 6), Springfield.
Wells, Thos. B., Tippecanoe City.

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[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

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Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Dayton, O., 10.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.
Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.
Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenville, O., 41.
Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Dayton, O., 47.
Collett, Mrs. Thos., Middletown, O., 51.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.
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Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.
Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.
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Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21
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Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.
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Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.
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Loyd, Mrs. J. F., 1909 S. Meridian St., Anderson, Ind., 44.
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McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 25.
McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
McColm, Mrs. D. A., Dayton, O., 26.
McHugh, Mrs. Edward, Hamilton, Ohio, R. F. D. No 1.
McMullen, Mrs. W. T., Goshen, O., 14.
Miller, Mrs. Henry, Cin'ti, O., 24.
Middleton, Mrs. J. H., Greenfield, O., 36.
Musgrove, Mrs. A. W., Christiansburg, Ohio, 30.
Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
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Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga, Tenn., 40.
Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H, Cincinnati, 62.
Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
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Purkhiser, Mrs. M.G., Hillsboro, O, 32.
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Runyan, Mrs. William, Cincinnati, Ohio, 40.
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Shanor, Mrs. Geo., Blanchester, O., 6.
Smith, Mrs. E. C., Dayton, O., 18.
Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown, O., 37.
Stokes, Mrs. H., Cheswold, Va.
Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.
Turrell, Mrs. A. C., Xenia, O., 13.
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IV.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. A. B. AUSTIN.—The Ancestry of Our English Bible, *Price;* Christian Ethics, *Smyth;* Wesley and His Century, *Fitchett;* One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler.*

Section 2. G. P. AUSTIN.—A Short History of the English People, *Green;* Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson;* Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher.*

Section 3. S. W. BELL.—The Land of Israel, *Stewart;* Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen;* Sermons and Books to be Read, Candidates for Admission.

Section 4. W. L. Y. DAVIS.—Analogy of Religion, *Butler;* Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill;* Essays and Books to be Read, Class of the Fourth Year.

Section 5. M. B. FULLER.—Divine Library of the Old Testament, *Kirkpatrick;* A Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley;* Systematic Theology, *Raymond;* Essays and Books to be Read, Class of the Second Year.

Section 6. D. G. LATSHAW.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* A Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks;* Christian Baptism, *Merrill.*

Section 7. F. G. MITCHELL.—The Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1908; Digest of Methodist Law, *Merrill;* Sermons and Books to be Read, Local Preachers.

Section 8. W. A. ROBINSON.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher;* A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie;* Theological Compend, *Binney.*

Section 9. G. H. SMITH.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern;* Student's American History, *Montgomery;* Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst;* A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens.*

Section 10. J. A. STORY.—System of Christian Doctrine, *Sheldon;* A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row;* Sermons and Books to be Read, Class of the Third Year.

Section 11. C. M. VAN PELT.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd;* Introduction to New Testament, *Dods;* Sermons and Books to be Read, Class of the First Year.

Section 12. W. H. WEHRLY.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3; Lessons in Logic, *Jevens;* Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry.*

c. EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for Admission on Trial will be examined at the seat of Conference the day before the session opens.

Local Preachers, who are Candidates for ordination, will be examined on Friday afternoon, during the Conference session.

Undergraduates are urged to leave as few examinations as possible for the end of the year. When preparation on any study is completed, the Chairman should be notified, and he will arrange for the time and place of examination.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared when needed by the Chairman, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The sermons shall have not less than two thousand, nor more than three thousand words each; the essays not less than fifteen hundred, nor more than two thousand words each.

12. The text for sermons, Class of the First Year,—Matthew, 22–42.

13. Subject for essays, Class of the Second Year,—"The Church's Call to Social Service."

14. Theme and text for sermons, Class of the Third Year,—"The Preacher's Mission and Message."—John i, 6, 7.

15. Subject of essays, Class of the Fourth Year,—"The debt of the Republic to Methodism.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 64, Sections 1 and 3, on page 489 of the Discipline of 1908.

d. CLASSES.

NOTE:—Those printed in Italics are *Deacons:* in small caps, ELDERS; others are unordained.

STUDIES.	RECEIVED ON TRIAL. FIRST YEAR.	CONTINUED ON TRIAL.	MEMBERS.
FIRST YEAR.	Louis C. Radley. George W. Berry. Harvey O. Collins. Herbert Killinder. Ernest F. Tittle.	William F. Clark. William H. Cundy.	
SECOND YEAR.		Roy B. Coleman. Thomas J. Lewis. Robert O. Matthews.	
THIRD YEAR.			*C. S. Grauser.* *A. E. Huntington.* W. C. LEWIS. *J. M. Bennett.*
FOURTH YEAR.			ALFRED TAYLOR. *P. L. Van Wicklen.*

V.

Reports.

A.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

HENRY C. JAMESON, District Superintendent.

The Cincinnati District reported thirty-eight charges one year ago. At Conference time several changes were made. Two of the half-stations, Linwood and Madison Avenue, and Riverside and Camp Washington, were separated and made into stations.

The three circuits on the Westwood charge were made into two, and one new charge, State Avenue, was added, making now forty charges in the district, all within the bounds of Hamilton County.

While confronted by conditions common to the work in general, we have in addition the problems peculiar to a city with a large foreign population.

Notwithstanding the difficulties, substantial progress has been made.

In spite of the financial depression of the past year, the material interests of the Church have not seriously suffered.

The liquidation of debts, the improvement of properties, and new church enterprises, have gone steadily forward.

Harrison and Delta Avenue have made extensive improvements.

Christie has installed a new pipe organ.

Avondale has repaired the parsonage.

Hartwell has put in a new pipe organ, added an extension, painted and frescoed the church, at a total cost of about $4,000.

Repairs have also been made at Wesley and State Avenues.

St. Paul reports that they are now out of debt.

First Church, Norwood, has paid the major part of her debt and provided for the balance.

At Grace, Norwood, about $9,000 has been paid in on the new church project.

Asbury has sold the old church and is building a new one.

The new church at Pleasant Ridge is about ready for the roof.

Camp Washington has let the contract and broken ground for a new church and parsonage.

A new Church has been organized at Hyde Park, with a membership of one hundred and thirty-two. They have purchased a well-located lot and expect to erect a church in the near future. They are holding services at present in the Town Hall.

During the round of First Quarterly Conferences, the Churches voted an increase, in the aggregate, of $3,000 to the pastors' salaries.

While there has been no far-reaching revival in the district during the past year, most of the Churches have held special services, and many of them report a large number of conversions and additions.

The great need of our district is a general spiritual awakening. Then all our problems would be easily solved.

The City Missionary Society is doing heroic work.

While there are but two missions now, the others having become Churches and regular Conference appointments, the Society is supplementing the salaries in many of the weaker charges, and thereby sustaining the work.

In addition to this, the Society keeps the Gospel Wagon on the streets through the summer months. There have been many conversions, and great good has resulted. Leading laymen of our Church are back of this movement, and prominent ministers, both of our own and other denominations, are frequently seen among the workers.

Many of our Churches have held open-air services on Sunday evenings with marked results.

Since coming to Cincinnati I have been more and more impressed with the magnitude and importance of the work being done by the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital Association.

Through the continued generosity of the benefactor, the Deaconess Home has been thoroughly remodeled and refurnished, and a Missionary Training-school added as a new department. This school opened up last fall with a number of young women in attendance who are being trained for work in both home and foreign fields.

Glenn Home, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, continues its noble service to the needy and unfortunate.

Work on the new building for the Aged People's Home is progressing, and when completed it will stand a magnificent monument to its founder, an honor to our Church, and a blessing to those who may find shelter within its ample walls.

Cincinnati Methodism is rejoicing over the fact that Bishop Moore has come to reside among us. His previous long residence in our city, and familiarity with its needs, will make his presence and counsel of inestimable value.

Death has invaded the ranks of our ministers but once during the year. A little more than a week ago our venerable and highly esteemed brother, Dr. W. H. Sutherland, passed to his eternal home. He had reached his ninetieth year, but eagerly anticipated attending this session of the Conference, as his friend and former parishioner, Bishop Moore, was to preside. He leaves behind a remarkable record of long, faithful, and efficient service to the Church.

All praise may justly be ascribed, under the blessing of the Lord, to the generous devotion of our people, the tireless service of our deaconesses, and the faithful work of the pastors.

The year, with its record of failures and successes, has closed. Let us hope and pray that the one on which we now enter shall record greater victories for our King.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

S. O. Royal, District Superintendent.

A recent writer on "The Upsetting Sins of the Ministry" declares that we need not to-day the gift of speaking with tongues so much as the gift of holding our tongues. But the length or brevity of sermons and Conference reports is estimated by the point of view.

My fellow-Superintendents whose reports have preceded this, either have not very large districts or else they have a powerful compress in their shop which all writers of public documents in these days might well covet.

Reports of a year's work on a district, if given as fully as they deserve to be, are like apportionments for Benevolences. Those who receive them consider them unreasonably large. Those far-visioned men at the centers of administration, and those far-sent soldiers at the battle's front, both of whom have better measures of the vast opportunities and vaster needs, consider these apportionments beggarly indeed. I hope that hearer and speaker may be able to blend their points of view while we consider the "work of God" on the Dayton District the past year.

The paragraph of the Discipline prescribing the duties of the District Superintendent contains twenty sections. Many other paragraphs in this manual of duties contain sections adding specific responsibilities for this officer. Concerning them all, I can only take time to say: "All these I have read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested," and "as much as in me lay, all these have I steadfastly observed."

But three items of these requirements can not be so easily passed over, for they require a specific mention in the open Conference. The first demands a report as to whether the provisions of the Discipline for raising the benevolences have been carried out. They have been so carried out. Two or three pastors accepted their apportionments with enthusiasm, and bring the amount in full. Many received them with a silent shrug, and have apparently done their best. A few protested against the amounts, as if their Church had been particularly and unjustly burdened. In no case have the benevolences been ignored or even shamefully slighted. The aggregates I can not give now, but refer you to the poetic pages of the statistical tables.

The second item upon which the Discipline requires a report concerns educational institutions under our care. Accurately speaking, we have none, but we annually request the appointment of two of our members to Miami University, Dr. Guy Potter Benton as President, and Dr. E. E. Powell as professor. Many other teachers are members of our Church and a majority of its students are from Methodist homes. These facts make this university at Oxford our particular care. In the wholesome atmosphere of this "dry" town, and with the inspiring ideals here uplifted, the sons and daughters of Methodism may find superior opportunities for the formative years of their college career. The Miami Military Institute also has one of our number, Dr. W. K. Brown, upon its Faculty, at our annual request. While the number of its students is necessarily limited by its capacity, and they come from far States and from homes with great varieties of religious connections, yet the relations of our Church at Germantown and the school are advantageous to both.

The third item requires a report of the names of the preachers who have not observed the Rules of the Discipline respecting the instruction of children. Allow me to file this part of my report under perpetual seal. Bishop, we nearly all report "in part"—a phrase which, I fear, conceals a multitude of shortcomings. Would I be allowed to file also a list of parents whose lack of co-operation at this point is the greatest obstruction our pastors meet! We are striving to do better.

The territory of the Dayton District affords a most inviting field for the solution of most of the great problems which now baffle the progressive spirit of Methodism. We should think that the "colored problem" was no concern of our territory. But when the home of the living Lincoln and the resting-place of the martyred Emancipator of the black man could be turned topsy-turvy with frenzied race-hatred, who knows what seething fires sleep below the surface in our quiet and orderly cities?

We have the *country problem;* not in so acute a form as in New England, with its failing farms and influx of foreigners. We have the

city problem; yet not in so obstinate a form as in New York City or Cincinnati. We have the *financial* problem; and in our Eden of agricultural prosperity conditions are supremely favorable for solving it. Your factory and town Churches may have vacillating success, as tides of prosperity may ebb or flow; but our bearers of the Nation's market-basket will not go hungry, nor soon have less than an abundance to spare.

These problems we are meeting and, in some places, solving with signal success; but, like Peter Cartwright's sanctification, it is "in spots." We are praying and striving that these spots of health may prove of the confluent type, and that the whole body may catch the contagion. Let me name some of these points of sucess. The problem of *Children and the Church* has been solved at Centerville, where, at the last communion, two dozen young people surrounded the sacramental altar at the same time, all of whom had been brought through the training-classes of Catechism and Junior League and into intelligent and sympathetic full membership with the Church.

The problem of failing spirituality has been met at St. Paul, Dayton. One of their large new rooms overflows with class-meeting attendants every Sabbath afternoon, and conversions occur every week. These meetings are fervent enough to make an old-fashioned Methodist shout; and they are "sane" enough to satisfy a fastidious modern one. Indeed, you can hardly speak of St. Paul without glorifying God, who alone doeth marvelous things. If any one wants to know the secret of it—far more important than the fact—let him search out of the book of Malachi and read.

The *country problem* is being successfully met at Princeton. A cross-roads church, abandoned for several years, was resurrected several years ago, and I gladly report that it continues in fruitful and growing life.

The problem of *finances*. Do not be discouraged. Fairhaven and Sugar Valley, which four years ago soared out of sight of all apportionments, keeps its steady upward climb. Its missionary collections reach $810 this year, and next year Grace Church, Dayton, the only Church in the district, may have to take second place. Secret: Systematic Benevolence.

Our property interests have been advanced. St. Paul's addition, costing nearly $25,000, was completed during the year and now is in active use. Okeana dedicated its new church in June, and, with Bishop Moore leading, its cost was provided for. The Darrtown church, which was ruined, except its brick walls, is restored in a new design and is practically a new edifice. West Alexandria began the Conference year with a rededication of a newly furnished house of worship. Centerville has new stained glass windows. West Milton will soon dedicate their new building. Fort Jefferson dedicated their graceful church more than a year ago, but you will enjoy hearing of the aftermath. The entire subscription has been paid, the debt wholly canceled, a hundred dollars is left for improvements, and the donation of $250 from the Church Extension Board has been returned with thanks.

Three angels have visited us this year. The angel of death called at Brother Dart's home, and his good wife answered the call, well prepared for the summons. The angel of life has visited two parsonages. The voice of an infant in the Camden parsonage promises that we shall have a third generation of the Gowdy family in our ministry. He has one of the gifts which indicate a call. And at Eaton the parsonage matron holds a tender rosebud which may grow and blossom at length into gracious womanhood. The angel of health has dwelt with us in all our homes during the year.

Great harmony prevails widely between pastors and congregations. So generally have pastors been asked to return that the chances for

candidates for admission into this desirable district are slender, indeed, unless they come by way of annexation.

The temperance problem? We can not boast above the rest of you, but we are keeping abreast with the mighty march. Some of our preachers have heard the lion roar on account of their fidelity to our Methodist ideal: "A saloonless country and a stainless flag." Some of our good laymen have been decapitated for signing local option petitions, but still we move on. Warren County is just heard from. Seventeen hundred names of petitioners were needed to secure a vote on County Local Option. Last Monday *three* thousand were secured. We may wonder if we will at this twentieth-century uprising of temperance sentiment

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and temperance action. But it should not be strange. The sons of the Crusaders of 1875 are now governors, senators, and (who knows?) perhaps on the way to the White House. They are successful business men, commanding the sinews of war. Their mothers could not vote nor don police uniforms, but they could pray to God and gather young Hannibals at cradle altars and swear them to eternal enmity to the liquor traffic. The sons have not forgotten their oaths. Let us not wonder. Those who knew Mother Eliza Trimble Thompson, the Joan of Arc of the Woman's Temperance Crusade, and saw her pale, folded, quiet hands, and heard the utterances of her kind yet unconquerable spirit, might have known that when she arrived *yonder* there would be something doing *here*. Think of it, ye who have the gift of vision! Neal Dow, Frances Willard, the Martyr Haddock, Mother Thompson, and a host of white ribboners, among whom is your sainted mother and mine.

gathered in council upon the hills of light! "Heaven is touching earth with rest"-lessness. The travail of the Redeemer's soul brings judgment to victory. What has this to do with our work? Much every way. Our Savior King is after the order of Melchisedec. This King first met Abraham when he returned from the *slaughter of the kings,* and blessed him. For His name was first King of Righteousness, and then King of Peace.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, District Superintendent.

The year on the Hillsboro District has been one of toil, yet one of many blessings. Three appointments were left to be supplied. One of them was supplied by the transfer of George B. Goodrich from the New Hampshire Conference, another by John H. Davis, a Superannuated member of this Conference, and the third by J. W. Gibson, formerly of the Kentucky Conference.

Early in the Conference year George M. Edgar, one of our veteran preachers, departed this life while visiting at the home of S. W. Edmiston. On the 8th of July, Mrs. Washburn, wife of our L. A. Washburn, was buried in the beautiful cemetery in Highland.

Special meetings for the promotion of religion were held in all our charges, resulting in the quickening of the spiritual life of the Church and in the salvation of the lost. Highland charge leads the district in the number of conversions and accessions to the Church.

The benevolent collections have been taken in all the charges, but we are not able to tabulate results. The New Burlington charge, H. H. Compton, pastor, leads. This pastor took a number of his young people to the Missionary Convention in Cincinnati last March, assigning certain duties to each one. On returning home they decided to reproduce the convention, as far as possible, in each of the appointments. The result is that the charge reports all the benevolent apportionments raised in full, with a surplus, and one hundred dollars for Conference Claimants. This pastor has solved the problem of how to raise the benevolent collections.

In nearly every Church on the district there is a Sunday-school doing, perhaps, the best it can under the circumstances. It is very difficult to keep these schools going during the winter season, but during the summer months they are doing fairly good work. In some of the larger schools Adult Bible Classes have been organized, and they are bringing new life and enthusiasm into the school. The class at First Church, Xenia, has an enrollment of over two hundred members.

The necessary repairs on Church and parsonage property have been looked after throughout the district, the most notable being the renovation of old Union Church, on Union charge, at a cost of over two thousand dollars, and the raising of the church at Morrow above high-water mark, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars.

In most of the charges Epworth Leagues are organized. Some of them are well attended and are prospering, while others are living at a "poor dying rate." Wherever we have efficient leadership our young people are doing well. The District Convention was held at Epworth Heights during the camp-meeting, and the Leaguers were so well pleased that they decided to hold the next one there.

The Epworth Heights Camp-meeting was a great spiritual uplift to those who were in attendance. These beautiful grounds are now free from debt and ought to be made a rallying center for the spiritual hosts of our entire Conference. The question of Conference entertainment is

becoming more and more difficult every year. Why not meet annually at Epworth Heights, each member looking after his own expenses?

The Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society each have an organization in the district and are endeavoring to organize in each pastoral charge. They have not succeeded, so far, in doing this, but it is to be hoped that they will persevere until success crowns their efforts.

The temperance forces are lining up under the leadership of the Anti-Saloon League, and it is confidently believed that every county in the district will be "DRY" before the holidays. Our pastors and people are in the thickest of the fight, and some of us are bold enough to believe that Ohio at no distant day will join the ranks of the prohibition States of the Union.

The Conference year came to a fitting close with the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Xenia, Ohio. On Sunday morning, August 30th, the Rev. John Reid Shannon, Ph. D., of Boston, preached to the delight and profit of a crowded house. In the afternoon an old-fashioned love-feast was held. The services closed at night with a platform-meeting, with addresses by Charles W. Drees, D. D., of South America, a product of the old First Church, John J. McCabe, a former pastor, and David H. Moore, LL. D., our resident Bishop. The Quarterly Conference unanimously invited Rev. E. H. Cherington to return as pastor for the fifth year. May the next hundred years of our Methodism mean more to the country than the past has meant!

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. Spahr, D. S.

I have felt somewhat embarrassed in writing this report, as I ceased some months ago to be a presiding elder, for, by the action of the late General Conference, this official title "departed this life." And so unconsciously as a P. E. I died without any pangs of dissolution, and then, just as unconsciously and quietly, the same, to me, invisible power raised me from the dead and gave me a new title which seems as awkward to me as perhaps Saul's armor did to David. D. S. exactly stands for Departed Spirit, but I am sure the late P. E. of the Milford District is not a departed spirit, for he stands before you in the same old body and represents the same field as in the past, which stretches from Maderia and Milford on the west, beyond historic Brush Creek; to Cedar Mills on the East, and from Manchester, on the Ohio River, to the little hills of Lebanon.

And the new D. S. hears the same music which so recently either thrilled the P. E. with joy or overwhelmed him with painful anxiety. The same visions that pursued, and the same Macedonian cry for help that never ceased to echo in the ears of the late departed, if not lamented, P. E., rings in the ears of his newly created successor. Surely the mantle of the first has fallen upon the shoulders of the second. Would that a power like that which accompanied the mantle Elisha found, might be found by every district superintendent. Power, not to divide the river Jordan, but to put an end to starvation salaries and lift all appointments and pastors into "the first class."

Then, as this is my last report, I have been tempted to review the years gone by; but, having given detailed reports from year to year, this has finally seemed unnecessary, and as our last session developed the desire of the Conference for brevity, I have cut out many things

that I would have delighted to say as to the field in its manifold attractions, as to the people and their excellencies, as to the pastors—their attainments, self-abnegation, toils, and successes. The realm is largely the same as pictured so eloquently by Dr. Dart in his report in 1891. The trolley of his prophecy has greatly helped his last successor in this field.

The oversight of thirty-two charges, with 128 quarterly meetings in a year, has given me abundant work in traveling, preaching, writing letters, attending to all details. Deeply conscious of my weakness and need of wisdom, hundreds of hours have been spent alone in prayer for divine guidance and help; for the blessing of the Triune God upon my beloved co-laborers, the pastors, their families, and their charges. Admonished often, in view of my age, to be careful, I have tried to be prudent in the use of my strength, but what there was in me I have sought to wholly consecrate to my district work. The pastors and their families have abounded in ministries of love toward me, sometimes overwhelming me with their kindness. The people have been patient, kind, and appreciative. Their homes have often welcomed me as if I had been an angel of God. A goodly number of Quarterly Conferences, unsought, have given me (in resolutions adopted by them) the assurance of their appreciation of my work and their ever-continued interest in my welfare and happiness. In my early ministry I spent seven years in the bounds of this district and saw hundreds converted. Now, after forty years have passed, some gathered into the Church, and led to Jesus then, still survive. It was a great joy to meet them. The experiences of this year have in some measure duplicated the past. The floods again threatened and were greatly feared, but did not become destructive as in the past. But the "night riders" have terrified us, and soldiers have stood guard within our bounds over property and homes. A pastor said "the soldiers might arrest me," but I passed them unchallenged and did not have to get a pass, as I did when the Conference met in Cincinnati in 1862, and the Civil War was on. As to the "night riders," I fear the end is not yet, and I am alarmed by the possibilities of the wreck and ruin sure to come to the Churches and communities if peace can not be secured speedily.

The improvement in Church property still goes on, and the amount reported as raised for this purpose this year aggregates about $10,000. Williamsburg leads in this by the $5,000 which transformed the old church into a new and up-to-date, convenient and beautiful one. Laurel follows with $1,136; Owensville, with $600; Milford and Bethel, with each $450; Georgetown, $400; Felicity, West Union, and Manchester, each, $250; Marathon, Decatur, Summerside, Peebles, New Richmond, Mulberry, Mason, Mt. Orab, Feesburg follow with smaller sums.

The conversions reported to me aggregate 700. We were hungry for many more, but "give glory to God in the highest" for such a goodly number. Manchester rejoices to report, through their pastor, 177. W. W. Tranter has had a great year in his field. W. E. Shriver, Owensville, follows next, with 70 souls won for Christ; W. E. Verity, Newtown, with 70; W. T. Belfry, Chilo, with 60; R. E. Smith, West Union, with 40; A. E. Huntington, Feesburg, with 33; Williamsburg, W. J. Dunham, following the great revival of last year with 30: Mulberry, T. J. Lewis, 25; W. Hoggatt, Williamsburg Circuit, 22. Other pastors report conversions ranging from eighteen down to one, and one sometimes equals a thousand.

The Sunday-schools are flourishing, with scarcely an exception. The Epworth League prospers in some charges, and is in a discouraging condition in others.

Our "elect" women, with their aid and missionary organizations, continue their good works. Without them, many societies would perish.

The pastors are deeply interested in the benevolences, but many of the charges are lacking in financial ability. In some it means a great struggle to secure a meager salary for the pastor, and some of our fields ought to be recognized as missionary ground. In some charges it has seemed impossible, by any measure, to develop interest in the great work of the world's evangelization.

This year began with an alarming number of places to be supplied. The good Lord heard our cry in our extremity and sent us good men to supply our lack. One, however, who began well, sadly failed in the end. It is our misfortune that the Conference, some years ago, lifted up a standard which has shut out men whose ministry would have been of great value to us and saved us from loss and shame. We need cultured men equal to any who can be found, but God has not always chosen the most learned, polished, and eloquent as His messengers. Not long ago scholarly and titled ministers in crowds sat entranced at the feet of Dwight L. Moody, who never graduated in any university or theological seminary; and multitudes have been won for Christ and heaven by men like Mr. Moody, not renowned for their scholarship or degrees. Gifts, grace, and usefulness once certified their possessor as worthy to be accepted as an accredited herald of salvation and laborer in the fields ripe unto the harvest!

It is written in a certain little book (which we revise, however, every four years), that "Gaining knowledge is a good thing, but that saving souls is better." The trend of thought and action now indicates that this statement needs revision, perhaps after this fashion, "Saving souls may be a good thing, but gaining knowledge is better." As the sad result of this new conviction and practice, many sheep are left in the wilderness without a shepherd, or committed to the care of men comparatively unknown, when they cry for spiritual food and oversight. Alas! again and again these strangers and untried men accepted in our extremity, by their instability of character or flagrant immorality, have dishonored the Church and ruined souls.

In a sermon preached by Bishop Morris in the city of Dayton, in 1857, when I was ordained Deacon, speaking of the itinerancy and the Churches, he said: "We have a great many big preachers and a great many little preachers, and we have a great many big and little hearers. And so the big preachers and the little preachers and the big and little hearers can all be accommodated." It was this full provision of supply for all, whether big or little, in the ministry and laity, which gave the Methodism of earlier years its all-embracing influence and sweep of power over all classes, from the most debased and lowly up to the most cultivated and exalted. This lack of men, this awful famine in the realm of preaching, is heart breaking. It is growing worse year by year, and will continue to grow worse until we retrace our steps and get back fully, in practice as well as theory, to an itinerant ministry called and prepared by and under the direction of the Holy Ghost. I believe with all my heart that "God" the "Holy Ghost" calls many and equips them for the ministry as He leads them through the college, the university, and theological seminary; I am just as sure that He leads others whom He calls in other ways. By the Churches that are dying and the souls that are perishing, because we have failed to send them true shepherds and divinely called and anointed guides, I beg my beloved Conference to prayerfully consider this alarming lack, this appalling failure, and speedily seek to remedy a condition which continually enriches the kingdom of darkness and death while it ceaselessly robs the kingdom of God.

But I must stop. Brethren of the Milford District, you have made the closing years of my ministry sweet and happy in your fellowship and love. You will live in my heart forever.

Our superannuated brother, Rev. J. R. Hunter, remains the same

good and true man. It fills me with sorrow to say that our true yokefellow, Rev. W. J. Baker, pastor of Amelia charge, is compelled to ask to be placed upon the superannuated list. He has served the Conference for years in the past as one of its most faithful and valuable assistant secretaries. He has often led the singing in our devotional services. He has been loyal to the Church and has followed the right as God has given him to see it. He has won the love of many who will remember him with sympathy and prayer.

Renewing the assurance of my love for the Conference, and in harmony with what I said a year ago, I ask for the same relation for which my dear Brother Baker asks. I feel that my strength will not justify me in asking for another appointment. I do not feel able, because of my growing infirmities, to bear any longer the responsibilities and do the work of a pastor. If any have been offended or grieved by anything I have said or done, I beg their forgiveness. In view of the record I have made I can only throw myself wholly upon the infinite mercy of God in Christ Jesus.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

G. W. Dubois, District Superintendent.

There are few remarkable things to chronicle in the work of the year, but it has been a season of steady, earnest, and successful work. The detailed account can not be given here, and much that has cost time and toil and great anxiety and strong determination must be passed in silence. I pay willing and hearty tribute to the faithfulness and earnestness of the rank and file of our ministry. Their perfect record is in heaven, but I am glad to do my part by way of a fuller recognition of their merits while on the earth.

The only break in our ranks is that made by the death of one of our veterans, G. M. Edgar, who died quite suddenly in the month of March. Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the year's work is the plan of evangelistic effort adopted. Pastors of some of the larger and stronger Churches were sent to the help of the villages and country places, with very satisfactory results. I think the same plan, on a somewhat more extended scale, can be made more efficient during the coming year. There has been no extravagant or sensational evangelism in the district, and we propose that there shall be none. Some of our charges have been blessed with very gracious revivals and awakenings, and in most cases the pastor led his own people in the campaign. Improvements in Church and parsonage property have been so general that we can note only the most important. Emory charge, on Yellow Springs Circuit, has taken on a new appearance and has added a fine bell. At Arcanum, plans are drawn for a radical change in the present church structure. At New Carlisle a building almost wholly new is now in process of construction, and, greatest miracle of all, in Brandt village the old church has disappeared and a modern and beautiful edifice is rising in its place.

Central Church, Springfield, for good and sufficient reasons, has sold the parsonage and has purchased another, some four blocks from the church. (It is not always as desirable to live next door to the church as some people think it is.) The trustees also have purchased a double lot immediately north of their church property, so that they are now well provided for in ground space for the contemplated new church building. The rent accruing from the houses on the lot pays interest and insurance, so that the investment is a good one.

The Sunday-schools have been unusually prosperous during the year. A Sunday-school Institute was held in Greene Street Church, Piqua, with good results. Some Normal Class and Teacher-training work has been carried on, the Adult Bible Class movement has received attention, and there is a general desire to improve the quality of the work of the schools.

In several places our Sunday-schools would prosper more if Official Boards were appreciative of the importance of the work and prompt to furnish better facilities for teachers and pupils. In many places our pastors are hampered by Official Boards that have in them too many non-progressive men. Many of our official members have been in office too long, and the itinerancy would work some greatly needed changes if applied to the Quarterly Conference. Two of the strongest Churches in the district have adopted a plan whereby one-third of the Official Board will retire every year. This will give opportunity to bring in new and younger men, that they may be made to bear more directly the responsibilities of Church life and be trained in the management of affairs. I wish that the plan could be very generally adopted.

Last October the ministers of the district spent a day in private session, no congregation present, praying and talking together with great freedom of our plans, our difficulties, our hopes, and our resources. It was a day profitably spent and in some particulars more helpful than the usual type of District Convention.

Some of the laymen of High Street Church, Springfield, have been much interested in the "Cincinnati Conference Plan for the Better Support of Superannuates." They have visited several of the Churches in the District, addressing the Sunday congregations in behalf of the plans. If more of our laymen would thus take this worthy cause on their hearts we should soon see our long-deferred hopes realized and our retired ministers and the widows, who are our sacred care, provided for as they deserve.

I have persistently tried to introduce a better system of finance in the country charges, but with little success. The farmers, who get cash for everything they sell, generally think that the end of the quarter is soon enough to pay the preacher. I think the time has come for some more authoritative word from our General Conference. Our ministers have long enough endured small pay and slow pay. I think no harm would result if a little more authority were given the District Superintendent in this matter, so that he could not only request, but require, a system of finance that would result in prompt payment of the amounts apportioned by the Quarterly Conference.

Ten charges have increased the pastor's salary, and none have reduced it, so that we are growing in this grace also. The financial stress from which the country has suffered has not been severely felt in the district, and, generally speaking, where a good plan has been put in operation the benevolences have received the usual support. Many of our Churches have also been open to special causes and extra collections have been taken. In this way the cause of Missions has had a good hearing during the year. Rev. G. W. Vorhis is a very efficient district missionary secretary. He has done what he could to stimulate interest in the cause. A number of mission study classes have been maintained and their work is sure to tell in good results.

The two deaconesses employed during the year, Miss Fuller, at Greene Street, Piqua, and Miss Loofborough, at Grace, Springfield, have done admirable service, and I wish that we could multiply their number many fold.

I regret to report that Rev. E. P. Edmonds, D. D., feels the necessity of a year's intermission in his work. His Church people are distressed that the pastoral relation must be broken, and we, his brethren in the

ministry, are reluctant to lose so efficient a member of our fraternity. We sincerely hope that a year hence he may resume his place among us.

Rev. H. C. Middleton, D. D., will ask for a Superannuate relation. He has preached the gospel as a Methodist minister for forty-eight years, forty-five of which he has spent in the Cincinnati Conference. He always has been "effective," in the literal sense of the word. He is now closing his sixth year at Cedarville, and the universal testimony is that his life and service have been a great blessing to the whole community. He will carry with him into his new Conference relation the esteem and affection of this entire body.

As we review the year and note our sins of commission and omission, we hear the call to penitence and humility; but as we note also the results of patient and faithful labor, we thank God and take courage.

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STATISTICS.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, ... $14,026 75

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund, ...	$22 00
From Mears' Bequest, ...	130 00
From Book Concern Dividend, ...	1,919 00
From Conference Trustees, ...	2,000 00
From the Charges, ...	7,329 00
From Conference Treasurer, fractional dollars, . . .	9 13
Balance from last year, ...	36 25
Total, ...	$11,445 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stewards' . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIMANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail, ...	Self, ...	$400 00	$324 00	East Norwood, O.
Rev. W. J. Baker, . . .	E. Burdsall, ...	400 00	324 00	Amelia, O.
Rev. J. G. Black, ...	Self, ...	400 00	324 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. S. W. Carey, . . .	S. P. Young, ...	100 00	81 00	Dayton, O.
Rev. C. T. Crum, ...	Self, ...	400 00	324 00	209 Babbitt St., Dayton, O.
Rev. J. H. Davis, . .	Self, ...	150 00	121 50	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy & wife	By mail, ...	400 00	324 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston, . .	Self, ...	400 00	324 00	Hillsboro, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler, . . .	By mail, ...	400 00	324 00	911 Market St., Zanesville, O.
Rev. J. P. Gilliland, . .	W. T. Gilliland, ...	400 00	324 00	Portsmouth, O.
Rev. H. A. M. Henderson,	Self, ...	250 00	202 50	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman, . .	By mail	350 00	283 50	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull, ...	By mail, ...	200 00	162 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson, . .	A. T. Cowgill, ...	125 00	101 25	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James, . . .	Self, ...	350 00	283 50	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus, . .	Self, ...	400 00	324 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck, ...	Self, ...	400 00	324 00	Flat Highlands C. Toledo, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh, ...	By mail, ...	300 00	243 00	San Diego, Cal.
Rev. H. C. Middleton,	Self, ...	400 00	324 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. C. D. Munsey, . .	G. W. Vorhis, ...	400 00	324 00	South Charleston, O.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles, . . .	By mail, ...	400 00	324 00	824 E. Third St., Cincinnati, O.
Rev. J. E. H. Sentman, .	Self, ...	200 00	162 00	Williamsburg, O.
Rev. G. L. Travis, . . .	Self, ...	400 00	324 00	Lewisburg, O.
Rev. S. Weeks, ...	By mail, ...	400 00	324 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. C. J. Wells, ...	By mail	250 00	202 50	822 W. 37th St., Norfolk, Va.
Rev. W. M West, ...	By mail, ...	300 00	243 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. L. F. Young, ...	H. E. Armacost, . . .	400 00	324 00	Piqua, O.
Rev. Jonathan Verity, .	Self, ...	200 00	162 00	Middletown, O
Total, ...	. . . . .	$9175 00	$7431 75	

Claimants.	To Whom Delivered.	Estimate of Stewards.	Amount paid.	Post-office of Claimants.
Widows.				
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	V. F. Brown,	$150 00	$121 50	214 Bainbridge St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster,	A. W. Leonard,	150 00	121 50	Springfield, O.
Mrs. T. S. Cowden,	W. H. Wehrly,	50 00	40 50	Troy, O.
Mrs. Chas. Hartley,	By mail,	200 00	162 00	Delaware, O.
Mrs. J. R. Hill,	O. M. Sellers,	100 00	81 00	Tippecanoe City, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	W. J. Dunham,	200 00	162 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Fletcher Hypes,	S. P. Young,	50 00	40 50	Owensville, O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin,	By mail,	125 00	101 25	1021 S. Union Ave., Pueblo, Col.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus,	By mail,	200 00	162 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	By mail,	200 00	162 00	Marysville, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd,	By mail,	150 00	121 50	Anderson, Ind.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay,	V. F. Brown,	200 00	162 00	73 Green St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. D. A. McColm,	V. F. Brown,	150 00	121 50	109 Linden Ave., Dayton, O.
Mrs. E. McHugh,	By mail,	150 00	121 50	R. R. No. 1, Hamilton, O.
Mrs. J. H. Middleton,	J. E. Beery,	175 00	141 75	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller,	H. D. Ketcham,	200 00	162 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. W. Musgrove,	Frank Neer,	200 00	162 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	J. G. Black,	200 00	162 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page,	By mail,	200 00	162 00	Columbus, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry & child,	G. H. Frenger,	200 00	162 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan,	By mail,	200 00	162 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith & child'n	M. B. Fuller,	300 00	243 00	19 Mound St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson,	W. M. Coffman,	200 00	162 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	By mail,	150 00	121 50	Cheswold, Del.
Mrs. Wm. H. Sutherland	By mail,	200 00	162 00	Ottawa, O.
Mrs. Timothy Wones,	W. A. Leonard,	150 00	121 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. Creighton Wones and children,	A. J. Kestle,	350 00	283 50	Franklin, O.
Grand total,		$4800 00	$3888 00	

Funeral Expenses of Rev. Wm. H. Sutherland, ... Net, $50 00
Incidental Expenses, ... Net, 1 75

Grand Total Estimate, . . $14,026 75 Paid, ... $11,371 50

Total Receipts, ... $11,445 38
Total Expenditures, ... 11,371 50

Balance in Treasury, ... $73 88

W. A. Wiant, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The Church must provide a proper support for her honored sons—those on the roll of honor. To fail to do so is to disgrace the cause we love, and terribly humiliate the noble men and women who have devoted their lives to the work of the Church—usually on very meager salaries. It is to our shame that our faithful servants, looking forward to superannuation, must in humiliation cry out, "I pray God He will take me home before I reach that day." The great Methodist Episcopal Church must rise above such a situation. A loaf of bread here is to these honored ones of much more value than a monument of marble after they quit this life. And proper raiment and shelter now is worth much more to them than loads of roses over their graves or eloquence and tears in a Conference memorial service.

We rejoice in the action taken by the General Conference in its recent session, and pledge our best efforts to the carrying out of the plan thus inaugurated. May the day speedily come when our splendid workmen may look forward to an "old age serene and bright," and their last days be their happiest and their best.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ASSETS.

Stocks: 119 shares Mast, Foos & Co	$11,900 00	
Notes, secured	19,879 90	
Suspense Account	300 00	
Lot in Madisonville	70 00	
Cash in Bank	600 37	
Total		$32,750 27

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account	$32,750 27

RECEIPTS.

Bills receivable—loans paid back	$1,920 10	
Bequests received	3,000 00	
Interest received	2,176 05	
		$7,096 15
Cash on hand August 29, 1907		41 62
		$7,137 77

EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—loans made	$4,450 00	
Treasurer Conference Stewards, paid Sept., 1908	2,000 00	
Expenses	87 40	
		$6,537 40
Cash in Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati		600 37
		$7,137 77
Interest received as above	$2,176 05	
Balance interest account, August 29, 1907	9 77	
	$2,185 82	
Expenses paid as above	87 40	
Balance brought down, interest account		$2,098 42
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards	$2,000 00	
Balance interest in bank	98 42	
		$2,098 42

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 28, 1908.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, mortgages, certificates of stock, deeds, insurance policies, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and find all the items to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. STORY,
JAS. T. BAIL,
H. C. WEAKLEY,
Auditing Committe

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1908.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
Board of Foreign Missions,	$10,294 00	$ 4,894 00	$15,188 00
Undivided S. S. Missionary Offering,	5,173 00	1,457 00	6,630 00
Home Missions and Church Extension,	7,107 00	1,445 00	8,552 00
Total for the two Missionary Boards,	$22,574 00	$7,796 00	$30,370 00
Children's Fund for Student Aid,	1,015 00	253 00	1,268 00
Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools,	2,647 00	561 00	3,208 00
Local Educational Interests,	449 00	106 00	555 00
American Bible Society,	483 00	501 00	984 00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	116 00	13,283 00	13,399 00
Woman's Home Missionary Society,	49 00	10,165 00	10,214 00
Total Disciplinary collections,	$27,333 00	$32,665 00	$59,998 00
Christ Hospital and Deaconess Home,	701 00	8,437 00	9,138 00
Methodist Home for the Aged,	476 00	5,611 00	6,087 00
Other Benevolent Offerings,	234 00	27,270 00	27,504 00
General Conference Expenses,	135 00	517 00	652 00
Conference Claimants' Fund,	6,853 00	482 00	7,335 00
Episcopal Fund,	1,534 00	136 00	1,670 00
Fractional Amounts,	9 13		9 13
Total Receipts,	$37,275 13	$75,118 00	$112,393 13

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Homer Eaton, for Board of Foreign Missions,	$13,066 50
Paid Samuel Shaw, for Board of Home Missions,	9,693 50
Paid Wm. A. Wiant, for Board of Conference Stewards,	6,862 13
Paid Jennings & Graham, for Freedmen's Aid and Sunday-Schools, and Episcopal Fund,	4,181 00
Paid Thos. Nicholson, for Board of Education,	1,015 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital,	701 00
Paid Wm. Foulke, for American Bible Society,	483 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Methodist Home for the Aged,	476 00
Paid Herbert Welch, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	449 00
Paid O. P. Miller, for General Conference Expenses,	135 00
Paid Miss Lillian Hoffman, for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	116 00
Paid Mrs. Geo. O. March, for Woman's Home Missionary Society,	49 00
Paid Edwin M. Randall, for Epworth League,	36 00
Paid Wm. M. Green, for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	12 00
Total disbursements,	$37,275 13

Receipts and vouchers for these amounts are in my hands.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

Home address:
Sta. C., Cincinnati, O.

STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - J. ELBERT THOMAS, Winton Place, Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Pr'chers.	Deaths.	Child'n Bap'd.	Adults Bap'd.	Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	Pd for build. & impr. Ch'ps & Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Avondale Charge: Avondale		201	1	2	2		1	16	90	1	$40,000	1	11,000	$350		
Pleasant Ridge	5	155			3		1	16	130	1	2,500			3,125		
Bond Hill		98			1		1	14	112	1		1	5,000			
Carthage	12	125		2	6	2	1	23	148	1	3,000			52		
Central City Charge: Christie	56	338	3	4	15	8	1	20	200	1	25,000	1	5,000			$184
Asbury	14	156			7	3	1	25	140			1	5,000			
York Street	10	210	3	3	4	2	1	20	250	1	15,000			800		
Finley	15	170		1	36	6	1	18	210	1	10,000			220		
East Pearl Street	4	74		2	6	12	1	14	112	1	16,000	1	5,000	339		
Clifton	1	66				1	1	6	59	1	40,000					
Columbia	7	258		4	4	12	1	26	253	1	11,000	1	3,000			
Delta Ave	20	159			7	4	1	22	182	1	12,000			700		
Elmwood Place and Reading		115	2	2	2		1	50	250	2	7,500			110		
Fairmount	6	140		2	6	3	1	26	181	1	7,000	1	2,500	145		
First Church: Northside	2	385	2	4	21	3	1	31	290	1	38,000			114	$298	50
Linwood	7	114	1		6	5	1	17	159	1	7,500				700	2,70
McKendree	8	308	1	3	9	3	1	26	225		16,000			110		
Mt. Auburn		263	1	6	6		1	18	180	1	35,000			130		
Mt. Lookout	5	266		4	6		2	26	263	1	7,400	1	4,000	1,203		80
Price Hill	2	259	1	1	3	3	1	22	162	1	20,000					
Camp Washington	2	70	2		20	8	1	24	180	1	3,000					
St. Paul	16	628		9	7	1	1	30	413	1	125,000	1	20,000		2,000	
Trinity	29	591		23	9	10	1	32	350	1	75,000	1	6,000			
Walnut Hills	12	465	2	7	6	3	1	30	162	1	60,000	1	15,000			
Wesley	147	571	24	17	17	11	1	32	410	1	100,000	1	10,000	700		
Westwood Charge: Westwood	5	285		1	7	4	1	24	304	1	50,000	1	8,000	155		
Groesbeck, Asbury, Ebenezer	1	132		2		4	3	25	135	3	6,000			190		
Miami, Mt. Hope, and Debt	5	140	1	2		18	3	20	150	3	4,500			125		
Winton Place	1	115				7	1	19	210	1	15,000	1	10,000	161		
Addyston	1	103		1	6	1	1	12	121	1	5,000			72		
Cleves & Harrison		317		3		2	2	35	325	2	14,000	2	2,800	2,300		
Delhi	6	277	3	3	6	7	1	33	265	1	15,000			113	963	60
Hartwell		277	2	3	6		1	29	185	1	12,000	1	3,000	3,700		
Wayne Avenue	3	375		4	5	15	1			1	25,000	1	6,000	600		
Madisonville	4	352	1	6	6	2	1	30	340	1	25,000	1	3,000			
Norwood: First Church	20	442	2	2	4	4	1	44	452	1	24,500			61	2,000	2,00
Grace Church	10	312		1	4	7	1	28	230	1	15,500			2,042	1,288	53
Riverside	24	110	1	2	8		1	20	150	1	5,000			240		
State Avenue	40	101		2	2		1	15	220	1	7,000			300		1,80
Madison Avenue										1						
Totals	500	9523	31	98	265	166	46	918	8202	44	901,400	19	124300	18,377	7,944	8,45
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany		215	1	2		2	1	17	125	1	3,000	1	1,200	100		
Camden		146		3	3	4	1	14	110	1	8,000	1	2,500			
Centerville and Lytle	2	298		5		5	2	35	285	2	9,000	1	2,000	775		
Dayton: Broadway	16	900	1	12	20	16	1	46	650	1	20,000	1	3,500	75	600	2,39
Grace	9	974		14	9	20	1	34	402	1	75,000	1	10,000	500		
Homestead Avenue	8	55			2		1	15	75	1	6,000					
Raper	9	987	2	16	16	7	1	56	555	1	70,000			127	2,181	15,61
Riverdale	7	249			5		1	24	200	1	18,000			460	900	4,13
St. Paul	14	890	2	5	28	27	1	45	746	1	53,000	1	6,000	26,000	6,000	20,00
Trinity	9	325	2	3	18	17	1	31	250	1	12,000	1	3,000	80	155	33
Eaton & West Alexandria	5	501	1	6	12	26	2	54	558	2	38,000	1	3,500	1,500	300	
Ebenezer & Woodward Avenue	28	310		1	5	8	2	28	230	2	4,600	1	1,400	154	10	2
Fair Haven & Sugar Valley	4	280		2	3	3	2	33	230	2	6,600	1	3,000	25		
Donnelsville and Bellbrook	6	180		1	3		2	40	160	2	7,000					
Fort Jefferson	25	167		1	4	3	2	42	207	4	12,000	1	1,000	17		
Franklin	2	354		5	2	2	1	17	180	1	20,000	1	4,000	425		
Germantown	2	109					1	24	100	1	5,000			124		
Gordon	4	175		1	1		3	40	350	4	10,000	1	2,000			
Hamilton: First Church	8	372	1	6	18	6	1	49	600	1	40,000	1	10,000			
Lindenwald	70	214		1	5	13	1	26	233	1	8,000			80	35	70
Lewisburg & Brinkville	1	273		4		7	3	51	245	3	9,000	1	2,000	170		
Miamisburg	14	269	1	6	9	19	1	38	288	1	37,000	1	5,000	227		
Middletown	8	520		10	22	18	1	25	530	1	40,000	1	2,500			
Monroe		177					2	18	130	2	9,500	1	2,000			

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	Probationers	Full Members	Local Pr'chers	Deaths	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property
DAYTON DIST.—Cont'd.																
New Paris	6	167				10	2	29	160	3	$2,000	1	$700	$90		
Osborn	15	240				1	3	46	220	3	11,000	1	2,500	250		$1,500
Oxford	11	515	8	6	3	48	1	30	330	1	40,000	1	2,500	140		1,488
Port Union and Glendale	2	200		2		1	3	25	150	4	10,200	1	2,500	275		
Seven Mile	3	247		2	2	4	2	26	176	1	14,000	1	1,000	4,366		
Springboro and Red Lion	1	251		5	1	3	2	24	180	2	4,000	2	3,000	30		
Venice (Ross)	5	380		4	5	5	5	66	300	5	17,000	1	800	8,000		
Walker & Union		98		3		2	2	18	120	2	3,500			305		
West Carrollton	1	249	2		7	5	1	18	225	1	25,000	1	3,000	25		1,800
West Chester		250		4	3	4	3	28	150	3	4,000	1	1,200	100		400
West Elkton	1	315	2	3	1	1	4	40	300	6	8,000	1	800	115		
West Milton	11	162		4			2	32	160	4	15,000	1	400	5,050	28	28
Totals	245	12579	18	140	209	286	66	1191	9910	76	673,300	30	85,000	50,305	10,209	8,476
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast		354		2	1	1	6	6*	300	6	19,000	1	1,200			
Blanchester		224		1			1	21	265	1	10,000	1	2,500	800	425	
Bowersville	4	232	1	8	6	4	3	38	275	4	9 800	1	650	165		
Clarksville		306		8			5	50	300	4	9,500	1	2,000	120		
Greenfield	25	1,065		10	25	30	1	51	864	1	75,000	1	6,000	1,200		
Highland	9	510	1	2		62	3	40	400	3	9,000	1	3,000			
Hillsboro	7	851	4	5	11	6	1	85	492	1	12,000	1	7,000	150		
Jamestown	7	373		7	4	2	1	17	180	1	12,000	1	2,000	150		
Leesburg	50	325		3	3	5	3	40	350	3	14,000	1	2,000			
Loveland		196		1		8	1	20	185	1	7,000			500	35	
Lynchburg	4	552		5		4	4	56	435	4	12,600	1	2,000		135	465
Maineville	15	185		4	10	6	3	40	250	3	6,000	1	1,200	350		
Martinsville	15	410	3	1	1	20	4	43	280	4	10,000	1	1,500	450		
Morrow	4	148	1	3	5		1	14	130	1	4,500	1	1,500	1,200		700
New Burlington	39	414	1	11		27	4	57	300	4	7,200	1	1,600	100		
New Jasper	8	304		2	1		3	33	150	3	8,000	1	2,000	60		
New Vienna	5	326		9		7	3	35	225	3	10,000	1	2,500	2		
Pleasant Plain	1	392		7		5	5	54	332	5	8,700					
Rainsboro	2	342		8			4	62	610	4	8,000	1	1,200	150		
Sabina	2	319	1	6	3	5	1	22	180	1	12,000	1	1,500	30		
Sinking Springs	11	282	1	3		11	5	36	225	5	5,500	1	1,000		100	100
South Lebanon	30	171	1	5	4	4	3	17	190	3	5,000	1	1,500	150	27	
Sugar Tree Ridge	17	330	1	4	2	23	5	58	295	6	5,800	1	1,100			
Union		363	1	3	4	1	5	60	300	5	17,000	1	2,000	2,500		
Waynesville	4	253	1	4	3	5	1	20	180	1	4,500	1	2,500	200		
Wilmington	5	339	1	9	2	16	1	19	195	1	15,000	1	6,500	195	400	800
Xenia: First Church	10	725		11	14	18	1	34	512	1	37,000	1	4,500	400		1,200
Trinity	7	305		7	1	4	1	28	150	1	20,000	1	5,000	160		855
Totals	281	10748	18	149	100	274	79	1077	8568	80	370,780	26	60,450	9,135	1,122	3,750
MILFORD DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen		250	4	4			4	44	250	4	7,500	1	1,000	30	60	60
Amelia	3	264	1	4		2	3	36	308	3	5,600	1	700	85		
Batavia	1	297	2		7	7	1	22	260	1	15,000	1	1,500	367	372	
Bethel		450		6	5	10	3	60	400	3	9,000	1	1,500	50	400	1,200
Branch Hill	3	157		1	1	6	4	32	170	5	12,000			170		
Chilo	35	288		1	11	31	4	38	200	4	5,000	1	500	60		
Decatur	20	275	1	15		16	5	45	280	5	6,500	1	1,200	158		
Dunkinsville		117		2			3	23	210	3	3,000	1	200			
Feesburg	4	270	1	4		14	5	50	300	5	5,500	1	600	40		
Felicity	2	339	1	9		7	3	45	240	3	5,200	1	1,000	200		
Georgetown	15	497		4	18	25	3	44	300	3	10,000	1	1,800	300		
Goshen	4	215	1	5	3	19	1	25	100	1	5,500	1	1,800	150		
Laurel	6	394		5		5	4	52	350	4	8,500	1	1,800	1,222		
Lebanon	31	405		6	5	16	1	20	250	1	12,000	1	2,500			
Manchester	5	200	3	6	3	46	3	25	238	3	7,000	1	2,000		35	
Marathon	7	470	1	7			5	45	252	5	8,000	1	1,200	120		
Mason	6	274		3	18	3	2	25	270	3	8,200	1	4,000	120		
Milford	2	340	1	7	10	6	1	23	285	1	8,000	1	2,500	500		
Moscow	8	311	2	4	6		4	50	250	4	12,000					
Mount Orab	15	325		3		3	5	75	450	3	8,000	1	1,500	175		
Mt. Washington	1	150		5	14	3	3	15	150	3	3,500	1	1,000	60		
Mulberry	24	234	1	5	4	10	6	40	210	6	8,000			150		
New Richmond		221		3	1	9	1	16	135	1	4,500	1	1,200	75	60	100
Newtown		315		4	12	34	4	36	315	4	9,000	1	2,000	200		

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MILFORD DIST.—Cont'd																
Owensville	15	365	...	10	1	22	4	45	200	4	10,000	1	1,800	515	60	.....
Peebles	4	325	...	5	4	14	3	31	165	3	5,000	1	1,200	165	.....	.....
Ripley	5	237	...	8	6	4	1	17	175	1	40,000	1	3,000	250	.....	100
Summerside	...	248	1	4	....	2	4	56	250	4	3,000	1	1,800	175	.....	.....
West Union	10	390	...	2	....	11	3	48	400	3	6,000	1	1,700	1,250	.....	.....
Williamsburg and Clover	11	500	...	5	4	17	2	46	280	2	11,500	1	1,800	5,000	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit	2	106	1	2	6	16	3	30	150	4	6,100	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester and Seaman	6	357	1	5	6	7	2	36	247	2	11,000	1	1,000	275	50	.....
Totals	245	9831	22	146	140	392	97	1195	8182	103	279,100	28	44,400	10,994	1,027	1,300
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	4	175	...	1	....	15	1	26	243	1	6,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Brandt	24	75	...	2	1	20	3	30	220	4	4,200	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Catawba	12	403	...	3	5	19	3	48	275	3	9,000	1	2,500	134	.....	.....
Cedarville	5	340	...	2	5	6	2	30	200	2	6,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Christiansburg	6	.....	1	...	...	...	2	32	200	4	7,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Concord & Westville	4	271	...	5	2	25	2	127	183	2	8,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Covington	4	181	...	5	8	...	1	18	100	1	5,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Dialton	2	329	...	...	7	2	4	62	318	4	8,000	1	1,250	1,200	.....	.....
Greenville	5	460	1	5	23	4	1	84	468	1	27,000	1	6,000	65	.....	.....
King's Creek	4	156	...	...	...	...	4	40	125	4	5,500	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	5	350	...	8	9	6	1	20	200	1	80,000	1	2,500	100	.....	.....
Mutual	4	89	...	...	10	18	4	50	250	4	7,500	1	1,000	.....	657	.....
New Carlisle	8	308	2	8	18	2	1	..	..	1	4,000	1	1,500	1,469	.....	.....
New Moorefield	20	304	2	6	...	10	4	50	286	4	10,000	1	1,700	325	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	19	400	...	8	8	25	1	36	323	1	11,500	1	5,000	500	.....	.....
Greene Street	6	761	...	5	18	20	2	64	945	2	32,000	1	9,000	.....	.....	.....
South Charleston	33	424	...	8	5	8	2	25	150	2	12,000	1	5,000	41	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	25	900	2	9	12	15	1	..	..	1	20,000	1	4,500	6,353	340	.....
Clifton Ave.	2	339	...	7	19	10	1	38	270	1	3,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace	...	155	...	1	8	6	1	17	255	1	1,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street	6	606	2	5	5	10	1	25	250	1	70,000	1	10,000	500	300	3,000
St. Paul	1	344	...	3	9	2	1	28	266	1	40,000	1	2,000	250	.....	2,200
Tippecanoe City	6	294	1	1	16	...	1	24	225	1	16,000	1	2,000	200	.....	.....
Tremont City	...	359	...	4	2	4	4	57	411	4	16,800	..	.....	370	.....	.....
Troy	10	580	...	4	....	....	1	25	450	1	60,000	1	70,000	.....	122	3,000
Troy Circuit	4	247	...	4	...	12	3	49	260	3	8,000	1	1,800	140	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	48	596	2	6	8	14	1	24	335	1	25,000	1	5,000	135	.....	800
Grace	8	279	...	7	2	16	1	25	234	1	25,000	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Springs	14	470	...	11	33	14	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	2,000	1,000	.....	.....
Totals	281	10060	18	121	213	310	57	1054	7089	59	489,700	26	87,050	13,092	1,469	9,300

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

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Cincinnati	500	9528	31	98	265	166	46	918	8202	44	$901,400	44	124300	$18277	$7,944	.....
Dayton	245	12579	18	140	209	286	66	1191	9910	76	673,300	30	85,000	50,805	10,200	.....
Hillsboro	281	10748	18	149	109	274	79	1077	8568	80	370,780	26	60,450	9,135	1,122	.....
Milford	245	9831	22	146	140	392	97	1195	8182	103	279,100	28	44,400	10,994	1,027	.....
Springfield	284	10060	18	121	213	310	57	1054	7089	59	489,700	26	87,050	13,092	1,469	.....
Totals, 1908	1555	53841	102	654	927	1480	345	5436	42751	362	2714280	154	401200	101718	21,77	.....
Totals, 1907	2013	53123	95	699	844	1077	356	5481	42298	368	2267600	129	393800	72,396	40,80	.....
Increase	...	718	7	...	83	353	...	...	453	...	$46,680	25	7,400	28,817	.....	.....
Decrease	458	...	...	45	...	...	11	45	...	6	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	19,00

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STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ... J. E. THOMAS, Winton Place, Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't, who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	46	992	8,613	5,209	585	1098	2,476	436	$6,480
Dayton,	66	1.161	9,865	6,057	640	1,070	4.794	367	4.439
Hillsboro,	74	1,013	8,073	4,903	447	978	3,533	290	3,983
Milford	90	11,24	7,287	5,010	659	1,106	2,898	423	3,532
Springfield,	58	1,032	8,812	5,338	721	999	3,389	528	5,116
Totals, 1908,	334	5,322	42,650	26,517	3,052	5,251	17,090	2,044	$23,550
Totals, 1907,	356	5,481	42,298	26,768	3,029	5,246	23,424	1,963	21,310
Increase,	.....	.....	352	.....	33	5	.....	81	$2,240
Decrease,	22	169	.....	251	.....	.....	6,434	.....	.....

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	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Child'n Bapt'd	Adults Bapt'd	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches.	Probable Value	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & impr. Ch'es & Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
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NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
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Increase,	.....	.....	352	.....	33	5	.....	81	$2,240
Decrease,	22	169	.....	251	.....	.....	6,434	.....	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'chers.	Deaths.....	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers.....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	Pd for build. & impr. Ch'es & Parsonages	Pd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
MILFORD DIST.—Cont'd																
Owensville	15	365	...	10	1	22	4	45	200	4	10,000	1	1,800	515	60	.....
Peebles	4	325	...	5	4	14	3	31	265	3	5,000	1	1,500	165	.....	.....
Ripley	5	237	...	3	6	4	1	17	175	1	40,000	1	3,000	250	.....	480
Summerside	...	248	1	4	...	2	4	56	250	4	3,000	1	1,800	175	.....	.....
West Union	10	380	...	2	...	11	3	48	400	3	6,000	1	1,700	1,250	.....	.....
Williamsburg and Clover	11	500	...	5	4	17	2	46	280	2	11,500	1	1,800	5,000	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit	2	166	1	2	6	16	3	30	150	4	6,100	...	...	...	.....	.....
Winchester and Seaman	6	357	1	5	6	7	2	36	247	2	11,000	1	1,000	275	50	.....
Totals	245	9831	22	146	140	392	97	1195	8182	103	279,100	28	44,400	10,994	1,027	1,840
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum	4	175	...	1	...	15	1	26	243	1	6,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Brandt	24	75	...	2	1	20	3	30	220	4	4,300	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Catawba	12	403	...	8	5	19	3	48	275	3	9,000	1	2,500	134	.....	.....
Cedarville	5	340	...	2	5	6	2	50	200	2	6,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Christiansburg	6	...	1	...	...	...	2	32	200	4	7,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Concord & Westville	4	271	...	3	2	25	2	127	183	2	8,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Covington	4	181	...	5	3	...	1	18	100	1	5,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Dialton	2	329	...	...	7	2	4	62	318	4	8,000	1	1,250	1,200	.....	.....
Greenville	5	460	1	5	28	4	1	84	368	1	27,000	1	6,000	65	.....	.....
King's Creek	4	156	...	...	...	...	4	40	225	4	5,500	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	5	380	...	8	9	6	1	20	200	1	30,000	1	2,500	100	.....	.....
Mutual	4	89	...	...	10	18	4	50	250	4	7,500	1	1,000	.....	637	.....
New Carlisle	3	303	2	3	18	2	1	...	...	1	4,000	1	1,500	1,469	.....	.....
New Moorefield	20	304	2	6	...	10	4	50	286	4	10,000	1	1,700	335	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	19	409	...	8	3	25	1	36	325	1	11,500	1	5,000	500	.....	.....
Greene Street	6	761	...	5	18	20	2	64	845	2	32,000	1	9,000	.....	.....	.....
South Charleston	33	421	...	8	5	8	3	25	350	2	12,000	1	5,000	41	.....	.....
Springfield: Central	25	900	2	9	12	15	1	...	...	1	20,000	1	4,500	6,353	340	.....
Clifton Ave.	2	339	...	7	19	10	1	38	270	1	8,500	...	...	...	.....	.....
Grace	...	155	...	1	8	6	1	17	255	1	1,500	...	...	...	.....	.....
High Street	6	606	2	5	5	10	1	25	250	1	70,000	1	10,000	500	300	3,000
St. Paul	1	344	...	3	9	2	1	28	266	1	40,000	1	2,000	250	.....	2,200
Tippecanoe City	6	294	1	1	16	...	1	24	225	1	16,000	1	2,000	200	.....	.....
Tremont City	...	359	...	4	2	4	4	57	411	4	16,300	...	...	370	.....	.....
Troy	10	580	...	4	...	...	1	25	450	1	60,000	1	70,000	.....	192	3,200
Troy Circuit	4	247	...	4	...	12	3	49	260	3	8,000	1	1,500	140	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church	48	596	2	6	8	14	1	24	385	1	25,000	1	5,000	135	.....	600
Grace	8	279	...	7	2	16	1	25	234	1	25,000	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Springs	14	470	...	11	33	14	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	2,000	1,000	.....	.....
Totals	284	10060	18	121	213	310	57	1054	7989	59	489,700	26	87,050	13,002	1,469	9,100

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'chers.	Deaths.....	Child'n Bap'd	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers.....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	Pd for build. & impr. Ch'es & Parsonages	Pd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati	500	9528	81	98	265	166	46	918	8202	44	$901,400	44	124300	$18277	$7,944	$8,456
Dayton	245	12579	18	140	209	286	66	1191	9910	76	673,300	30	85,000	50,805	10,209	8,476
Hillsboro	281	10748	18	149	109	274	79	1077	8568	80	370,780	26	60,450	9,135	1,122	3,750
Milford	245	9831	22	146	140	392	97	1195	8182	103	279,100	28	44,400	10,994	1,027	1,840
Springfield	284	10060	18	121	213	310	57	1054	7939	59	489,700	26	87,050	13,002	1,469	9,100
Totals, 1908	1555	53841	102	654	927	1480	345	5436	42751	362	2714280	154	401200	101713	21,771	31,622
Totals, 1907	2013	53123	95	699	844	1077	356	5481	42298	368	2367600	129	393800	72,396	40,803	30,621
Increase	...	718	7	...	83	253	...	...	453	...	346,680	25	7,400	28,317	.....	.....
Decrease	458	...	...	45	...	...	11	45	...	6	...	...	...	...	19,032	27,999

STATISTICS No. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ... J. E. THOMAS, Winton Place, Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't, who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati,	46	992	8,613	5,209	585	1098	2,476	436	$6,480
Dayton,	66	1.161	9,865	6,057	640	1,070	4,794	367	4,439
Hillsboro,	74	1,013	8,073	4,903	447	978	3,533	290	3,983
Milford	90	11,24	7,287	5,010	659	1,106	2,898	423	3,532
Springfield,	58	1,032	8,812	5,338	721	999	3,389	528	5,116
Totals, 1908,	334	5,322	42,650	26,517	3,052	5,251	17,090	2,044	$23,550
Totals, 1907,	356	5,481	42,298	26,768	3,029	5,246	23,424	1,963	21,310
Increase,	.....	.....	352	.....	33	5	.....	81	$2,240
Decrease,	22	169	.....	251	.....	.....	6,434	.....	.....

I. E. THOMAS, Winton Place, Cincinnati, O.,
SECRETARY OF STATISTICS.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

C. W. HORN, Cincinnati, Ohio,
CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary	House Rent	Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Su'port Presid. Elders. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Sup. port of Bish'ps Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants. Received From. Collections	Other Sources	Total	Current Expens's. Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Benevolent Collections. Missions. Board For. Missions (a) Church	(b) Spec'l Gifts	Sunday-school not Divided	Board of Home Miss. & Ch'h Ex. (a) Church	(b) Spec. Gifts	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S. Child' Fund for Stud Aid	(a) Church	(b) S. School	Total	Edu-cation	Local Educational Interests	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deaconness	Epworth League
Avondale Charge: Avondale	C. E. Schenk	$2400	$750	$3150		$270	$270	$25	$25	$3445	$280		$261	$210	$175	$259		$80	$240		$10	$178		$188	$82	$88	$3050	$943	100	†8763	$45	121	$1159	
Pleasant Ridge	J. E. McGee	1200		1200		16	16	5	5	1221	25		25	160	120	42		27	10		2	4		6	10	2				45	5			$1
Bond Hill	H. K. Whiting	800		800		14	14	3	3		15		15	120	80	50			30		5	4		9		1	8	8		88	5	4	8	
Carthage	J. J. Hawk	900		925	Ex 25	22	22	5	5	949	10		10	450	90	16		18	10		3	6		9			63			54				
Central Charge: Christie	L. O. Hartman	1400		1400		72	72	5	5	1475	15		15	500	164	90	$58	20	6		5	2	$8	10	3	2	12	86		349	9	5	17	1
Asbury	E. S. Gaddis	1000		1000		60	60	6	6	1066	28		29	350	85	52		12	40		14	18		27	4	10	14	45			7	25	27	
York Street	C. L. Myers	1000		1200	Ex200	56	56	8	8	1264	15		15	300	160	20		40	10		8		17	20		2			73			12	
Finley	J. L. Duckwall	1000		1000		30	30	5	5	1035	25		25	850	95	10		10	20			10		10	1				38	12		12	
East Pearl Street	S. G. Pollard	300	300	600		19	19	2	2	621	28		28	381	77	4		10	7		2	1		3		4	2			39			8	
Clifton	J. W. Peters	1200		1200		74	74	15	15	1289	50		50	800	80	100		10	20		10			15	5	5	188	158		12	10	70	45	
Columbia	C. W. Horn	1100	300	1400		54	54	8	8	1462	20		20	581	220	10		50	10		1	5		6		2	41	84		81	8		46	
Delta Avenue	J. P. Ninde	900		900		48	48		4	952	13		13	200	115	18		42	7		8	1		10	1	3				43	6		6	
Elmwood Place & Reading	T. D. Moore	1020		1020		32	32		1	1058	5		5					22			7		2	9			42			28				
Fairmount	J. R. Troxell	800	240	1140	Ex100	30	30		5	1175	12		12	185	225		1	48	16		3	7		10	4	1	50			52	3	2	16	3
1st Church, Northside	O. L. Seward	1200		1200		54	54	12	12	1266	20		20	960	260	29		26	3		2	3		5	2	2	50	78		172				1
Linwood	W. C. Mitchell	750		807	Ex 57	18	18		2	827	10		10	150	135	25		20	25		6	10		16	1	1				59	2			
McKendree	J. A. White	1000		1000		48	48	5	5	1053	29		29	250	164	43		30	17		8	10		18			26			48			8	
Mt. Auburn	H. O. Enwall	1600		1600		96	96	10	10	1706	55		55	1150	150	97	15	70	25		10	30	5	85	8	8	201	70		108	10		3080	2
Mt. Lookout	O. P. Hoffman	1200	300	1500		96	96	10	10	1606	40		40	475	145	60		50	60		12	21	10	43	20	10	167	65	64	220		25	80	
Price Hill	C. W. Sullivan	1666		1741	Ex 75	90	90	17	17	1848	100		100	550	158	102	50		100		10	49		59		5	134	90		230	6			
Camp Washington	J. D. Darling	1200		1200		21	21	4	4	1225	10		10	250	150	8		12	5		2		12	14	1		43			46			5	
St. Paul	W. D. Cole	2200	600	2800		196	196	20	20	3016	90		90	3040	275	206	330	78	188	287	5	25		30	21	15	318	578	101	900	24			
Trinity	H. D. Ketcham	1800	600	2400		168	168	25	25	2568	75		75	650	800	100		140	100		18	33		46	2	8	208	151		730		27	179	
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young	2750	750	3500		280	280	40	40	3820	215		215	2477	220	25	280	424	213		15	125	15	140	20	19	585	564		851	28	10	257	
Wesley Chapel	G. Roughton	1200	500	1700		169	169	21	21	1890	65		65	1650	100	328			105		5	30		35		5	170	49		10			10	
Westwood Charge: Westwood	J. A. Story	1600	600	2200		126	126	20	20	2346	1267		1267	1688	815	778	264	70	880		11	562		578		143	252			6528			916	
Groesbeck, Asbury, & Ebenezer	W. F. Martin	1000		1000		24	24	2	2	1026	15		15	160	90	20		5	10		8	8		11		2								
Miami, Mt. Hope, & Dent	W. C. Nash	1000		1000		24	24	4	4	1027	11		11	98	95	25		10	20		4	3		7	3	3						5	
Mt. Pleasant	J. E. Thomas	900	300	1200		70	70	5	5	1275	8		8	157	127	25		31	6			6		6		2	36	51		79	2	5	6	
Addyston	David W. Clark	700		700		19	19			719	5		5	88	75			10																
Cleves & Harrison	S. A. Stephan	1000	240	1240		50	50			1290	10		10	800	80			10	9			2		2		1	29	8						
Delhi	W. A. Wiant	1800		1865	Ex 65	90	90	12	12	1967	100		100	468	390	125	70	250	50		11	17		28		10	158	60	40	428	17		21	
Hartwell	E. Barbee	1400	300	1600		96	96	20	20	1716	40		40	843	184	25		90	25		10	15		25	7	18	201	268		84				
Wesley	[illegible]	1800	500	2290		136	136	25	25	2461	101		101	1400	250	1585		55	144			166		166	25	62	418			526	25	2046	649	
[illegible]	[illegible]	1500	300	1800		150	150	15	15	1965	85		85	775	180	108		150	68		2	75	4	81		26	342	274		189	25		274	
[illegible]	[illegible]	1400		1400		54	54	10	10	1464	30		30	767	200	60	20	88	18		15	80		45	10	2	124	14		172	12	6	94	5
[illegible]	[illegible]	1800		1800		78	78	12	12	1890	40		40	505	125	187	80		72		5	18		23		2	98	116		210	11	2	23	
[illegible]	[illegible]	800		800		18	18			818				94	100	7			11		3	8	2	8		1				81				
State Avenue	C. Harold Clerke	1000		1000						1000	5		5	250	75	5	4	8	1								16			33	5			
Totals		$46288	$8180	$54468	$a702	$3025	$3025	$375	$387	$58421	$2747		$2747	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$4529	$887	$1001	$2530	$287	$295	$1707	$71	$2073	$390	$455	$7021	$3140	$830	$16018	$274	$2046	$9808	$21

		Claims.						Support of Bish'ps		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants.		Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																		
															Missions.					Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools.				Education											
															Board for Missions		Sunday-school not Divided	Board of Home Miss. & Ch'h Ex.		Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S.			Child' Fund for Stud. Aid	Local Educational Interests		W. H. M. S.							
		Salary	House Rent	Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Appor-tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church	(b) Spec'l Gifts		(a) Church	(b) Spec. Gifts	(a) Church	(b) S. Sch'l	Total			American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deaconness	Epworth League
Bethany	G. M. Fulton	$700	$100	$800		$54	$54	$10	$10	$889	$25		$25	$85	$90	$20		$12			$5	$7		$3			$7				$7	$2	$5	
Camden	C. L. Gowdy	750	150	900		56	56	8	7	963	5		5	225	55	50			$8			3		$3			15				40		
Centerville and Lytle	A. D. Maddox	850	150	1000		71	71	12	12	1083	40		40	225	106	60		40	30		10	12		22	$4	$1	107			$140	5		37	
Dayton: Broadway	S. P. Young	1500	400	1900		120	120	21	21	2041	35		35	500	150	112	117	105	100		10	10		20			154	$190		114			22	
Grace	M. B. Fuller	2500	600	3100		241	241	89	89	3880	241		241	3029	300	400	101	300	300		16	174		190	50	25	416	429	590	3882				
Homestead Ave	J. F. Probst															5			3		3	3		3										
Raper	V. F. Brown	1600	300	1900		142	142	26	26	2066	70		70	1503	290	191	21	105	207		12	45	$3	57		5	423	224	199	205	28			
Riverdale	E. W. Serl	1100		1100		82	82			1182	9		9	700	130	25		8	15			10		10		1				85			18	
St. Paul	D. G. Latshaw	1800	300	2100		142	142	33	33	2275	50		50	1000	400	160	100	99	218		28	20		48	25	5	161	188		450	33		80	
Trinity	C. P. Pumphrey	850	150	1000		78	78	12	12	12	20		20	814	120	30	25	30	25		7			7		1		40	7	51	7			
Eaton and West Alexandria	E. M. Ellsworth	1700	200	1900		128	128	15	15	2043	60		60	968	278	58	60	100	56		7	7		14	2	4	101	112	42	76	5	2	16	
Ebenezer and Woodward	Jas. M. Bennett	600	144	744		52	52	9	9	805	5		5	250	160	18	42	30	5		5	5		10	5	2				4	4			
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	T. G. Williams	700	100	810		60	60	10	10	870	56		56	150	72	472	40	96	202		10	80		40	10	10				112		10	65	$2
Donnelsville and Bellbrook	C. F. Gowdy	350		350		26	26		6	382	5		5	50		21		9	4		6		8	9		1	1	1			8			
Fort Jefferson	G. W. Berry	600	100	700		48	48	9	9	757	28		28	140	82	40		2	5		1	4		5		1					4			
Franklin	A. J. Kestle	1000	150	1150		86	86	16	16	1252	40		40	475	100	39		60	39		3	18		19		5	47	60	48	49	13		18	
Germantown	G. E. McDonald	550		650	Ex100	47	40	8	8	698	47		47	80	79	21		40	20		3	15		15		3					5			
Gordon	T. Cundy	600	75	665	20	50	45	10	9	709	15		15	200	100	26		49	15		7	7		14		2					5			
Hamilton: 1st Church	A. B. Austin	2000	540	2540		177	177	30	30	2747	50		50	1428	500	126		95	120		10	24		34	9	6		180	117	434	8	25	118	
Lindenwald	N. O. Sweat	800		800		40	40	8		840	8		8	385	115	14		5	14		6	4		10		2		29		28				
Lewisburg and Brookville	Geo. W. Keen	775	125	900		67	67	10	10	977	42		42	202	231	42		47	38		6		16	22		2		80	30	37			33	
Miamisburg	F. G. Mitchell	1400	200	1600		120	120	22	22	1742	120		120	725	328	97		66	61		20	20		40	5	5	141	67	27	163	21	15	68	
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker	1500	240	1740		120	120	18	18	1878	100		100	1045	238	85		55	100		10	45		55	5	11	85	115	17	121		7	60	
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	800	100	900		67	67	12	12	979	15		15	135	50	32		18	7		4	3	2	5		2		14	9		4		10	
New Paris	C. S. Grauser	600	75	678		40	40	8	4	722	15		15	95	68	23		13	21		2	7		9		2								
Osborn	A. Hamilton	700	110	810		60	60	10	10	880	12		12	200	150	15		12	12		3			3	2	2	54			45	2			
Oxford	Charles Bovard	1500	300	1800		127	127	18	18	1945	75		75	725	170	137	40	43	127	$5	10	40		50		6	150	288	2	109	24	36	57	
Port Union and Glendale	G. P. Austin	800	125	925		69	69	10	10	1004	15		15	125	65	15			10		10	5		15	3	2				3				
Seven Mile	O. D. Becker	800	100	900		67	67	8	8		34		34	191		67		17	37		9	11		20		2	49			9			40	
Springboro and Red Lion	J. L. Dalby	800	75	875		67	67	12	10	952	15		15	185	47	45		12	18		7	8		15	2	2		38		16	6			
Venice, (Ross)	H. Hershey	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	20		20	160	160	50	20														5			
Walker and Union	A. A. McGinnis	400		390	10	26	26		4	420	15		15	28	41		25	10	15		11	5		16		4	2				4			
West Carrollton	W. T. Gilliland	900	200	1125	Ex 25	82	82	18	18	1220	80		80	354	218	144	4	59	61		16	85		51	10	4	154	110	28	84	2			2
West Chester	F. J. Reinbarth	700	100	742	58	60	55	9	7	804	5		5	145	110	12	30	1	2		5		1	5		2				48	3			
West Elkton	A. G. Newton	615	60	675		49	49	8	8	732	10		10	125	115	30		17	11		5	5		10	2	2					1		15	
West Milton	R. O. Matthews	600	50	710		46	46		4	760	10		10	180	50			15			5			5										
Totals		$84140	$5894	$87471	$87	2827	2810	$484	$440	$40849	1392		1392	17172	$5167	2677	625	1570	1906	$5	$263	$577	$25	$847	$184	122	$2010	2065	601	$8315	197	97	$645	$4

THOMAS, Winton Place, Cincinnati, O.,
SECRETARY OF STATISTICS.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

C. W. HORN, Cincinnati, Ohio,
CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.				Su'port Presid. Elders.		Support of Bish'ps		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants.			Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																		Epworth League
		Claims.														Missions.				Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools.				Edu-cation												
		Salary	House Rent	Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Received From Collections	Received From Other Sources	Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Board For. Missions (a) Church	(b) Spec'l Gifts	Sunday-school not Divided	Board of Home Miss. & Ch'h Ex. (a) Church	(b) Spec. Gifts	Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S. (a) Child' Fund for Stud Aid	(a) Church	(b) S. Sch'l	Total	Local Educational Interest	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deaconness	
Avondale Charge: Avondale	C. E. Schenk	$2400	$750	$3150		$270	$270	$25	$25	$3445	$280		$261	$210	$175	$259		$90	$240		$10	$178		$198	$32	$88	$3050	$943	100	$3763	$45	121	$1159	
Pleasant Ridge	J. E. McGee	1200		1200		16	16	5	5	1221	25		25	160	130	42		27	10		2	4		6	10	2				45	5			$1
Bond Hill	H. R. Whiting	800		800		14	14	8	8		15		15	120	80	50			30		5	4		9		1	8	8		88	5	4	8	
Carthage	J. J. Hawk	900		925	Rx 25	22	22	5	5	949	10		10	450	96	16		18	10		3	6		9		63				54				
Central Charge: Christie	L. O. Hartman	1400		1400		72	72	5	5	1475	15		15	500	164	90	$58	20	6		5	2	$8	10	8	2	12	86		349	9	5	17	1
Asbury	E. S. Gaddis	1000		1000		60	60	6	6	1066	28		29	350	85	52		12	40		14	18		27	4	10	14	45		73	7	25	27	
York Street	C. L. Myers	1000		1200	Rx200	56	56	8	8	1264	15		15	300	160	20		40	10		8		17	20		2				12			12	
Finley	J. L. Duckwall	1000		1000		30	30	5	5	1085	25		25	350	95	10		10	30			10		10	1					38	12		12	
East Pearl Street	S. G. Pollard	800	300	600		19	19	2	2	621	28		28	281	77	4		10	7		2	1		3		4	2			39			8	
Clifton	J. W. Peters	1200		1200		74	74	15	15	1289	50		50	800	80	100		10	20		10			15	5	5	183	158		12	10	70	45	
Columbia	C. W. Horn	1100	300	1400		54	54	8	8	1462	20		20	561	220	10		50	10		1	5		6		2	41	84		81	8		46	
Delta Avenue	J. P. Ninde	900		900		48	48		4	952	13		13	200	115	18		42	7		8	1	1	10	1	3				43	6		6	
Elmwood Place & Reading	T. D. Moore	1020		1020		32	32		1	1058	5		5					22			7		2	9			42			28				
Fairmount	J. R. Troxell	800	240	1140	Rx100	30	30		5	1175	12		12	185	225		1	43	16		3	7		10	4	1	50			52	3	2	16	3
1st Church, Northside	O. L. Seward	1200		1200		54	54	12	12	1266	20		20	950	264	29		36	8		2	8		5	2	2	50	78		172				1
Linwood	W. C. Mitchell	750		807	Rx 57	18	18		2	827	10		10	150	135	25		20	25		6	10		16	1	1				59	2			
McKendree	J. A. White	1000		1000		48	48	5	5	1058	29		29	250	164	43		30	17		8	10		18			26			48			8	
Mt. Auburn	H. O. Enwall	1600		1600		96	96	10	10	1706	55		55	1150	150	97	15	70	25		10	30	5	35	8	3	201	70		108	10		3080	2
Mt. Lookout	O. P. Hoffman	1200	300	1500		96	96	10	10	1606	40		40	475	145	60		50	60		12	21	10	43	20	10	167	65	64	220		25	30	
Price Hill	C. W. Sullivan	1666		1741	Rx 75	90	90	17	17	1848	100		100	550	158	102	50		100		10	49		59		5	184	90		230	6			5
Camp Washington	J. D. Darling	1200		1200		21	21	4	4	1225	10		10	250	150	8		12	5		2		12	14	1		43			46				
St. Paul	W. D. Cole	2200	600	2800		196	196	20	20	3016	90		90	3040	278	205	330	78	188	287	5	25		80	21	15	318	578	101	900	24			
Trinity	H. D. Ketcham	1800	600	2400		168	168	25	25	2586	75		75	650	300	100		140	100		18	33		48	2	8	208	151		780		27	179	
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young	2750	750	3500		280	280	40	40	3920	215		215	2477	290	25	260	424	213		15	125	15	140	20	19	585	564		851	28	10	257	
Wesley Chapel	G. Roughton	1200	500	1700		169	169	21	21	1890	65		65	1650	100	323			105		5	30		35			170	49		10			10	
Westwood Charge: Westwood	J. A. Story	1600	600	2200		126	126	20	20	2346	1267		1267	1683	315	778	264	70	880		11	562		573		148	252			6528			916	
Groesbeck, Asbury, & Ebenezer	W. F. Martin	1000		1000		24	24	2	2	1026	15		15	160	90	20		5	10		8	3		11		2								
Miami, Mt. Hope, & Dent	W. C Nash	1000		1000		24	24	4	4	1027	11		11	98	98	25		10	20		4	3		7	3	3						5	
Winton Place	J. E. Thomas	900	300	1200		70	70	5	5	1275	8		8	157	127	25		31	6			6		6		2	86	51		79	2	5	6	
Addyston	David W. Clark	700		700		19	19			719	5		5	88	75			10															
Cleves & Harrison	S. A. Stephan	1000	240	1240		50	50			1290	10		10	300	80			10	9			2		2		1	29	8						
Delhi	W. A. Wiant	1800		1865	Rx 65	90	90	12	12	1967	100		100	468	391	125	70	250	50		11	17		28		10	158	90	40	428	17		21	
Hartwell	G. F. Barber	1400	300	1600		96	96	20	20	1716	40		40	848	184	25		90	25		10	15		25	7	18	201	258		84				
Wayne Avenue	W. L. Y. Davis	1800	500	2300		136	136	25	25	2461	101		101	1400	250	1586		55	144			166		166	25	62	418			536	25	2000	649	
Madisonville	John Pearson	1500	300	1800		150	150	15	15	1965	85		85	775	180	108		150	68		2	75	4	81		26	342	274		189	26		274	
Norwood: 1st Church	J. L. Corley	1400		1400		54	54	10	10	1464	30		30	767	200	60	20	38	18		15	30		45	10	2	124	14		173	13	2	94	5
Grace Church	C. C. Peale	1800		1800		78	78	12	12	1890	40		40	506	125	187	80		72		5	18		23			96	116		210	11	2	23	
Riverside	W. C. Lewis	800		800		18	18			818				94	100	7			11		3	3	2	8		1				31				3
State Avenue	C. Harold Clerke	1000		1000						1000	6		6	250	75	5	4	8	1								18			23	5			
Totals		$	$	$		$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$	$	$	21

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.				Su'port Presid. Elders.		Support of Bish'ps		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants.			Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																				
		Claims.														Missions.				Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools.				Education		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S.		Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deaconness	Epworth League
		Salary	House Rent	Total Receipts	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Received From: Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Board for Missions (a) Church	(b) Spec'l Gifts	Sunday-school not Divided	Board of Home Miss. & Ch'h Ex. (a) Church	(b) Spec. Gifts	Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S. Child' Fund for Stud. Aid	(a) Church	(b) S. Sch'l	Total	Local Educational Interests			(a) Cash	(b) Supplies						
Bethany	G. M. Fulton	$700	$100	$800		$54	$54	$10	$10	$889	$25		$25	$85	$90	$20		$12		$5	$7		$3			$7				$7	$2	$5	
Camden	C. L. Gowdy	750	150	900		56	56	8	7	963	5		5	225	55	50			$8		8		3			15						40	
Centerville and Lytle	A. D. Maddox	850	150	1000		71	71	12	12	1083	40		40	225	106	60		40	30		10	12		22	$4	$1	107			$140	5		57	
Dayton: Broadway	S. P. Young	1500	400	1900		120	120	21	21	2041	35		35	500	150	112	117	105	100		10	10		20			154	$190		114			22	
Grace	M. B. Fuller	2500	600	3100		241	241	39	39	3380	241		241	3929	300	400	101	300	300		16	174		190	50	25	416	429	$90	3882				
Homestead Ave	J. F. Probst															5			3		3			3										
Raper	V. F. Brown	1600	300	1900		142	142	26	26	2066	70		70	1503	290	191	21	105	207		12	45	$3	57		5	423	224	159	205	28			
Riverdale	E. W. Serl	1100		1100		82	82			1182	9		9	700	120	25		8	15			10		10		1				85			18	
St. Paul	D. G. Latshaw	1800	300	2100		142	142	33	33	2275	50		50	1000	400	160	100	99	218		28	20		48	25	5	161	138		450	33		30	
Trinity	C. P. Pumphrey	850	150	1000		78	78	12	12	12	20		20	814	120	80	25	30	25		7			7		1		40	7	51	7			
Eaton and West Alexandria	E. M. Ellsworth	1700	200	1900		128	128	15	15	2048	60		60	968	278	58	60	100	56		7	7		14	2	4	101	112	42	76	5	2	16	
Ebenezer and Woodward	Jas. M. Bennett	600	144	744		52	52	9	9	805	5		5	250	160	18	42	80	5		5	5		10	5	2				4	4			
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	T. G. Williams	700	100	810		60	60	10	10	870	56		56	150	72	472	40	96	202		10	30		40	10	10				112		10	65	$2
Donnelsville and Bellbrook	C. F. Gowdy	350		350		26	26		6	382	5		5	50		21		9	4		6		3	9		1	1	1			3			
Fort Jefferson	G. W. Berry	600	100	700		48	48	9	9	757	28		28	140	82	40		2	5		1	4		5		1					4			
Franklin	A. J. Kestle	1000	150	1150		86	86	16	16	1252	40		40	475	100	39		60	39		3	18		19		5	47	60	43	49	13		18	
Germantown	G. E. McDonald	550		650	$100	47	40	8	8	698	47		47	80	79	21		40	20		8	15		15		3					5			
Gordon	T. Cundy	600	75	665	20	50	45	10	9	709	15		15	200	100	26		48	15		7	7		14		2					5			
Hamilton: 1st Church	A. B. Austin	2000	540	2540		177	177	30	30	2747	50		50	1423	500	126		95	120		10	24		34	9	6		180	117	434	8	25	118	
Lindenwald	N. O. Sweat	800		800		40	40	8		840	8		8	385	115	14		5	14		6	4		10		2		29		28				
Lewisburg and Brookville	Geo. W. Keen	775	125	900		67	67	10	10	977	42		42	202	231	42		47	38		6		16	22		2		80	30	37			38	
Miamisburg	F. G. Mitchell	1400	200	1600		120	120	22	22	1742	120		120	725	329	97		66	61		20	20		40	5	5	141	67	27	168	21	15	63	
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker	1500	240	1740		120	120	18	18	1878	100		100	1045	236	85		55	100		10	45		55	5	11	85	115	17	121		7	60	
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson	800	100	900		67	67	12	12	979	15		15	135	50	32		18	7		4	8	2	5		2		14	9		4		10	
New Paris	C. S. Grauser	600	75	678		40	40	8	4	722	15		15	95	68	23		13	21		2	7		9		2								
Osborn	A. Hamilton	700	110	810		60	60	10	10	880	12		12	200	150	15		12	12		3			3	2	2	54			45	2			
Oxford	Charles Bovard	1500	300	1800		127	127	18	18	1945	75		75	725	170	137	40	43	127	$5	10	40		50		6	150	238	2	109	24	36	57	
Port Union and Glendale	G. P. Austin	800	125	925		69	69	10	10	1004	15		15	125	65	15			10		10	5		15	3	2					3			
Seven Mile	O. D. Becker	800	100	900		67	67	8	8		34		34	191		67		17	87		9	11		20		2	49			9			40	
Springboro and Red Lion	J. L. Dalby	800	75	875		67	67	12	10	952	15		15	185	47	45		12	18		7	8		15	2	2		38		16	6			
Venice, (Ross	H. Hershey	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	20		20	160	160	50	20									5					5			
Walker and Union	A. A. McGinnis	400		390	10	26	26		4	420	15		15	28	41		25	10	15		11	5		16		4	2				4			
West Carrollton	W. T. Gilliland	900	200	1125	$25	82	82	18	18	1220	80		80	354	218	141	4	59	61		16	35		51	10	4	154	110	28	84	2			2
West Chester	F. J. Reinbarth	700	100	742	58	60	55	9	7	804	5		5	145	110	12	30	1	2		5		1	5		2				48	3			
West Elkton	A. G. Newton	615	60	675		49	49	8	8	732	10		10	125	115	30		17	11		5	5		10	2	2					1		15	
West Milton	R. O. Matthews	600	50	710		46	46		4	760	10		10	180	50			15			5			5										

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor | Pastor's Support. | | | | Su'port Presid. Elders. | | Sup-port of Bish'ps | | Total Support Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops | Conference Claimants. | | Current Expens's | | Benevolent Collections. | | | |

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor | Pastor's Support. | | | | Su'port Presid. Elders. | | Support of Bish'ps | | Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops | Conference Claimants. | | | Current Expens's | | Benevolent Collections. | | | |

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support. (Claims. Salary)	Pastor's Support. (Claims. House Rent)	Pastor's Support. (Total Receipts)	Pastor's Support. (Deficiencies)	Su'port Presid. Elders. (Amount Appor. toward)	Su'port Presid. Elders. (Amount Paid)	Support of Bish'ps (Amount Apportioned)	Support of Bish'ps (Amount Paid)	Total Support Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants. (Received from. Collections)	Conference Claimants. (Received from. Other Sources)	Conference Claimants. (Total)	Current Expens's (Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.)	Current Expens's (S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.)	Benevolent Collections. Missions. (Board for Missions. a Church)	Missions. (Board for Missions. b Spec'l Gifts)	Missions. (Sunday-school not Divided)	Missions. (Board of Home Miss. & Ch'h Ex. a Church)	Missions. (Board of Home Miss. & Ch'h Ex. b Spec Gifts)	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. (Collection for Freed. Aid & S S. Child Fund for Stud Aid)	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. (a Church)	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. (b S. School)	Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools. (Total)	Education (Local Educational Interests)	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. S. (a Cash)	W. H. M. S. (b Supplies)	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged	Hospital and Deaconnesses	Epworth League
Arcanum	S. W. Campbell	$750	$180	$930		$65	$65	$10	$10	$1005	$10		$10	$250	$110	$15		$10	$15		$4		$3	$7	$1	$1	$93								
Brant	W. F. Ward	358	60	418		26	26	6	6	450	1	$10	11	50	60	9		4	9			$3	2	5		1					$1			
Catawba	J. F. Laird	750	150	900		65	65	9	9	974	35		35	100	87	63		34	40		5	10		15		5	46							9
Cedarville	H. C. Middleton	725	100	841	Ex 9	45	45	13	14	899	35		35	325	120	10		30	16			20		20		5					$13			
Christiansburg	Frank Neer	600	72	529		35	23	9		552	4		4	135	125	10	$8	6	10		9	5		14			$43						
Concord & Westville	C. W. Briggs	750	100	860		45	45	12	12	57	27		27	200	90	35		16	34		6	10	6	22	10	6	18			35	4		11	
Covington	W. H. Spybey	600	144	744		35	35	9	9	788	14		14	200	96	19		10	18		4	16		20		7	61			114			4	
Dialton	S. M. Griffith	700	100	800		50	50	10	10	860	30		30	165	110	40		5	40			10		10		5	28			100				
Greenville	A. L. Brokaw	1200	300	1500		120	120	19	19	1639	58		58	1114	380	30	109	105	30		7	8		15	5	4	102	109	100	204	5	$5	10	
King's Creek	A. G. Shatzman	500		621		25	25	8	8	562	13		5	305		60			17		2			2						68				
Mechanicsburg	J. W. Gaddis	900	200	1120		85	85	17	17	1222	43		43	500	250	106		87	51		2	35		37	1	1	52	76	4	431			25	
Mutual	W. D. English	700	100	800		40	40	10	10	850	10		10	210	60	50			14		12	5		17		2								
New Carlisle	J. W. Patton	800	150	950		50	50	10	10	1010			53	220	210	45		45	7		3	2		5	1	1	103			25				
New Moorefield	J. C. Eckler	650	100	750		60	60	5	5	815	12		12	300	180	60		25	32		12	18		30		2		28						
Piqua: Grace	H. E. Armacost	900	300	1200		50	50	17	17	1277			40	300	132	110		72	95		5		5	10		5	86	25	6	125		5	5	
Greene St.	S. W. Bell	1800	400	2200		140	140	28	28	2768	125		125	1600	500	375	285	100	200		25	64		89	60	66	427	186	100	115		25	30	
So. Charleston	G. W. Vorhis	900	300	1200		60	60	13	13	1273	72		72	335	253	102	60	84	79		14	32		46	5	10	13			40		5	46	
Springfield: Central	A. W. Leonard	1600	400	2000		140	140	22	22	2162	128	5	133	442	247	273	70	565	140		10	30	5	45	17	22	190	101	20	135		150	134	
Clifton	H. G. Curless	950	150	1100		40	40	12	12	1152	25		25	200	125	30	25	30	5		3	4		7						21	1			
Grace	A. F. White	775		775		25	25	9	5	805	9		9	133	55	13		30	13		3	3		1 6		2				34			25	
High St.	E. P. Edmonds	2000	600	2600		140	140	29	29	2769	150		150	2100	200	200		100	180		50		5	55	20	15	236	249	112	144		225	60	
St. Paul	O. L. Utter	1300	400	1700		120	120	10	10	1830	20		20	511	216	67		58	25		4	10		14		5	76	106		28		1	4	
Tippecanoe City	O. M. Sellers	800	150	950		50	50	13	13	1013	33		33	225	100	25		37	22		18	10		28	2	2	6	29		58		4	8	
Tremont	H. M. Killinder	545		545		35	35	11	9	597	10		10	286	190	28		10	36		10	10		20		5						7		
Troy	W. H. Wehrly	1500	300	1800		125	125	21	21	1946	120		120	1015	250	250		160	27		62	20		82		32	70	113	81	125	5	5	47	
Troy Circuit	D. S. Ferguson	650	150	811		35	35	7		853	32		32	140	114	48		21	31		20		8	28		5	1	12		28			7	
Urbana: First Ch	G. H. Smith	1300	300	1600		130	130	19	19	1749	91		91	1303	103	115		177	115		8	30		38		5	126	48	55	128		10	7	
Grace	C. M. Van Pelt	1300	300	1600		130	130	19	19	1749	104		104	1055	184	136	113	45	136		15	30		45		5	66	62	49	147		114	22	
Yellow Springs	B. D. Hypes	875	150	1081	Ex 6	60	60	10	10	1101	25		25	200	100	50		50	30		10	4	1	15	1	1	117	73				3		
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RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

| Name of Charge. | Name of Pastor | Pastor's Support. | | | | Su'port Presid. Elders. | | Sup-port of Bish'ps | | Total Support: Pastors, Presidg. Elders, and Bishops | Conference Claimants. | | | Current Expens's | | Benevolent Collections. | | | |

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of Presiding Elder and Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID .....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
CLEVES,	$550	$550
Harrison,	450	450
ELMWOOD PLACE,	600	600
Reading,	420	420
WESTWOOD CHARGE,		
Groesbeck,	325	325
Asbury,	135	135
Ebenezer,	140	140
Miami,	400	400
Dent,	350	350
Mt. Hope,	250	250
DAYTON DISTRICT.		
BELLBROOK,	200	200
Donnellsville,	150	150
CENTERVILLE,	600	600
Lytle,	250	250
EATON,	1,200	1,200
West Alexander,	500	500
FAIRHAVEN,	440	440
Sugar Valley,	260	260
FORT JEFFERSON,	183	183
Hollandsburg,	178	178
Jaysville,	128	128
New Madison,	111	111
GORDON,	265	265
West Baltimore,	175	187
Pittsburg,	135	135
West Sonora,	65	45
LEWISBURG,	400	400
Brookville,	300	300
Pyrmont,	75	75
MONROE,	650	650
Amanda,	150	150
NEW PARIS,	300	303
Gettysburg,	300	300
PORT UNION,	359	359
Glendale,	233	233
Princeton,	158	158
Valley Chapel,	50	50
SEVEN MILE,	533	533
Darrtown,	266	267
SPRINGBORO,	400	400
Red Lion,	400	400

APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID .....
DAYTON—Continued.		
VENICE,	$100	$100
New Haven,	125	125
New Baltimore,	115	115
Okeana,	200	200
St. Charles,	160	160
WALKER,	175	175
Union,	250	250
WEST CHESTER,	290	300
Tylersville,	210	220
Sharonville,	200	122
WEST ELKTON,	175	175
Gratis,	115	115
Macedonia,	75	75
Pleasant Hill,	50	50
Somerville,	200	200
WEST MILTON,	445	400
Concord,	125	125
Pleasant Hill,	49	30
Union,	92	50
WOODWARD AVENUE,	300	325
Ebenezer,	275	275
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
BOWERSVILLE,	262	262
Center,	210	210
Haws,	86	86
Zion,	92	92
CLARKSVILLE,	337	337
Harveysburg,	146	146
Olive Branch,	153	153
Pansy,	82	82
Union,	82	82
HIGHLAND,	369	376
Memphis,	275	325
Samantha,	156	156
LEESBURG	520	520
Olive Chapel,	160	160
East Monroe,	120	120
LYNCHBURG,	436	436
Dodsonville,	200	184
Dunn's,	200	200
Russell,	140	140

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.		
Maineville,	$425	$425
Cozaddale,	110	110
Zoar,	165	165
Martinsville,	232	232
Midland,	95	95
Morrisville,	233	232
Westboro,	190	190
New Burlington,	251	251
Lumberton,	216	216
Sharon,	233	233
Zoar,	100	100
New Jasper,	500	500
Tabor,	100	100
White Chapel,	100	100
New Vienna,	400	400
Auburn,	200	200
West Chapel,	150	150
Pleasant Plain,	110	110
Butlerville,	135	116
Wesley,	135	135
Edenton,	135	93
McKendree,	85	85
Rainsboro,	302	302
Boston,	74	74
Marshall,	160	160
New Petersburg,	114	119
Sinking Spring,	183	183
Carmel,	170	170
Cedar,	50	50
Pisgah,	70	70
South Lebanon,	425	425
Shiloh	125	125
Rochester,	50	50
Union,	230	245
Glady,	135	140
Mt. Holly,	60	30
Richland,	145	150
Spring Valley,	230	235
MILFORD DISTRICT.		
Bethel,	476	476
Lakin,	112	112
Old Bethel,	112	112
Branch Hill,	100	100
Brecon,	100	117
Miamiville,	100	100
Montgomery,	50	70
Rossmoyne,	100	55
Chilo,	200	200
Cedron,	100	100
McKendree,	90	90

Appointments.	Appor-tioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Chilo—Continued.		
Smith's Landing,	$60	$60
Parsonage,	50	50
Decatur,	174	166
Eckmansville,	75	75
Fairview,	75	75
North Liberty,	131	131
Russellville,	145	145
Feesburg,	55	55
Eden,	234	154
Hamersville,	138	138
Pisgah,	68	68
Zion,	55	55
Felicity,	435	435
Mt. Olive,	40	50
Point Isabel,	125	125
Georgetown,	700	700
Freesoil,	100	100
Hillman,	100	100
Laurel,	225	225
Franklin,	122	122
Mt. Pisgah,	181	181
Spring Grove,	122	122
Manchester,	450	450
Bentonville,	160	160
Quinn,	80	80
Marathon,	123	125
Burdsall,	75	75
Fayetteville,	56	56
Greenberry,	75	75
Taylors,	48	44
Mason,	565	617
Socialville,	135	83
Union,	100	100
Mount Orab,	225	225
Buford,	150	108
New Hope,	50	50
Sardinia,	225	172
Shiloh,	105	78
Mt. Washington,	525	555
California,	225	225
Salem,	100	100
Mulberry,	90	90
Concord,	105	100
Mt. Olive,	80	60
Mt. Zion,	90	90
Perintown,	90	90
Pleasant Hill,	118	81
Newtown,	189	209
Armstrong,	189	212
Camp Dennison,	100	110
Madeira,	122	140

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
MILFORD—Continued.		
Owensville,	$189	$189
Belfast,	177	177
Maple Grove,	57	57
Newtonville,	177	177
Peebles,	517	517
Dunbarton,	155	155
Locust Grove,	88	88
Summerside,	181	182
Asbury,	181	182
Olive Branch,	181	167
Withamsville,	55	55
West Union,	462	462
Liberty Chapel,	150	140
Stone Chapel,	88	88
Williamsburg,	800	800
Clover,	150	150
Winchester,	400	400
Seaman,	300	335
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		
Brandt,	157	157
Palmer,	174	174
Wayne,	87	87
Catawba,	445	457
Nation,	227	233
Pleasant,	78	60
Cedarville,	650	650
Clifton,	75	91
Christiansburg,	194	180
Beech Grove,	95	95
McKendree,	226	137
Wesley,	85	44

Appointments.	Apportioned.	Paid.....
SPRINGFIELD—Continued.		
Concord,	$606	$606
Westville,	201	201
Dialton:		
Asbury,	123	123
Grafton,	70	70
Newson Chapel,	433	433
Sims,	132	132
King's Creek,	375	369
Cable,	100	125
Kennard,	25	27
Mutual,	270	270
Fountain Park,	55	55
Treacle Creek,	125	125
Union,	300	300
New Moorefield:	140	140
Asbury,	160	160
Fletcher,	175	175
New Moorefield Chapel,	175	175
South Charleston,	750	750
Selma,	150	150
Tremont City,	181	181
Brighton,	70	70
Terre Haute,	181	181
Vienna Cross Roads,	113	113
Troy Circuit,		
Bethel,	201	203
Crosstown,	248	255
Raper,	201	203
Yellow Springs,	675	675
Emory,	100	105
Old Town,	100	101

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COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee has carefully and thoroughly examined the following-named accounts: The Mears Bequest, Treasurer of Publishing Committee, Conference Treasurer, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and find the same to be correct. G. P. AUSTIN, *Chairman.*
THOMAS D. MOORE, *Secretary.*

EDUCATION.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

The School of Theology of Boston University, with its complete and gifted Faculty and elegant building on Beacon Hill, arrests attention and commands respect in a city where Methodism gained its first foothold a hundred years after other denominations were strongly intrenched. When to the peculiar facilities of the school are added those which arise from its location in one of the most cultured cities in the world, it is not surprising that the number seeking its advantages steadily increases. The attendance last year was the largest in the history of the school.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Drew Theological Seminary has had another year of prosperity. The number of students for the year was one hundred and seventy-five, and the incoming and graduating classes were among the largest in the history of the institution.

In addition to its regular departments, the seminary affords opportunities for acquaintance with the institutional Church, for which ample opportunities are found in the city of New York. Drew Seminary Settlement, in New York City, enables students to spend the Sabbath in New York, and they are especially charged to devote themselves to the study of city problems.

By arrangement with the Columbia University and the New York University, students are allowed to pursue studies in those institutions without cost.

The Missionary Department is receiving special attention, and a room has been recently fitted up for special mission study and investigation and for a Museum of Missions.

GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

The Conference visitors report Garrett Biblical Institute as being in excellent condition. Thirty-five graduated at Commencement last May. The spirit of the school is evangelistic and missionary. It deserves a large share in the thought and patronage of Methodism.

To their equipment, during the last year, they have added a new fireproof Library, which is to be conducted according to the best methods of the day. The institution has received during the last year from a generous friend a gift of $90,000.

THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, has by another year of glorious service and results proven its right to be at the front of the educational forces of Ohio Methodism.

Sanborn Hall, as the new music building is to be called, was provided for this year by the splendid generosity of Mrs. Clason, her donation for that purpose amounting to $53,000. The cornerstone of the building is laid and it is expected that the building will be ready for use by the close of next college year.

The Merrick Lectures, delivered in the month of April this past year, were on the general topic of the "Social Application of Christianity." These lectures, since their institution, have been attended by an increasing number of our ministers. They have been most instructive and popular, and will continue on the same high level.

The enrollment of the university for the past year has been 1,286—the largest in the history of the university—the graduating class amounting to 133.

Special and notable honor has come to the university in the intercollegiate debates. Out of four debates, all of which were held on the same night, the Ohio Wesleyan won three, defeating the teams of Oberlin, Western Reserve, and Kenyon.

It is worthy of notice that the Alpha Beta Kappa Fraternity has been established in our university, as in sixty others. Membership in this society is determined on the basis of scholarship and will both recognize the scholarship attainments of past students and act as an incentive to the students of the present and future.

The revival meetings in the college this year were conducted by President Welch, assisted by members of the Faculty, and proved to be the most satisfactory sources of the kind held in years. These meetings provided stimulus to Students' Volunteer Movement, which now numbers fifty or more volunteers.

A volunteer movement for Home Missions has also been inaugurated, which, so far as known, is the first to be organized in the country.

Another professorship has been provided for by Mrs. F. M. Clemens' gift of $35,000 in memory of her son, Guy Max Clarke. This new professorship is in the Department of Philosophy.

Gifts of the year, amounting in all to $125,000, are the largest for several years. Yet the manifest need of the present hour is more endowment. A decrease in money rates seriously affects the income from present endowments, not yielding as much as when rates were higher. The salaries of our professors must be kept up, otherwise other institutions, with their tempting offers, may deprive us of the eminent services of the very best men. It is high time that the wealthy men of Ohio Methodism were taking the Ohio Wesleyan more seriously and by their gifts enable it to meet a constantly growing mission.

Two buildings are especially and urgently needed now: First, a building for the Department of Physics and Engineering. An increasing demand in this department by students makes necessary a decided increase of present equipment. Also a woman's building is much needed, which shall accommodate a woman's gymnasium, a Y. W. C. A., and provide a social center for the young women of the institution. Mr. H. S. Bradley, who filled out an unexpired term, is recommended for re-election as

Trustee. The Rhodes Scholarship was awarded to Mr. E. Lincoln, a member of the Junior Class. The Rev. Wm. Herr Scholarship is assigned to Stanley Walker Wiant for one year.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE.

The Woman's College, Baltimore, has recently secured Rev. E. A. Noble, D. D., of Hackettstown (New Jersey) Institute, to preside over its rapidly increasing interests and influence. President Noble is a man of large abilities and of splendid character. He wrought with fine success as the head of the Hackettstown Institute, and it is firmly believed by his friends that the same record will be made by him as President of the Woman's College. Dr. Noble's elevation gives peculiar pleasure to Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher, the retiring and eminently able President of this almost unparalleled institution. A member of the Cincinnati Conference, while in attendance upon the General Conference, in May, visited the Woman's College and made many inquiries as to its equipment and achievements for the past year. The report was one of the most gratifying character. An honor to the Methodist Episcopal Church is this school. Its work is scholarly and practical, and its spirit is pre-eminently Christian.

HILLSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE.

We recommend that the following-named persons be elected Trustees of said college for the ensuing year: C. E. Haynes, W. C. Duckwall, J. A. Head, J. W. Watt, Morris Morrow, Harry Zink, the District Superintendent of the Milford District, and the pastor of the Hillsboro charge; said Trustees to be authorized to fill all vacancies that may occur among them.

We direct also that said Trustees proceed at once, by such measures, legal or other, as may be necessary, to secure possession and control of said college and all property belonging thereto, and that they diligently protect all the rights and interests of this Conference in said college and its property, and report their action to the next session of this Conference.

We further recommend that Bishop John M. Walden, John A. Story, and James N. Gamble be appointed as a special commission to co-operate with said Trustees in the accomplishment of the above-mentioned ends.

The following Visitors are recommended:

To Ohio Wesleyan University: W. L. Y. Davis, L. M. Davis; Alternate, J. S. Pumphrey.

To Drew Theological Seminary: C. E. Schenk, A. W. Leonard; Alternate, J. W. Peters.

To School of Theology, Boston University: E. P. Edmonds, J. E. Thomas; Alternate, D. W. Clark.

To Garrett Biblical Institute: W. E. Putt, C. L. Myers; Alternate, J. E. Beery.

To Woman's College, Baltimore: E. H. Cherington; Alternate, L. O. Hartman.

J. S. PUMPHREY, *Secretary.* G. P. AUSTIN, *Chairman.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League, as a special organization for the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has already done a great work, and despite the fact that many questions have been raised concerning its particular function as the representative society of our zealous young Metho-

dism, we believe that its mission has not yet been performed. God will continue to bless this organization by constantly raising up inspired leaders, opening new doors of opportunity, and sending such a special baptism of divine power for every present duty that, instead of raising questions, we may gladly say that the latter days are better than the former.

We endorse the action of the Conference in providing for an anniversary meeting of the Epworth League at its present session and believe that this feature should be continued.

The crying need of the hour is not for some ecclesiastical Napoleon to rally scattered and disorganized forces, but for a consecrated and determined effort on the part of both pastors and young people to bring this organization to such a state of efficiency that it may go forward to its real place as a live, throbbing, evangelistic force.

We direct the attention of the Conference to the splendid work of the Epworth League Institutes held at Franklin and Lakeside

By action of the Epworth League Convention held at Lakeside, July 3d, plans were laid for the organization of a State Board more in harmony with the latest plans of Epworth League organization. This State Board is to be completed by the election of two representatives from each of the Annual Conferences within the bounds of the State, one a layman and the other a minister.

In accordance with the action of the State Convention, we suggest the names of Mr. W. D. Fry and Rev. John L. Duckwall for election to the State Board of the Epworth League. We also recommend the adoption of the Conference Board plan as presented by the Central Office for Conference organization.

JOHN L. DUCKWALL, *Chairman.*

JAMES M. BAILEY, *Secretary.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We rejoice in the great work of the American Bible Society. It seeks, through its auxiliaries and agencies, to put a copy of the Holy Scriptures into every home, to prepare the way, through its translation into different tongues and distribution among foreigners, for the missionary at home and abroad.

Many thousands might say to-day, with Tennyson:

> "Save for my daily range
> Among the pleasant fields of Holy Writ,
> I might despair."

If the perplexing problems and questions of to-day are settled as they should be, it must be by a revival of Bible-reading and Bible-living. We suggest that the Bible be used more freely in our Sunday-schools and read and studied in all our family circles.

We earnestly recommend that the District Superintendent send out early in the year the apportionments to the several pastoral charges, and request every pastor to preach a sermon in the interest of the American Bible Society some time during the year, take the collection for same and try to secure at least the apportionment, which shall be not less than ten per cent of the combined apportionment for the Board of Foreign Missions and Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Never since the great commission was given to the Church was the opportunity so great as now. All doors are open to the gospel herald. Age-long barriers have given way; the fields white, ripe to the harvest, yield large returns to each faithful toiler. More men and women are going to the field, more money is being placed on the altar, more prayers are going up to the Lord of the harvest, more worshipers at heathen altars are turning to Christ than ever before in the Church's history. This is not a phenomenon, it is a condition. Giving never meant so much as now. India, China, Korea, and the Philippines, all tell the same story. And the Church is neither deaf to the call, nor unfaithful to her trust.

The Student Volunteer Movement, the laymen's missionary movement, and kindred forms of missionary activity, all bear witness to the awakened Christian conscience. And in all these movements and duties the Methodist Episcopal Church is doing, and will do, her full part; she dares do no less.

As Bashford leads our hosts in China to victory, as Harris sees such wondrous harvests in Korean fields, as Warne and Oldham and Robinson in India and the Philippines rejoice over the most wonderful ingathering since Pentecost, Hartzell and Scott in Africa,—as all workers in all lands are gladdened and cheered by these days of good tidings, let us in the homeland do our part in praying and giving.

We recommend the monthly concert of prayer for all the charges.

A. B. AUSTIN, *Secretary.* W. A. DEATON, *Chairman.*

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

We are gratified that the General Conference did not put asunder the cognate enterprises of Home Missions and Church Extension, which we were persuaded that God had joined together. We rejoice that the mantle of the lamented James M. King has fallen upon Robert M. Forbes, with his great natural gifts and wide experience in both phases of this work. We sincerely hope that neither the consolidation of the two causes nor the present financial stringency shall cause the wheels of his chariot to drive heavily. The frontier and the slum, the alien and the African, all need the kindly assistance of this Society in securing religious advantages. We pledge it our earnest prayers and unwearied support.

Home Missions include all under the flag: the forty-six States of the Union and her three Territories and insular possessions. In this field the Board has the responsibility in part and in whole of the support of 4,000 missionary workers. This requires a sum equal to $1,250,000, three-fourths of which is for Home Missions and one-fourth for Church Extension.

We as a Conference are in accord with the action of the last General Conference urging the ministry to preach at least one sermon annually, or have preached, upon the work of Home Missions and Church Extension, and to present to the congregation the claims of the Board, separate and apart from all other benevolent offerings and upon its own merit.

That the monthly concert of prayer be held, in which the cause of Missions and Church Extension shall be the subject, and that some one of the special fields be for discussion and for prayer. That we request the ministers to write to the office of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, at 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and secure such charts and maps and literature as will give intelligent representation of the work of the people. That the Sabbath before Thanksgiving, so far as it is practical, be the day upon which a sermon shall be preached upon Home Missions, and the annual offering taken.

That the pastors shall secure the books represented to us in open Conference by Dr. J. H. Fitzwater. First, "Methodism and the Republic;" second, "The World's Greatest Mission Field;" the "United States of America," The Annual Report of the Board, "The Forward Movement of Methodism in the United States." That these books and "The Christian Republic" be secured and put into circulation among the membership of the Church.

The anniversary address of the Board was made on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. A. B. Leonard, Dr. J. H. Fitzwater, the representative of the Board, not being able, because of failure of train connection, to reach the seat of this Conferene in time.

On Saturday morning Dr. J. H. Fitzwater represented the Board and its work in an address before the Annual Conference, urging the pastors to obtain the Board's publications and to present the Board's claims separately.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has held two meetings during the Conference year, and we beg leave to report the following: The first meeting was held in Cincinnati on April 27, 1908, at which time application for a loan of $250 and a donation of $250 was received from our Church at West Milton. On July 13th the Board was again called together to consider an application for a donation of $250 to our Church at Brandt, Ohio. After careful consideration, the Board unanimously recommended that these applications be granted by the Home Board.

On August 24, 1908, the following "list of grants" was received by the Secretary from the Home Board, at Philadelphia:

Dear Brother—The following is a list of the grants made to your Conference by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church for church building, since November 1, 1907:

Nov. 1, 1907.	By balance	$338 22
	Collections, $150; earns	27 27
	Credit	$365 49

We have granted against this credit to Brandt, Ohio, a donation of $250; also to Bethel, Ohio, a loan of $1,500. We have also application from West Milton, Ohio, for a loan of $250 and a donation of $250.

For the current fiscal year, which will close October 31, 1908, your Conference is asked for $22,000. Yours truly,

ROBERT FORBES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The Board makes the following special requests:

1. That the Conference devise some means by which a fund can be created from which the expenses of the Board can be paid.

2. That any member of the Conference knowing of the whereabouts of the old records, report the same to the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. PEALE, *Secretary.* JOHN A. STORY, *President.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In carrying out the great commission of the Master, the Church of Jesus Christ has come to believe that her best method is to save and train the young. While she recognizes that her most efficient and faithful department is the Sunday-school, the Methodist Episcopal Church has been slow to make adequate provision for this most important work.

All Sunday-schools of Methodism are under the supervision of the Board of Sunday-schools, David G. Downey, Corresponding Secretary, and

to this Board is committed the great work of establishing Sunday-schools on the frontier and in neglected sections in city and country. Thus the work of this Board stands before the Church as a great benevolence. The Church is asked to observe the last Sunday in October, or such other Sunday as may be convenient, as Sunday-school day, upon which a collection is to be taken, to be devoted to the maintenance and advancement of our Sunday-school work throughout the bounds of the Church. As pastors we will see that this provision of the Discipline is faithfully executed.

That the organization may be complete, the General Conference recommends the establishment in every Conference of a Conference Board of Sunday-schools, which shall have general oversight of the Sunday-school interests within the Conference. We therefore desire to nominate the following ministers and laymen, who shall constitute the Conference Board of Sunday-schools. John Pearson, A. B. Austin, H. W. Bailey, W. L. Y. Davis, L. A. Stabler, Burch Layman, Dr. W. H. McAdow, H. A. Cosley.

We earnestly request all our Sunday-schools to co-operate with this Board in organizing along the lines of the new standard of grading and make the most of these splendid opportunities.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

1. The twenty-four schools and colleges under the control of the Freedmen's Aid Society constitute the only means of Christian education for the training of ministers, teachers, doctors, and other leaders for our 300,000 colored members and their families, and for our share of the ten million black people in the United States.

2. These schools have trained and sent forth more than 12,000 teachers, 3,000 ministers, besides lawyers, doctors, dentists, and other members of professions to work for and lead their own race.

3. Industrial work is a part of the requirements in most of these schools. In them are taught carpentry, masonry, printing, shoemaking, painting, farming, sewing, housekeeping, and other mechanical arts and industries, so that young men and women may go out prepared to do their share of the world's work and become useful and worthy citizens.

4. The colored people are realizing that through education, industrial or otherwise, lies the road to the respect and confidence of all men, and are striving therefor. As evidence of this our colored members have given, during the past year, for the support of their own schools, $27,678.10, the South Carolina Conference alone giving $7,099.06.

5. The religious life and work of the schools constitute a very prominent part of the means of moral training. Without the annual revival, with its direct appeals to the conscience for absolute surrender to the control of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, no school year is deemed complete. Through this and the work of the Christian Associations and Churches, hundreds of these young men and women are converted.

6. The Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday has been selected as a most suitable time to present the cause of the colored race to our people. The great emancipator's work can very properly be brought before our congregations, and offerings for the Freedmen's Aid Society can then be taken.

7. The Board asks from the whole Church $250,000, or one-fifth of the apportionment for Home Missions and Church Extension. The apportionment of our Conference is $6,000.

8. We recommend the action of the General Conference in restoring this Society to its independent relation as a Church benevolence, and believe that in its special work it will command the liberal support of the Church.

9. We welcome the Secretaries, Drs. Mason and Maveety, elected by the late General Conference, and pledge them our hearty co-operation.

10. We urge all pastors to present this cause to their people as one of the most important before the Church and, if possible, secure the entire apportionment.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

It gives us great pleasure to note the continuous and increasing prosperity of our publishing interests, the growing circulation of our Sunday-school publications; but deplore the announcement made by one of our Agents, that there are some of our schools who use literature furnished by other publishers. We request all our pastors to call the attention of all such to what our Discipline has to say on this subject.

We heartily commend the policy of the present administration of the *Western Christian Advocate* and strongly recommend a concerted effort to so strengthen the subscription list throughout our boundaries that the present list shall be practically doubled, representing one subscriber to every fifteen of our entire membership. We especially commend the attitude of the editor on the moral issues of the present campaign. We recommend to our pastors the advisability of making a special presentation of our publishing interests, and urge our people to subscribe for the *Western*. We recommend that the District Superintendents make strenuous efforts to secure every official member of the local Churches as a subscriber.

We repeat our utterance of last year, commending the action of our Book Committee, our Publishing Agents, our Editors, and the Advertising Agent of our Book Concern, whereby a policy forbidding the insertion of patent nostrums has come into vogue. We will be vigilant and courageous in backing our editorial and publishing authorities in keeping our own columns free from these and other similar advertisements.

We commend the *Methodist Review* to all our people and pastors.

A. D. MADDOX, *Secretary.* CHAS. P. PUMPHREY, *Chairman.*

REFORMS.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The tendency of the modern Church is toward excessive organization. We should remember that nothing is gained by organization where it requires all the power generated to run the machinery. The time has come when our Church needs more power and possibly less machinery.

We rejoice that during the last quadrennium we gained 275,357 communicants; that advanced ground was taken in our Sunday-schools, giving us the most efficient management and the very best helps we have ever had. While our Church membership is 3,307,275, our Sunday-schools enumerate 3,346,483. In the beginning of the quadrennium there were 482 Mission Study Classes, with enrollment of 8,613; at its close there were 1,816 classes, with an enrollment of 22,684 members. Liberality is also growing in our Church and more and more becoming recognized as vitally related to spiritual growth.

We record our pleasure at the action of the General Conference in continuing and reinforcing our work of aggressive evangelism. Let us emphasize everywhere and always the fact that the spiritual life begins with the new birth and that the best way to settle all our vexed questions is through the "expulsive power of a new affection."

TEMPERANCE.

The Methodist Episcopal Church can not be indifferent when the battle is joined with the saloon and its supporters, as it now is in Ohio. We propose to take part in the temperance conflicts waged in Ohio this fall, and hereby lay down the following platform of our principles:

First—We stand for a Christian Sabbath as against a "wide-open" Sunday advocated by the German American Alliance, the Personal Liberty League, and the various liquor organizations of the State. We indignantly protest against the declaration of the German American Alliance, at its State Convention, from the mouth of the principal speaker on the "Sabbath Day:"

"Every theater must be open, to furnish those who must starve in the week, with intellectual food. Those temples should be open where Gambrinus and Bacchus receive libations."

We congratulate the Seventy-seventh General Assembly on its magnificent record for temperance and reform legislation, crowned by the County Local Option Law, which was recommended and signed by Governor Harris.

We will sustain by our votes and efforts the members of the Legislature who made this record and who are candidates for re-election, against the enemies of temperance, who are making extraordinary efforts for their defeat. And particularly will we aid, not as partisans, but as temperance men, in the re-election of Governor Andrew L. Harris, who has been singled out by the liquor interests for political destruction because he signed a law which was passed by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature, recognizing the right of the people to vote by counties upon the saloon question.

We declare that the main political issue in Ohio this fall is whether saloon interests, brewers, and distillers shall control the State, or whether the people, the General Assembly, and the Governor shall rule, and we do not favor the return of Ohio to the former liquor domination, from which we are now escaping.

Recognizing it to be the duty of the Church, and particularly of the Christian ministry, to contend earnestly for the triumph of good morals in politics, we will arouse our people to the issues of this campaign and once more emphasize our record in favor of the Sabbath, religion, and the home, and against all their enemies.

Also, *Resolved*, That we commend to all of our Churches the work of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is the official organization within the Church to carry on and encourage temperance work in all the departments of Church activity.

We urge all Churches to hold a temperance anniversary during the year under the auspices of the Quarterly Conference Temperance Committee, to take up a collection for the use of the Temperance Society, and that each Sunday-school give its collection on one of the Temperance Sundays for the use of this Society.

We urge that in every Sunday-school on Temperance Sundays an opportunity be given to sign the total abstinence pledges.

The National Anti-Saloon League

Convention, held at Norfolk, Virginia, September 20, 1907, was attended by the Rev. James Ellington McGee as the accredited delegate from the Cincinnati Annual Conference. No retrogressive word or action characterized the convention. Its one word was *"Forward."* Its one intent is the elimination of the open saloon on American soil.

It is cause for devout thanksgiving to God that this effective and aggressive organization is literally and in spirit surcharged with Jesus Christ.

He is indeed the "Captain of its Salvation." As an organized branch of the kingdom of God, Methodism should find large gratification in the Presidency of Bishop Luther B. Wilson of the National organization, and the Superintendency of Rev. Dr. P. A. Baker, of the Ohio Conference.

INTERNATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

We rejoice in the augury of peace among the nations of the earth as a consequence of the rapid spread of the gospel of the Prince of Peace. We record it as our earnest conviction that our Church should lend itself to the encouragement of the arbitration principle as the most desirable method of settling international difficulties.

We are gratified with the rapid progress now being made by the cause of industrial arbitration, and we trust that a new era will speedily come when strikes and lockouts and bitter fights between employers and employees shall be no more. We recognize the advantage to labor in unions founded by men for the advancement of their common interests, and announce our sympathy with every legitimate means that has for its object improved conditions in living for all classes of men. To working people everywhere we urge consideration of the fact that the Carpenter of Nazareth and the gospel He embodied have given to diligent and honest labor the only lasting dignity and the highest privileges it has ever enjoyed. We plead with all the sons of toil to become servants and brothers in the kingdom and patience of our Lord.

The hollow-chested little ones, robbed of childhood and old before their time, toiling in a thousand smoke-filled factories and in stifling mines far down beneath the earth's grass and flowers, are a cry to the Church of the Living God for rescue, and we answer by the promise that we will unite as a Church in calling upon the Congress of the United States to wipe out at once the awful iniquity of child labor.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

We protest against the frivolous spirit in which many enter into the state of holy wedlock, and we recommend that our preachers in sermons and addresses declare and insist upon the sacredness of the marriage relation. We protest against the facility with which divorces are frequently granted, and we recommend that our ministers and members use their influence to check this increasing evil and secure the enactment of wise and uniform marriage and divorce laws in all the States of the Union. We protest against the violation of the law forbidding polygamy, and we call upon our people everywhere to oppose strenuously every man and every institution known to be in sympathy with polygamous practices.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We record our appreciation of the services Dr. Starr, an honored member of this Conference, is rendering as Chaplain of our State's penitentiary, and are heartily in favor of those advanced ideas of reform in the treatment of criminals, of which he is an eminent advocate.

We recommend the election of Rev. W. H. Wehrly as Trustee of the Anti-Saloon League in this State.

CHAS. L. BOVARD, *Secretary.* JOHN A. STORY, *Chariman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

At the close of this, the second session of the Cincinnati Conference held in Greenfield, we record our gratitude to God for His abundant blessing.

To our presiding Bishop, resident also in Cincinnati, we extend our most cordial greeting. As he returns, to reside amid scenes made sacred by years of former labor, the love of almost six times ten thousand Methodist members rushes to greet his coming. We trust his seventieth birthday will prove the regirding of his power for the discharge of the duties of his high office for many years in the future, and that Mrs. Moore may live to share the honors of those riper years when love hallows memory and hope steps into the dawn.

We record our appreciation of the presence of Bishop and Mrs. Walden, always at home and ever welcome in the sessions of this Conference, and express our rejoicing in the completion of fifty years of the Bishop's ministerial life.

We are grateful to Bishop Hartzell and Bishop Warne for their splendid services to this Conference.

To our Official Visitors, one and all, we express our appreciation: To Doctors Leonard, Nicholson, Fitzwater, Craig, Moore, Sitterley, Smith, Hingeley, Maveety, Bakefel, Gilbert, F. B. Short, and Mr. Graham.

Without purpose of discrimination, but with emphasis upon each cause in turn, we desire to make note of the work of Dr. Hingeley, who presented to this Conference for the first time new plans for the better support of our Conference claimants; and the work of Dr. E. J. Moore, of the Anti-Saloon League. The masterly presentation by him of the temperance issue captivated this Conference. We commend him most heartily in his new field as State Superintendent of Missouri.

We hereby record our appreciation of the faithful, painstaking work of our Secretaries and Treasurer and their assistants, who have so promptly and with such exactness fulfilled their respective trusts. Especially do we feel that the thanks of this Conference should be extended to Calvin W. Horn for the accomplished and laborious task of preparing for our Minutes a tabulated statement of every appointment in our Conference since its organization, in 1852.

In view of the retirement, this year, of Dr. Albert N. Spahr, after fifty-three years of continuous service within the bounds of the Conference, from the active list, we, his brothers, recognize and deeply honor the sweetness of spirit which has marked his fellowship with us; the loyalty which has distinguished his long service, and the marked success which has attended his labors. We would hereby acknowledge the debt we owe to the influence of his pure and unselfish spirit, and would express the joy with which we heard his semi-centennial address. We pledge not only to Dr. Spahr our unchanging love in the new relation he takes among us, but express to Brother W. J. Baker and to Brother Homer Middleton the same deep love in their similar relationship to this Conference, as well as to Geo. H. Dart and Dr. J. A. White, who this year are changed to the Supernumerary relationship.

In view of the transfer of Dr. C. W. Rishell to the New England Conference, and of Dr. Jesse Bowman Young to the St. John's River Conference, and in response to their fraternal assurances, we desire to express the reciprocal good-will of this body. Through the years of associated labor they have wrought themselves into the very life of this Conference, and as they enter their new Conference relationships our good wishes will attend them. We will rejoice in their successes and sorrow in their calamities.

We have reserved until the final word our deep sense of appreciation in answer to the unstinted hospitality of the people of Greenfield. The

pastor has been the very embodiment of courtesy. His untiring care will not be forgotten by a grateful Conference. The members and friends have thrown wide their doors. The splendid preparation at the church for the guests, who thrice each day found the manna gathered almost at the very altar of the sanctuary, resulted in a most happy Conference association.

The music, made possible like the blessing to Israel in Goshen by an anointed Joseph, transformed many an anxious feeling into the melody of salvation.

The sister denominations have vied with each other in bidding us welcome and making our stay happy. In answer to their courtesy, both to the Lay Association and to the Conference, we extend our most fraternal greeting.

Never was hospitality more unstinted, and never courtesy more uniform, than that expressed by the people of Greenfield. We congratulate the people, who, in love and loyalty, by sacrifice and toil, have cast this magnificent Church into form and made possible the work in every line, both old and new, in the Methodism of the near and farther future.

We trust the coming of this Conference will prove a lasting benediction.

D. J. STARR, *Chairman.*

HEBER D. KETCHAM, *Secretary.*

WOMAN'S WORK.

We glorify God for the abundant honor He has conferred upon us, as men, by calling us to the work of the Christian ministry; but we would not fail to recognize and commend the heroic and self-sacrificing work of *woman* in the cause of God and humanity. From the days of Deborah and Hannah, she has not ceased to rely upon God or to be a laborer in the cause of the world's uplifting.

Among the causes that have claimed her consecrated services we would make appreciative mention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, so long and heroically led by Miss Frances E. Willard; the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, championed by Miss Isabella Thoburn; the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to which Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff has given so much thought and energy; and would especially commend the Glenn Industrial Home, the Elizabeth Gamble Training-school and Christ Hospital, and the great work deaconesses and nurses are doing, under their direction, among the poor and needy, and for the protection of honor and virtue.

But with greater energy, if possible, we would speak the praises of that strong arm of helpfulness to the pastor and local Church—the Ladies' Aid Society. Without ostentation or display, there is here provided an agency through which every woman of the Church may make her presence felt in helpful ways, strangers sought out, introduced, and made to feel at home, funds provided for repairs and betterments to church and parsonage property, etc.

The General Conference has recognized this efficient agency by making the president of each local Society a member of the Quarterly Conference and providing for reports of its work.

All these should meet our hearty approval. Its efficiency has often been tested, and the success of the past and present awakens large expectancy for the future.

SHERMAN P. YOUNG, *Chairman.*

R. E. SMITH, *Secretary.*

VI.

Miscellany.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

The year records many changes, some of which are losses and some of which are gains. Financially we have felt most sorely the depression in business, but friends have generously responded to our convincing appeals and the work has made great progress.

We have lost two deaconesses by death, seven by withdrawal. These withdrawals were made for reasons perfectly satisfactory to the Board. In the death of Miss McEwan, Supervisor of Nurses at Christ's Hospital, we have met a loss which can not be measured in hours of service, skill of direction, balanced judgment, but in the nameless charm of a beautiful personality. In Miss Florence Dever, who has taken up her work, we have found a capable, judicious, and faithful successor who inspires her helpers with the assurance of success.

Miss Hannah M. Pierce, who had served as Superintendent of the Hospital for fifteen years, resigned, but has found most congenial and helpful work in both the Home and Hospital in directing evangelistic, charitable, and practical work connected with the Association. Miss Alice Thatcher was elected as her successor at the Hospital, and has already grasped the problems of the work and is meeting them with eminent satisfaction.

Mrs. Haynes found it necessary to give up the work of superintending the Deaconess Home, after ten years of able service, and her place was filled temporarily by Miss Phrone Powell, whom we would be glad to retain if she could make her plans to continue with us.

A Deaconess Conference was held in the chapel of the Home on Wesley Avenue, April 23d and 24th. The program was profitable and interesting.

The Training School, under the superintendence of Miss Harriet Kemper, daily justifies its founding. The work of classifying the studies, subdividing the work, securing teachers, planning for the home life of the teachers and pupils, has been arduous in the extreme but has been successfully carried through, and we are in splendid condition. About forty students have been in attendance, four of whom were licensed after passing their examinations and recommended for consecration at this Conference: Miss Bertha Jones, Miss Jennie Brown, Miss Margaret Dickens, and Miss Hannah Solomon.

The year has been marked by great improvements in our property, both at the Hospital and in the Home. Early in the Conference year the new Nurses' Home was dedicated. This Home was the gift of Miss Lillian Gamble, who was taken from us soon after the laying of the cornerstone, in the exercises of which she took part. Her brothers, Mr. James N. Gamble and Mr. David B. Gamble, have carried out her wishes in every detail as far as possible. The Home is fitted with all necessary conveniences, and its value realized more and more by the weary deaconesses who find it their comfort after work.

The Deaconess Home, on Wesley Avenue, has been thoroughly refitted and re-furnished, and made in every way a delightful place for the assembling of the deaconesses and their friends. The chapel has been reduced in size, but made more serviceable, and is in frequent use for all suitable services, and also for the gatherings of young people of Cincinnati Methodism. All this improvement has been personally supervised by Mr. James N. Gamble, whose heart has been so thoroughly enlisted in the work from the beginning. It is needless to say, but our great pleasure to say, that the outlay for these improvements has been met by the same hand that planned them.

The work of the year, so far as it can be tabulated in numbers of visits to the needy, the sick, and the unfortunate; in gifts of clothing, flowers, and money; kindergarten work, industrial schools, help in Sunday-school work and Epworth Leagues, cases of help in travelers' aid; Bibles, papers, and other literature distributed; outings given to children and to mothers' meetings conducted, and conversions witnessed,—all this has been reported so far as it could be tabulated by the workers; but it is only a suggestion of the real work done in moral and spiritual helpfulness to needy and fallen humanity. The work is of God and is recorded in the books of heaven.

We recommend that the licenses of the following named deaconesses be renewed: Dora Adron, Idonia Barnes, Anna Bassett, Jennie Brown, Mary V. Cameron, Carrie H. Close, Carrie Darnell, Florence Deaver, Margaret Dickens, Anna Dwinell, Emma Enders, Mary Eyre, Blanche Fuller, Margaret Gloub, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Nettie B. Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Lucelia House, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jacques, Bertha Jones, Harriet L. Kemper, Eleanora Kittell, Evangeline Loufborrough, Bertha Lukemeier, Leila Lybarger, Harriet Malott, Sarah M. Martin, Bessie Mayer, Edythe Nevitt, India Pfaff, Ida Pennell, Hannah M. Pierce, Minnie Post, Clara V. Potter, Florence Rice, Cynthia Richardson, Frances Saunders, Lottie Sinnett, Ella Slear, Clora Solomon, Hannah Solomon, Mary Stewart, Alice Thatcher, Carrie Thompson, Estelle Trusler, Margaret Wilson.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. W. A. Robinson as Financial Secretary. The financial statement for the year is given herewith.

Oct. 1, 1907. Balance in Treasury (Due Endowment Fund, $9,579 35)		$6,028 88
Receipts—		
Dr. Robinson, Secretary	$59,246 30	
Interest and dividends on endowments	3,189 38	
Endowment Fund Principal	4,031 52	
Dividend Traders' Insurance Co.	2 48	
		$66,469 68
		$72,498 56
Expenditures—		
Deaconess Home	$4,580 00	
Christ Hospital	19,925 00	
Cincinnati Missionary Training School	6,400 00	
Dr. Robinson, salary	1,250 00	
Paid on Vouchers	37,581 34	
Sundries	1,245 41	
		$70,981 75
Balance in Treasury, August 26, 1908		$1,516 81
Due Endowment Fund	$13,610 87	
Unpaid Vouchers	5,948 92	

THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED, COLLEGE HILL, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

Oct. 1, 1906. Balance in Treasury (Due Endowment Fund, $7,736 51)		$538 23
Receipts—		
Dr. Robinson, Secretary	$56,776 55	
Interest and Dividends on Endowments	2,928 85	
Endowment Fund Principal	6,799 09	
		$66,504 49
		$67,042 72
Expenditures—		
Deaconess Home	$4,430 00	
Christ Hospital	18,150 00	
Cincinnati Missionary Training School	700 00	
Dr. Robinson, salary	1,375 00	
Paid on Vouchers	31,593 73	
		$61,204 98
Balance in Treasury, September 1, 1907		$5,837 74
Due Endowment Fund	$9,579 35	
Unpaid Vouchers	5,777 57	

METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED.

The Methodist Home for the Aged deserves the support of the Church. The magnificent property acquired at College Hill, with its superb equipment for the care of the aged and infirm, should not be allowed to be crippled in its usefulness by lack of funds for its operation. Methodism should be proud to be the possessor of the most complete institution of its kind in all America. The $300,000 investment, nine-tenths of which has come from the consecrated children of Methodist preachers, should be utilized for the care of every applicant which its facilities will afford. Ten cents from every member of the Churches of the patronizing Conferences and five cents from every Sunday-school scholar would enable the institution to give every one of its two hundred beds a grateful and deserving occupant. No Church is too poor to realize the amount and to thus have a share in this commendable and Christlike ministry to the aged of the Church.

We now have in the Home a family of fifty-one members. Lack of funds necessitates a twofold embarrassment. First, it compels the trustees to accept a very limited number of those applicants whose needs are the greatest and condition the most distressing. Second, it renders a large part of our investment incapable of rendering the service for which intended, because only a part of the rooms can be used so long as the Church refuses a systematic and generous support of the cause. The desire of those to whom the care of the institution has been committed is that every pulpit should present the claims of this most worthy cause, that every preacher may become vitally interested in its prosperity, and that Ohio Methodism should awaken to the fact that we have no more needful nor beautiful work. A visit to the Home would convince you of the truthfulness of our statement and make you see that our needs should be speedily and permanently met.

To this end the Cincinnati Conference representatives of the Home for the Aged make this appeal to our own Conference. We would ask you as members of the Conference to acquaint yourselves with all the facts concerning the institution—to become conversant with its needs, to visit the home and witness the practical benefits of this charity, to enlist men and women to its support that a proper endowment may be secured, and to enroll every member of your Church and Sunday-school as contributors to the current expense; and because of his success in

planning this institution and carrying it on to an actual realization, because of years of patient and honest toil in its behalf, and because of its present splendid condition under his management, we would ask the Conference to recommend the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as President of the Methodist Home for the Aged Corporation.

Respectfully,

Cincinnati Conference Representatives of the Corporation,
MRS. C. J. WILSON,
ROBERT JOHNSON,
C. W. BENNETT,
C. E. SCHENK.

Financial Statement of the Methodist Home for the Aged, for the year ending June 1, 1908:

	Resources.	Liabilities.
Home Property Account	$273,976 11	$276,331 99
Trust Fund Account	76,170 00	79,505 04
General Account	8,207 86	2,516 94
Grand Totals	$358,353 97	$358,353 97

HOME BUDGET ACCOUNT FOR 1907-1908.

General Fund Receipts from all sources	$10,351 30
Disbursements for current expenses, annuities paid, taxes, and repairs	12,276 93
Deficit for the year	$1,925 63
Total deficit for the nine years	$3,562 30

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. NORCROSS, *Treasurer.*

We recommend the appointment of H. C. Weakley, D. D., as President of the Home for the Aged. Subjoined herewith is the financial statement for the year.

For the Conference Deaconess Board, JOHN A. STORY.

LAKESIDE.

Your committee has received the report from the officers of the Lakeside Association, and is overjoyed that another successful season has passed. After all the running expenses are paid, there will be a cash balance of approximately $5,500, out of which bonds, interest, a maturing note, and needed repairs and improvements will be paid. This will leave the indebtedness at $24,500, of which $20,000 is in first mortgage bonds and $4,500 in notes.

While some misgiving was felt before the season that the financial stringency might affect matters, the attendance during the Assembly was large and the program enthusiastically received.

The Bible Conference and camp-meeting were a blessing to those who attended, but the attendance was not what it ought to be. A strong committee has been elected by the Bible Conference Association for next year, and it is to be hoped that both ministers and laymen will make these meetings a lasting power for good at Lakeside.

The German camp-meeting was again a great success, both in attendance and spirit.

We recommend the election of Rev. C. M. Van Pelt and S. B. LeSourd as trustees for the term of two years.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. ROBINSON,
M. B. FULLER,
JAMES R. COLLEY,
Committee.

TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Greenfield, Ohio:

The undersigned trustees of the John Mears Bequest respectfully report as follows—

Our receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as follows:

Receipts—

To balance cash on hand August 30, 1907	$3 06
To interest collected on investments	382 40
Principal overdrawn	8 54
Making total of	$394 00

Disbursements—

By cash to Ohio Wesleyan University	$65 00
By cash to Illinois Wesleyan University	65 00
By cash to Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society	130 00
By cash to Cincinnati Conference Claimants	130 00
By cash to Fifth National Bank (rent of box)	4 00
Making total of	$394 00

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. PEARSON, *President,*
W. F. BOYD, *Treasurer,*
W. A. ROBINSON,
Cincinnati, August 31, 1908. *Trustees.*

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has just completed seventeen years of missionary work in Cincinnati. Seven missionaries, with fifteen assistants, have carried on the work. Three buildings have been used: Glenn Home, 641 West Fourth Street, which has been open every day of the year; the Glenn Home Mission, corner of Fifth and Front Streets, and the Cottage on Galion Street, Riverside, which have also been open every day in the year except during the vacations of the missionaries in mid-summer.

Three kindergartens, two Sunday-schools, one prayer-meeting, three sewing schools, two cooking classes, one Boys' Club, one Circle, one Home Guard Band, two Mothers' Jewels Bands, and one literature class have been sustained regularly, with over one thousand members and a good average attendance. Auxiliary meetings, mothers' meetings, etc., were held for adults, and several thousand visits were made by the workers. A large number of religious papers, Bibles, and tracts were distributed.

For a full report, secure copies of the Glenn Home Report, free, at the Woman's Home Mission Room, 222 West Fourth Street; 'phone, Main 516.

In behalf of the Board, Respectfully submitted,
MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman.*

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

Report of the Treasurer.

Resources—		
Real Estate	$24,692 24	
Bills Receivable	28,469 82	
Cash on Hand		149 47
		$53,311 53
Liabilities—		
Capital Account	$50,239 97	
Income Account	1,571 56	
Annuity Account	1,000 00	
Bequest Account	500 00	
		$53,311 53
Receipts—		
Cash on Hand August 23, 1907	$22 17	
Rents	1,113 26	
Interest	1,609 69	
Donations	30 00	
Membership Fees	142 00	
Loans Paid	1,534 92	
		$4,452 04
Expenditures—		
Donations	$905 00	
Expenses	446 91	
Loans on Notes	1,650 00	
Bills Payable—Notes Paid	1,200 00	
Interest—Bills Payable	25 66	
Interest—Annuity Gift	75 00	
Cash in Bank August 18, 1908	149 47	
		$4,452 04
Analysis of Expense Account—		
Taxes and Repairs	$299 51	
Bond of Treasurer	25 00	
Safe Deposit Box	3 50	
Salary of Treasurer, 1906-07 $50 00		
1907-08 part 25 00	75 00	
Paid Bookkeeper, 1906-07 $25 00		
1907-08 part 10 00	35 00	
Committee Work	8 90	
		$446 91

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY O. ROYAL, *Treasurer.*

Cincinnati, August 18, 1908.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, mortgages, vouchers, letters containing remittances, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted, with the books of the Treasurer, and find all of the items to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK G. MITCHELL,
GEORGE H. DART,
THOS. D. MOORE,
H. C. WEAKLEY.

VII.

Historical.

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Received this year:

From Rev. J. A. Winkler: Corner book-shelf used by Rev. Henry Bascom.

*Deceased.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat,	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky., ...	W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O., ...	W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O., ...	Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., ...	W. McKendree, . R. R. Roberts, . J. Soule, ...	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., ...	Enoch George, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O., ...	E. Hedding, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	J. Emory, ...	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., ...	O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., ...	B. Waugh, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., ...	E. Hedding, . . . J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.

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YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., ...	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., ...	J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... J. Soule, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O., ...	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O., ...	B. Waugh, ... L. L. Hamline, .	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., ...	E. S. Janes, . . . T. A. Morris, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . .	T. A. Morris.	J. M. Trimble.

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1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9, .	Piqua, O., ...	T. A. Morris, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8, .	Lebanon, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7, .	Dayton, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5, .	Oxford, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4, .	Springfield, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2, .	Xenia, O., ...	O. C. Baker, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8, .	Greenfield, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . .	Ripley, O., ...	E. Thomson, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . .	Urbana, O., ...	T. A. Morris, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	D. W. Clark, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . .	Piqua, O., ...	E. S. Janes, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . .	Dayton, O., ...	L. Scott, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O., ...	I. W. Wiley, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . .	Springfield, O., ...	E. R. Ames, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O., ...	R. S. Foster, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O., ...	E. G. Andrews, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . .	Oxford, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5, .	Xenia, O., ...	G. Haven, ...	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4, .	Piqua, O., ...	W. L. Harris, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., ...	M. Simpson, ...	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1, .	Middletown, O., ...	Jesse T. Peck, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7, .	Springfield, O., ...	Isaac W. Wiley, . .	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6, .	Dayton, O., ...	T. Bowman, ...	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5, .	Hamilton, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	J. M. Walden, . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5, .	Jamestown, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4, .	Xenia, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . .	Greenville, O., ...	I. W. Joyce, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2, .	Urbana, O., ...	R. S. Foster, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . .	Middletown, O., ...	W. X. Ninde, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . .	Troy, O., ...	J. F. Hurst.	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5, .	Wilmington, O., ...	D. A. Goodsell. . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O., ...	C. D. Foss, ...	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., ...	S. M. Merrill, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1897.	September 1, .	Springfield, O., ...	W. F. Mallalieu, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1898.	August 31, . .	Xenia, O., ...	John H. Vincent, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1899.	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., .	E. G. Andrews, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1900.	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O., ...	H. W. Warren, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1901.	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O., . . .	Jas. N. FitzGerald,	Stanley O. Royal.
1902.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1903.	September 2, .	Wesley, Cint'i, O	C. H. Fowler, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1904.	August 31, . .	Miamisburg, O., ...	J. W. Bashford, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1905.	September 6, .	High St, Springfield, O.	Earl Cranston, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1906.	August, 28 . .	Eaton, O., ...	J. F. Berry. . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1907.	September, 4 .	Oxford, O., ...	Henry Spellmeyer.	Valorous F. Brown.
1908.	September, 2 .	Greenfield O., ...	David H. Moore . .	Valorous F. Brown.

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RECORD OF THE CHARGES SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE IN 1852.

N. B.—Dates given indicate the years when appointments were made. The compiler has made no attempt to distinguish regular and supply appointments or to list other than the names of preachers in charge. Extinct charge names are bracketed.

ABERDEEN.—1852, 53, Jas. Armstrong; '54, Wm. Q. Shannon; '55, 56, B. P. Wheat; '57, 58, Milton P. Zink; '59, E. C. Merrick; '60, Thornton E. Fidler; '61, J. M. Sullivan; '62, 63, Wm. W. Ramsey; '64, 65, Wm. T. McMullen; '66, Evan P. James; '67-69, Sullivan W. Edmiston; '70, T. D. W. Peake; '71-75, *with Decatur, q. v.*; '76, Wm. P. Jackson; '77-79, Seren N. Marsh; '80-82, Henry D. Rice; '83, 84, James S. Whitney; '85, George M. Edgar; '86, 87, Geo. M. Fulton; '88, 89, D. Asher McColm; '90, Jas. S. Ruggles; '91, David W. Clark; '92, 93, T. W. Williamson; '94, 95, Thomas P. Walter; '96-98, Calvin W. Horn; '99, 1900, Harley E. Armacost; '01, John A. Winkler; '02, Thos. G. Williams; '03, Jas. M. Bennett; '04-06, Wm. Frank Martin; '07, E. B. Hill; '08— Evan F. Lovett.

AMELIA.—1852, Allen W. Tibbitts; '53, 54, Jas. S. Peregrine; '55, 56, Levi P. Miller; '57, J. W. Fowble; '58, Wm. E. Hines; '59, 60, Benj. Glasscock; '61, Alfred U. Beall; '62, John C. Maddy; '63, Milton P. Zink; '64, 65, Wm. Young; '66, 67, Albert N. Spahr; '68, 69, J. M. Sullivan; '70, Jesse M. Robinson; '71, J. Raper Hunter; '72, E. F. Hill; '73, 74, Wm. P. Jackson; '75, 76, Lucien M. Davis; '77, 78, Frank Leever; '79-81, John Vance; '82-84, Homer C. Middleton; '85-87, Samuel B. Smith; '88-92, Geo. M. Fulton; '93-95, Wm. P. Jackson; '96, Canaro D. Munsey; '97-1900, Lincoln Brokaw; '01, 02, Harley E. Armacost; '03, Carey T. Crum; '04, 05, Geo. R. Frenger; '06, 07, Wm. J. Baker; '08— David S. Ewry.

ARCANUM.—1886-90, Benj. D. Hypes; '91, J. McK. Shultz; '92, 93, Jas. F. McColm; '94-96, John L. Dalbey; '97, John H. McNary; '98, Lewis E. Linzell; '99, James R. Hill; 1900, E. L. Hollingsworth; '01, 02, Chas. P. Pumphrey; '03— Sam'l W. Campbell.

BATAVIA.—1852, C. G. Meredith; '53, Jas. B. Austin; '54, 55, Truman S. Cowden; '56, 57, Jas. Armstrong; '58, Wm. G. W. Lewis; '59, J. H. Herron; '60, Thomas Lee; '61, 62, Benj. Glascock; '63-65, Albert N. Spahr; '66, Henry Stokes; '67, Wm. E. Hines; '68, 69, Reuben K. Deem; '70-72, Henry M. Keck; '73, 74, Milton P. Zink; '75-77, John H. Lease; '78-80, Wm. H. Sutherland; '81, 82, Andrew Hamilton; '83-85, Silas Bennett; '86-88, David D. Cheney; '89, Sylvester Weeks; '90-92, Jas. P. Shultz; '93, Isaac C. Page; '94-96, George V. Morris; '97-1902, Henry W. Bailey; '03, 04, Wm. H. Spybey; '05— Edmund Burdsall.

BELFAST.—1879, *with Sinking Springs Circuit;* '80, Fletcher W. Hypes; '81-83, Thomas Cundy; '84, 85, E. L. Knox; '86, E. C. Pollard; '87, 88, George P. Bethel; '89-92, Charles Hartley; '93, John A. Winkler; '94, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '95, 96, George T. Perry; '97, David Herr; '98, D. Asher McColm; '99, 1900, Thos. Cundy; '01-03, DeWitt C. Washburn; '04, 05, Bert E. Smith; '06, John A. Easton; '07, J. W. Gibson; '08— J. F. Young.

BETHANY.—1860-61, George H. Kennedy; '62, Geo. B. Owens; '63, 64, Jos. M. Gatch; '65, 66, Wm. J. Quarry; '67, 68, David Kemper; '69, John S. Pumphrey; '70, 71, Chas. Kalbfus; '72-74, Wm. Q. Shannon; '75, 76, Reuben K. Deem; '77-79, James S. Whitney; '80-82, John S. Pumphrey; '83-85, Wm. B. Moler; '86-90, Edward McHugh; '91-93, Frank Leever; '94-96, Henry W. Bailey; '97, 98, John A. Easton; '99, Charles L. Mackey; 1900-04, John H. Lease; '05, 06, Watson W. Tranter; '07, George M. Fulton; '08— Thos. D. Moore.

BETHEL.—1867, *with Laurel Circuit, q. v.*; '68, Thomas Grange; '69, Thornton E. Fidler; '70-72, Randolph E. Smith; '73, Wm. E. Hines; '74, David D. Cheney; '75, W. F. Mappin; '76-78, Allen D. Maddox; '79, John H. Middleton; '80, Nathan Prince; '81, Fletcher W. Hypes; '82-84, Milton P. Zink; '85, 86, Evan P. James; '87, 88, Thos. Cundy; '89, Jas. S. Ruggles; '90, Frank C. English; '91, Chas. W. Briggs; '92, Frank C. English; '93, Wm. C. Mitchell; '94, Isaac R. Marshall; '95, John H. Davis; '96-1901, Abbott G. Newton; '02-04, Lewis A. Washburn; '05-07, David S. Ewry; '08, Jas. F. McColm.

BLANCHESTER.—1880, with Butlerville, q. v.; '81-83, Jas. F. McColm; '84, 85, Heber D. Ketcham; '86, 87, Francis M. Kirgan; '88, Chas. Hartley; '89, Reuben S. McColm; '90, 91, C. L. Winget; '92-94, John H. McNary; '95-97, Andrew Hamilton; '98-1900, Chas. H. Haines; '01-05, George W. Vorhis; '06, 07, Amos T. Cowgill; '08— Henry W. Bailey.

BOND HILL.—1887, 88, with Carthage, q. v.; '89-91, with Pleasant Ridge; '92, W. C. Lippert. BOND HILL AND PLEASANT RIDGE.—1893, 94, Charles E. Schenk; '95, John H. Lease; '96, 97, Lewis E. Linzell; '98, Thos. D. Moore; '99-1901, John P. Ninde; '02, 03, Lewis O. Hartman. BOND HILL.—1904, 05, Jesse L. Corley; '06, 07, Herbert R. Whiting; '08— John L. Duckwall.

BOWERSVILLE.—1859, 60, John M. Middleton; '61, Jesse Botkin; '62, David H. Sargent; '63, Wm. N. Maxey; '64, Nimrod McDonald; '65, 66, Samuel Brown; '67, 68, A. D. Raleigh; '69, Harrison Wren; '70, Seren N. Marsh; '71-73, J. I. Taggart; '74, E. M. Cole; '75-77, D. Lee Aultman; '78, 79, Absalom M. Griffith; '80, Newton W. Darlington; '81-85, with Sabina Circuit; '86, 87, John Wilson; '88, 89, A. L. Howren; '90-93, Oren D. Becker; '94, 95, John A. Winkler; '96-99, Charles C. Peale; 1900, 01, John H. McNary; '04-06, Percy L. Van Wicklin; '07— Roy B. Coleman.

BRANDT.—1870, Harrison Wren; '71, Carey T. Crum; '72-74, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '75, Davis W. Clark; '76, Chas. F. Gowdy; '77, 78, T. D. W. Peake; '79, Nathan Prince; '80, J. Y. Leming; '81, 82, Francis M. Kirgan; '83, John H. Davis; '84-86, Wm. R. Dudley; '87, Evan P. James; '89, 90, J. R. Hill; '91, Wm. M. West; '92, 93, Isaac R. Marshall; '94, W. R. Buckles; '95, Earl M. Ellsworth; '96, 97, C. F. B. Runyan; '98, 99, E. L. Hollingsworth; . . . '07— C. W. Snyder.

BUTLERVILLE.—1870, Seren N. Marsh; '71, 72, Elisha C. Smith; '73, D. L. Hayward; '74, Wm. E. Hines; '75-77, Wm. Mahon; '78-80, Andrew Hamilton; '81, 82, Jas. F. McColm; '83-87, *with Blanchester;* '88, 89, J. M. Roberts; '90, E. J. Williams; '91, J. W. Lucas; '92, 93, C. L. Winget; '94, Henry C. Hutchinson; '95, 96, Samuel A. Stephan; '97, Wm. R. Buckles. . . . PLEASANT PLAIN.—1904-07, Joseph Shepard; '08— T. S. King.

CAMDEN.—1852, Levi White; '53, 54, David H. Sargent; '55, C. W. Swain; '56, Geo. H. Kennedy; '57, 58, Alfred U. Beall; '59, 60, Allen W. Tibbitts; '61, I. P. Waterhouse; '62, 63, J. C. Deem; '64-66, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '67-69, Fletcher Hypes; '70-72, M. G. Baker; '73, R. L. Vickers; '74-76, John S. Pumphrey; '77, 78, Jacob E. H. Seatman; '79-81, Geo. T. Weaver; '82-84, Wm. H. Smith; '85, Wilbur G. Warner; '86, 87, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '88, 89, John W. Shorten; '90, Thomas Cundy; '91, D. Asher McColm; '92-94, Jas. T. Bail; '95-97, Gilbert L. Travis; '98-1900, Charles L. Chapman; '01, Henry C. Hutchinson; '02, Carey T. Crum; '03-06, Stephen B. Timmons; '07— Clark L. Gowdy.

CARTHAGE.—1868, *with Madisonville Circuit, q. v.*; '69, [with Pleasant Ridge], Levi P. Miller; . . . '72-76 [with Hartwell, q. v.]; '79, 80, John A. White; '81-83, Marion LeSourd; '84 [with Elmwood], S. O. Elliott; '85, John F. Laird; '86 [with Bond Hill], T. Harrison; '87, 88, Jacob L. Shively; '89, 90 [with Elmwood], J. L. Shively; '91, 92, Calvin W. Elliott; '93-97, Francis M. Kirgan; '98-1903, Sam'l G. Pollard; '04, 05 [with Reading], George P. Barber; '06 [Carthage Station], Geo. F. Barber; '07— Jacob J. Hawk.

CATAWBA.—1861, 62, W. J. Quarry; '63, J. F. Hull; '64, 65, T. E. Fidler; '66, 67, Eli Kirk; '68, Moses Smith; '69, Frank G. Mitchell; '70, J. C. Deem; '71, T. J. Evans; '72-74, John Vance; '75, Geo. T. Weaver; '76, George M. Hammell; '77, 78, Elisha C. Smith; '79, 80, Wm. P. Jackson; '81, 82, John H. Davis; '83, 84, Chas. F. Gowdy; '85, 86, Geo. H. Kennedy; '87-91, John A. White; '92, Jas. E. Abrams; '93-95, Canaro D. Munsey; '96-99, Samuel W. Campbell; 1900-02, James R. Hill; '03, John Wilson; '04-06, John L. Dalbey; '07— John F. Laird.

CEDARVILLE.—1874, Henry Stokes; '75, Milton P. Zink; '76-78, John L. Gregg; '79-81, Wm. Q. Shannon; '82, Geo. H. Kennedy; '83, 84, Wm. H. Black; '85, Homer C. Middleton; '86, Wm. J. Baker; '87, 88, Wm. Q. Shannon; '89-91, George L. Tufts; '92-96, Frank E. Vance; '97-99, Allen D. Maddox; 1900, 01, Andrew Hamilton; '02-07, Homer C. Middleton; '08— Wm. E. Putt.

[CENTENARY].—1861, E. C. Merrick; '62, 63, Wm. Routledge; '64-66, John C. Maddy; '67, 68, Wesley Webster, '69, 70, Elisha C. Smith; '71, John L. Gregg; '72, Carey T. Crum; '73, 74, Seren N. Marsh; '75, Henry Stokes; '76, 77, Wm. T. McMullen; '78, Fletcher W. Hypes; '79, J. J. Hill; '80, Wm. N. Williams; '81, 82, Jos. W. Laccock; '83, 84, J. W. Lockwood; '85, Jas. S. Ruggles; '86, H. Hill; '87, 88, Abbott G. Newton; '89, 90, Fletcher W. Hypes; '91, Walter S. Gray; '92-94, Jas. D. Darling; '95, Henry C. Hutchinson; '96, Wm. R. Buckles; '97, George B. Shanor; '98, Wm. D. English; '99-1900, H. Oscar Collins; '01, J. C. Maddox; '02, 03, Fee Naylor. MULBERRY.—1904, E. L. Hollingsworth; '05, J. W. Drummond; '06, W. S. Hoggart; '07— T. J. Lewis.

CENTERVILLE.—1870, *with Union Circuit*; . . . '76-78, J. McK. Shultz; '79, Jas. P. Porter; '80, Wm. H. Smith; '81-83, Reuben K. Deem; '84-86, John W. Mason; '87-89, Francis M. Kirgan; '90, Gilbert L. Travis; '91-94, John W. Gaddis; '95, Homer C. Middleton; '96-99, Philip Trout; 1900-03, John A. White; '04-07, Allen D. Maddox; '08— Wm. D. English.

[ANDERSON].—1862, A. W. Musgrove; '63, 64, David Whitmer; '65, 66, Geo. M. Edgar; '67-69, Wm. B. Jackson; '70, 71, T. E. Fidler; '72, 73, J. C. Deem; '74, Geo. M. Edgar; '75, 76, Nathan Prince; '77, 78, Milton

P. Zink; '79-81, A. D. Raleigh; '82, A. L. Howren; '83, 84, Henry Miller; '85-87, J. Raper Hunter; '88, F. W. Hypes. CHRISTIANSBURG.—1889, 90, Thos. G. Williams; '91-93, John L. Dalbey; '94, Isaac C. Page; '95, David S. Ewry; '96-98, W. L. Spence; '99-1901, John F. Laird; '02, 03, Oliver L. Seward; '04, Warren Wiant; '05, 06, Fred J. Reinbarth; '07, Frank Neer; '08— E. F. Tittle.

CHILO.—1883, A. E. Smith; '84, Geo. P. Bethel; '85, Leonidas O. Deputy; '86, Milton P. Zink; '87, John F. Laird; '88, 89, T. W. Williamson; '90, Thos. J. Tone; '91, 92, Abbott G. Newton; '93, A. D. Singer; '94-96, Walter S. Gray; '97, 98, U. S. Brown; '99, 1900, Wm. E. Shriver; '01, 02, David S. Ewry; '03, Charlotte Boyer; '04-06, A. E. Huntington; '07, W. S. Belfry; '08, A. B. Cochnower.

CINCINNATI: ASBURY.—1852, Truman S. Cowden; '53, 54, Wesley Rowe; '55, 56, C. Adams; '57, 58, J. J. Thompson; '59, Jas. T. Bail; '60, Samuel L. Yourtee; '61, 62, George Parrott; '63, Jesse M. Robinson; '64-66, Sam'l A. Brewster; '67, 68, A. B. Wambaugh; '69-71, Chas. W. Ketcham; '72-74, James E. Gilbert; '75-77, Adam Bowers; '78-80, John H. Lease; '81, 82, John W. Gaddis; '83-85, Valorous F. Brown; '86, LaFayette Van Cleve; '87, 88, Marion LeSourd; '89, 90, Alfred U. Beall; '91-93, Chas. W. Rishell; '94, 95, John Pearson; '96, 97, Edward McHugh; '98-1902, Wm. H. Spybey; '03, 04, Charles C. Peale; '05, 06, Wm. L. Boicourt; '07— Eugene S. Gaddis.

AVONDALE.—1867-69, James Stephenson; '70, A. B. Wambaugh; '71, 72, O. A. Brown; '73, A. D. Raleigh; '74, J. T. Short; '75, 76, Wm. N. Brodbeck; '77, Madison A. Richards; '78, 79, Benj. F. Dimmick; '80-82, James P. Porter; '83-85, Chas. W. Rishell; '86-89, Wm. L. Hypes; '90-93, John W. Peters; '94-98, Edwin O. Buxton; '99-1904, Eugene P. Edmonds; '05— Charles E. Schenk.

CAMP WASHINGTON.—1880, 81, Stephen B. Timmons; . . . '83, 84, Wm. B. Davis; '85-88, Wm. N. Brewster; '89-91, Jas. W. Magruder; '92, Geo. L. Tufts; '93, Wm. P. McVey; '94, 95, Chas. L. Mackey; '96, Wm. T. Stafford; '97, Carey T. Crum; . . . 1901, Isaac R. Marshall; '02, 03, Elmer W. Serl; '04, 05, Thos. D. Moore; '06, 07, Jas. D. Darling; '08— Geo. W. Keen.

CHRISTIE.—1852, 53, J. Ford Conrey; '54, 55, John W. Fowble; '56, 57, Wm. H. Sutherland; '58, 59, Samuel L. Yourtee; '60, 61, Wm. I. Fee; '62, 63, Wm. Young; '64, 65, Charles Ferguson; '66-68, J. J. Thompson; '69, Wm. X. Ninde; '70, Wm. Fitzgerald; '71-73, Wm. A. Robinson; '74, 75, James Murray; '76, 77, Wm. Runyan; '78, 79, Chas. W. Ketcham; '80-82, Henry Tuckley; '83, 84, Benj. F. Dimmick; '85, Sam'l A. Brewster; '86, Henry D. Rice; '87-91, Marion Lesourd; '92-94, Charles L. Conger; '95, Randolph E. Smith; '96-1900, James R. Colley; '01-04, Clifford L. Meyers; '05— Lewis O. Hartman.

CLIFTON.—1892-94, Heber D. Ketcham; '95-98, Charles E. Schenk; '99, George V. Morris; 1900, 01, Richard H. Rust; '02-04, John F. Chenowith; '05— John W. Peters.

COLUMBIA.—1852-74, *in various combinations with Madisonville, Pendleton, and Pearl Street;* '75, 76, John W. Gaddis; '77, Davis W. Clark; '78, Matthias M. Kugler; '79, Carey T. Crum; '80-82, Charles L. Conger; '83, 84, Edward T. Lane; '85, 86, John A. White; '87, 88, Alpheus B. Austin; '89, W. O. Pierce; '90, 91, Dewitt C. Washburn; '92-94, Samuel G. Pollard; '95-98, Wm. A. Deaton; '99, Davis W. Clark; 1900-03, Frank C. English; '04-06, George H. Smith; '07— Calvin W. Horn.

EAST PEARL STREET.—1856 [mission]; '57. J. S. Peregrine; '58, T. D. Crow; '59, 60, Thos. Collett; '61, 62, Michael J. Cramer; '63, M. A. Bryson; '64, 65, S. F. Griffs; '66, N. M. Shurick; '67, Edw. T. Wells; '68, Jas. P. Porter; '69, David C. Vance; '70, 71, Andrew Hamilton; '72-74, Adam Bowers; '75, J. W. Weakley; '76, Wm. B. Moler; '77-79, Wm. H. Miesse; '80, Geo. W. Dubois; '81, 82, Silas Bennett; '83-85, Carey T. Crum; '86, 87, D. Lee Aultman; '88, Jas. T. Bail; '89, John F. Loyd; '90, David W. Clark; '91-93, David J. Starr; '94, Wm. A. Deaton; '95, Gervaise Roughton; '96, Wm. H. Spybey; '97, Geo. M. Hammell; '98, 99, Jas. T. Bail; 1900, W. C. Nash; '01, 02, Thos. P. Walter; '03, David W. Clark; '04— Samuel G. Pollard.

FAIRMOUNT.—1861, David J. Starr; '62, E. F. Hill; '63, Michael J. Cramer; . . . '71, Harrison Wren; '72, 73, John N. Irvin; '74, A. D. Raleigh; '75, Jonathan Verity; '76-78, Geo. W. Kelly; '79-81, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '82, 83, Geo. T. Weaver; '84, Geo. W. Dubois; '85-88, Henry C. Weakley; '89, 90, James Stephenson; '91, 92, Allen D. Maddox; '93, 94, Wm. H. Sutherland; '95-97, Samuel G. Pollard; '98-1906, Francis M. Kirgan; '07— John R. Troxell.

FINLEY.—1855, Chas. Ferguson: '56, 57, Moses Smith; '58, LaFayette Van Cleve; '59, 60, Enoch G. West; '61, 62, Alex. Meharry; '63, W. S. Hartley; '64, 65, Thomas Lee; '66, Wm. Fitzgerald; '67, Jas. L. Grover; '68-70, George H. Dait; '71, 72, Henry Miller; '73, Chas. Ferguson; '74, Edward McHugh; '75, Jas. S. Whitney; '76, 77, Chas. W. Rishell; '78, John A. White; '79-81, Stanley O. Royal; '82, Benj. D. Hypes; '83, T. C. Crawford; . . . '85, Thos. P. Walter; '86, David W. Clark; '87-89, Wm. B. Davis; '90-94, Gervaise Roughton; '95, David J. Starr; '96-98, Jas. A. Geissinger; '99-1900, Isaac R. Marshall; '01, W. C. Nash; '02-04, Watson W. Tranter; '05-07, John L. Duckwall; '08— Frank C. English.

LINWOOD.—1895-99, Clifford L. Meyers; 1900, John Phillips; '01, John F. Chenowith. LINWOOD AND MADISON AVENUE: 1902-04, John R. Thomas; '05, 06, Wm. H. Spybey. LINWOOD, 1907— Wm. C. Mitchell.

McKENDREE.—1855, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '56, 57, Wesley Rowe; '58, N. Callender; '59, 60, T. A. G. Phillips; '61, C. R. Lovell; '62, 63, Jas. T. Bail; '64-66, George H. Dart; '67, 68, Sam'l A. Brewster; '69, 70, John W. Fowble; '71, 72, Geo. H. Dart; '73, 74, Geo. W. Kelley; '76, 77, Edward McHugh; '78, Alfred U. Beall; '79, Wm. Young; '80-82, James S. Whitney; '83, 84, Jonathan Verity; '85, 86, B. R. Wilburn; '87, 88, Wm. I. Fee; '89, LaFayette Van Cleve; '90, Andrew Hamilton, '91-95, Edward McHugh; '96-99, Benj. D. Hypes; 1900, John W. Gaddis; '01, Howard Henderson; '02, 03, J. C. Eckles; '04-07, John A. White; '08— John Pearson.

MT. AUBURN.—1852, Geo. W. Walker; '53, J. M. Leavitt; '54, Wm. G. W. Lewis; '55, John W. Cassatt; '56, Jas. Kendall; '57, T. S. Dunn; '58, Truman S. Cowden; '59, 60, Wm. B. Moler; '61, 62, Thos. J. Harris; '63, George H. Dart; '64-66, Madison A. Richards; '67, J. F. Wright; '68, 69, John W. Peters; '70, A. F. Hixson; '71, 72, Geo. T. Weaver; '73, J. T. Short; '74, John N. Ervin; '75-77, W. W. Case; '78-80, John Pearson; '81-83, John A. Story; '84, 85, D. C. Ridgeway; '86-88, Sylvester Weeks; '89-92, John J. McCabe; '93, Richard H. Rust; '94, Stanley O. Royal; '95, Edw. T. Lane; '96-99, Rufus J. Wyckoff; 1900-04, J. Allen Geissinger; '05— Hasse O. Enwall.

MT. LOOKOUT.—1880-82, Edward T. Lane; '83-85, George M. Hammell; '86, James L. Glascock; '87, Henry Witham; '88, 89, Winfield C. Helt; '90-94, John H. Lease; '95-99, John W. Gaddis; 1900-02, George V. Morris; '03, 04, Geo. M. Hammell; '05, Oliver P. Hoffman; '08— H. R. Whiting.

NORTHSIDE [CUMMINSVILLE].—1853, 54, Benj. Glascock; '55, Geo. B. Owens; . . . '78, Henry Miller; '79, Frank Leever; '80-82, Charles H. Haines; '83-85, John S. Easton; '86-88, Carey T. Crum; '89-91, George W. Kelley; '92-96, Creighton Wones; '97-1900, Wm. Runyan; '01, George B. Shanor; '02-06, Lincoln Brokaw; '07— Oliver L. Seward.

[PENDLETON].—1875, A. Gilruth; '76, Wm. J. Baker; '77, 78, Wm. Young; '79-81, Benj. D. Hypes; '82, Stephen B. Timmons; '83, Wm. N. Williams; '84, Newton W. Darlington; '85, Thomas Harrison; '86-88, Jas. W .Bushong; '89, Davis W. Clark; '90, John F. Loyd; '91, Eugene S. Gaddis; '92, John Wilson; '93-95, Henry Hershey. DELTA AVENUE: 1896-99, David J. Starr; 1900, 01, Carey T. Crum; '02-07, John P. Ninde; '08— Geo. S. Easton.

PRICE HILL.—1885, Creighton Wones; '86, Thos. J. Harris; '87, Jas. T. Bail; '88, J. W. Zimmerman; '89, 90, Eugene S. Gaddis; '91, Paul C. Curnick; '92, Chas. F. Enyart; '93-97, Albert C. Turrell; '98-1902, Sheridan W. Bell; '03-05, Earl M. Ellsworth; '06—Chas. W. Sullivan.

[MORRIS CHAPEL].—1852, Thos. Gorsuch; '53, T. D. Crow; '54, 55, Asbury Lowrey; '56, 57, Sam'l L. Yourtee; '58, 59, C. W. Sears; '60, 61, Granville Moody; '62, Richard S. Rust; '63-65, Wm. X. Ninde. ST. PAUL.—1866-68, Chas. W. Ketcham; '69, 70, J. F. McClelland; '71-73, R. M. Hatfield; '74, 75, Charles H. Payne; '76-78, H. B. Ridgeway; '79, J. F. McClelland; '80-82, Isaac W. Joyce; '83-85, John J. Reed; '86, 87, Isaac W. Joyce; '88, Washington Gardner; '89-93, George K. Morris; '94-96, Jonathan M. Meeker; '97-99, Paul C. Curnick; 1900-04, Chas. W. Blodgett; '05— Walter D. Cole.

STATE AVENUE.—1907— C. Harold Clerke.

[NINTH STREET].—1852, 53, John W. Fowble; '54, 55, Wm. I. Fee; '56, 57, Chas. Ferguson; '58, Wm. H. Sutherland. TRINITY.—1859, Wm. H. Sutherland; '60, supplied; '61, 62, Wm. X. Ninde; '63-65, James F. Chalfant; '66-68, Wm. S. Studley; '69, F. S. DeHass; '70, 71, M. C. Briggs; '72-74, David H. Moore; '75-77, Earl Cranston; '78, 79, J. N. Irvin; '80-82, Jas. W. Bushong; '83-85, Isaac W. Joyce; '86, A. C. Hirst; '87, Louis Albert Banks; '88-90, Howard Henderson; '91-93, Edward S. Lewis; '94-97, Chas. W. Gullette; '98-1900, Wm. A. Robinson; '01-05, Marcellus B. Fuller; '06— Heber D. Ketcham.

WALNUT HILLS.—1853, Geo. W. Walker; '54, Wm. B. Jackson; '55, 56, Geo. Parrott; '57, Evan P. James; '58, J. P. Waterhouse; '59, Jas. Kendall; '60, Wm. E. Hines; '61, *with McKendree;* '62, J. C. Boutecou; '63, R. M. Thompson; '64-66, James Stephenson; '67, 68, John C. Maddy; '69, 70, C. A. Brooks; '71-73, Wm. L. Hypes; '74-76, Adna B. Leonard; '77, 78, H. Baker; '79-81, H. B. Ridgeway; '82, 83, Jeremiah H. Bayliss; '84, 85, Wm. Nast Brodbeck; '86-88, John J. Reed; '89, 90, Samuel A. Keen; '91-95, Simon McChesney; '96-99, George W. Dubois; 1900-07, Jesse Bowman Young; '08— Adna W. Leonard.

WESLEY.—1852, 53, Geo. C. Crum; '54, Moses C. Jamison; '55, 56, Mighill Dustin; '57, 58, Asbury Lowrey; '59, 60, John T. Mitchell; '61, J. M. Leavitt; '62, 63, A. T. Thompson; '64-66, John W. Weakley; '67-69, Charles Ferguson; '70-72, Albert N. Spahr; '73-75, Wm. I. Fee; '76-78, Sylvester Weeks; '79-81, George W. Kelly; '82-84, Thomas J. Harris; '85-87, Thomas H. Pearne; '88, John Pearson; '89-91, Charles R. Brown; '92-96, Jas. W. Magruder; '97— Gervaise Roughton.

WESTWOOD [CHEVIOT].—1868, *with North Bend Circuit;* '69, N. H. Prince; '70, *with North Bend;* '71, 72, R. L. Vickers; '73, 74, John W. Sutherland; '75, 76, Matthias M. Kugler; '77, Silas Bennett; '78, C. C. Jones; '79, John A. Easton; '80-82, Jas. S. Bitler; '83, 84, Wilbur G. Warner; '85-87, Wm. Mahon; '88-90, Allen D. Maddox; '91-93, Alfred U. Beall; '94-98, Matthias M. Kugler; '99-1904, David G. Latshaw; '05— John A. Story.

WINTON PLACE [SPRING GROVE].—1870-72, John W. Peters; '73, 74, Reuben K. Deem; '75-77, J. Ford Conrey; '78, 79, Chas. W. Risbell; '80, 81, Thos. Collett; '82, 83, Wm. Young; '84-86, Marion LeSourd; '87-89, Chas. W. Barnes; '90, 91, Matthias M. Kugler; '92-94, Sylvester Weeks; '95-98, Alpheus B. Austin; '99-1904, Edmund Burdsall; '05— John E. Thomas.

YORK STREET.—1852, . . . '53, 54, Wm. S. Morrow; '55, J. C. Bontecou; '56, 57, Thos. D. Crow; '58, 59, Wesley Rowe; '60, 61, John M. Walden; '62, 63, J. Braden; '64, Jas. T. Bail; '65-67, Wm. W. Ramsey; '68, Samuel B. Smith; '69, 70, Lucien Clark; '71, 72, Granville Moody; '73-75, Albert N. Spahr; '76, 77, David C. Vance; '78-80, David J. Starr; '81-83, Frank G. Mitchell; '84-86, Wm. I. Fee; '87-89, John H. Lease; '90, Edward S. Lewis; '91, Truman S. Cowden; '92-94, Alpheus B. Austin; '95, 96, George L. Tufts; '97, Wm. H. Spybey; '98-1902, Edward McHugh; '03-06, Oliver L. Utter; '07— Clifford L. Meyers.

CLARKSVILLE.—1852, Samuel Brown; 53, Silas Bennett; '54, 55, Micah G. Purkhiser; '56, Milton P. Zink; '57, 58, David Kemper; '59, John Shinn; '60, J. Stillwell; '61, John Shinn; '62, 63, D. C. Benjamin; '64, 65, T. A. G. Williams; '66-68, John L. Gregg; '69, 70, N. McDonald; '71, 72, Milton P. Zink; '73-75, John H. Middleton; '76, 77, Jos. I. Taggart; '78, 79, Chas. F. Gowdy; '80, 81, Allen D. Maddox; '82, 83, Allen W. Tibbitts; '84, 85, Wm. J. Baker; '86-88, Amos T. Cowgill; '89, 90, Philip Trout; '91-93, John A. Easton; '94, 95, David D. Cheney; '96, 97, Leonidas O. Deputy; '98-1900, James S. Ruggles; '01, Thos. Cundy; '02, John H. McNary; '03-06, H. H. Compton; '07— Reuben S. McColm.

[NORTH BEND].—1852, Arza Brown; '53, Jas. Laws; '54, 55, Michael Kaufman; '56, David H. Sargent; '57, 58, J. C. Bontecou; '59, 60, Moses Bitler; '61, Wm. G. W. Lewis; '62, W. S. Hartley; '63, Levi White; '64, 65, Isaac Neff; '66, 67, Bernard Kelley; '68, 69, E. F. Hill; '70, 71, Fletcher Hypes; '72, Sullivan W. Edmiston; '73, M. G. Baker; '74, 75, Jos. C. Boltin; '76, 77, George T. Weaver; '78, 79, John F. Hull; '80, 81, G. S. McLaughlin; '82, Thornton E. Fidler; '83, 84, Wm. Mahon. CLEVES.—1885, Wm. Mahon; '86, 87, Elisha C. Smith; '88, Eugene S. Gaddis; '89, Dewitt C. Washburn; '90, 91, Jeremiah W. Hickman. CLEVES AND ADDYSTON: 1892, Wm. M. Patton; '93, Charles L. Mackey; '94, Jonathan Verity; '95-97, Warren J. Dunham; '98, 99, Frank C. English; 1900, 01, Benj. D. Hypes; '02, Thos. D. Moore. CLEVES AND HARRISON: 1903, Thos. D. Moore. CLEVES AND ADDYSTON: 1904, Jas. S. Young. CLEVES AND HARRISON: 1905, 06, Calvin W. Horn; '07— Samuel A. Stephan.

CONCORD.—1852, C. R. Lovell; '53, 54, D. D. Davison; '55, 56, T. W. Tipton; '57, 58, James M. Robinson; '59, 60, Isaac Neff; '61, Wesley Webster; '62, 63, Geo. H. Kennedy; '64, Jas. W. Mendenhall; '65, J. C. Deem; '66, T. A. G. Phillips; '67, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '68, 69, Evan P. James; '70-72, Samuel W. Carey; '73-75, Carey T. Crum; '76, Gilbert L. Travis; '77, 78, W. S. Rae; '79, Thornton E. Fidler; '80, 81, Henry M. Keck; . . . '83, 84, Wm. R. Dille;

'85, 86, Gilbert L. Travis; '87, 88, Thomas G. Williams; '89-93, John P. Ninde; '94-96, George H. Smith; '97, Oliver P. Hoffman; '98, J. F. Zeigler; '99, John Harrison; 1900-03, with Tremont; '04, J. C. Eckles. CONCORD AND WESTVILLE.—1905, 06, Reuben S. McColm; '07— Chas. W. Briggs.

COVINGTON.—1886, *with Concord Circuit;* '87, Gilbert L. Travis; '88, Dewitt C. Washburn; '89, Samuel D. Clayton; '90, John L. Dalbey; '91-93, James R. Hill; '94, 95, Wm. C. Mitchell; '96, John E. Beery; '97, Thos. P. Walter; '98-1903, Gilbert L. Travis; '04-06, Oliver L. Seward; '07— Wm. H. Spybey.

DAYTON: [DAVISSON CHAPEL].—1854, 55, Wm. Fitzgerald; '56, Geo. H. Reed; '57, 58, Geo. H. Kennedy; '59, Wesley Webster; . . . '67, John F. Hull; '68, Geo. W. Kelly; '69-71, Geo. H. Kennedy; '72, John T. Short; '73-75, Wm. N. Williams; '76, Wm. Herr; '77, Chas. F. Gowdy; '78-80, John W. Gaddis; '81-83, Matthias M. Kugler. BROADWAY.—1884-86, Samuel D. Clayton; '87-89, Valorous F. Brown; '90-92, Charles H. Haines; '93-97, Francis M. Clemans; '98-1901, Creighton Wones; '05, 06, John Loyd; '07— Sherman P. Young.

[WESLEY CHAPEL].—1852, 53, Wm. H. Sutherland; '54, 55, Enoch G. Nicholson; '56, 57, Wm. I. Fee; '58, 59, J. M. Leavitt; '60, 61, John F. Marlay; '62, 63, Chas. Ferguson; '64, 65, Wm. L. Hypes. GRACE.—1866, 67, Wm. L. Hypes; '68-70, Wm. W. Ramsay; '71, J. F. McClelland; '72, 73, Madison A. Richards; '74-76, Thos. H. Pearne; '77, 78, Adna B. Leonard; '79-81, Wm. L. Hypes; '82-84, Richard H. Rust; '85-87, Benj. F. Dimmick; '88-92, Wm. Macafee; '93-97, Wm. A. Robinson; '98-1901, Chas. W. Gullette; '02-05, Henry C. Jameson; '06— Marcellus B. Fuller.

HOMESTEAD AVENUE.—1894, M. K. Stephens; '95, 96, Archie W. Hook; '97, George W. Vorhis; '98, 99, Oliver P. Hoffman; 1900-02, Oliver L. Utter; '03, J. M. Roberts; '04, Geo. W. Keen; '05, Clarence S. Grauser; '06, Horace Ewell; '07— J. F .Probst.

RAPER.—1852, Wm. H. Lawder; '53, 54, Granville Moody; '55, 56, Wm. I. Ellsworth; '57, J. Ford Conrey; '58, Enoch G. West; '59, 60, Geo. C. Crum; '61, 62, LaFayette Van Cleve; '62-64, Moses Smith; '65-67, John F. Marlay; '68-70, George C. Crum; '71-73, Thos. Collett; '74-76, Wm. A. Robinson; '77-79, Edward T. Wells; '80-82, Lucien Clark; '83, 84, J. N. Ervin; '85-87, Stanley O. Royal; '88-92, Davis W. Clark; '93-97, Lyman E. Prentiss; '98-1903, John J. McCabe; '04-07, Valorous F. Brown; '08— Wilbur E. Hammaker.

RIVERDALE.—1898-1900, George W. Vorhis; '01-03, Wilbur E. Hammaker; '04— Elmer W. Serl.

ST. PAUL.—1882-84, Thomas Collett; '85-87, Jas. P. Shultz; '88-92, John G. Vaughn; '93-95, Edmund Burdsall; '96, 97, John Pearson; '98-1904, John G. Vaughn; '05— David G. Latshaw.

TRINITY.—1883-85, Lafayette Young; '85-89, Wm. R. Dille; '90, Lafayette Young; '91, 92, Jonathan Verity; '93, John S. Pumphrey; '94-98, John P. Ninde; '99-1902, Earl M. Ellsworth; '03-06, Owen M. Sellers; '07— Chas. P. Pumphrey.

DECATUR.—1870, *with Aberdeen Circuit;* '71-73, Wm. J. Quarry; '74, 75, John L. Gregg; '76, 77, A. E. Higgins; '78, Wm. J. Baker; '79, E. D. Keyes; '80, 81, Sullivan W. Edmiston; '82, Leonidas O. Deputy; '83, Jas. McNeilan; '84-86, Wm. P. Jackson; '87-89, Sullivan W. Edmiston;

'90, 91, Ira E. Price; '92, David W. Clark; '93-95, Abbott G. Newton; '96-98, Thos. G. Williams; '99, J. Maxham; 1900-02, Walter S. Gray; '03, 04, David S. Ewry; '05, John A. Winkler; '06, 07, Benjamin H. Lewis.

DELHI.—1877, John W. Sutherland; '78, 79, Henry Tuckley; '80-82, Chas. W. Rishell; '83, 84, Benj. D. Hypes; '85-89, Chas. H. Haines; '90, 91, Sylvester Weeks; '92, 93, Lafayette Young; '94, 95, Gilbert P. Austin; '96-1900, Howard Henderson; '01-05, James R. Colley; '06— Wm. A. Wiant.

DIALTON.—1886, 87, Thornton E. Fidler; '88, 89, Canaro D. Munsey; '90, 91, Jas. E. Abrams; '92-96, Wm. A. Wiant; '97-99, Reuben S. McColm; 1900-03, John L. Dalbey; '04-06, John F. Laird; '07, S. M. Griffith; '08— Alex. Hamilton.

EATON.—1852, David Kemper; '53, C. W. Swain; '54, 55, LaFayette Van Cleve; '56, Wm. H. Smith; '57, Wm. H. Fyffe; '58, Michael Kaufman; '59, Wm. I. Ellsworth; '60, 61, John W. Weakley; '62, 63, Samuel D. Clayton; '64, Wm. S. Hartley; '65-67, Thos. J. Harris; '68-70, Alex. Meharry; '71-73, John W. Cassatt; '74, John F. Marlay; '75, 76, Thos. Collett; '77-79, Truman S. Cowden; '80, 81, Albert N. Spahr; '82-84, Samuel A. Brewster; '85-87, Jas. Murray; '88, 89, Jas. P. Shultz; '90, John L. Glascock; '91, John W. Cassatt; '92-96, Jacob L. Shively; '97, Creighton Wones; '98-1900, Lyman E. Prentiss; '01, 02, Charles H. Haines; '03-05, Wm. A. Wiant; '06— Earl M. Ellsworth.

FAIRFIELD.—1852, C. W. Swain; '53, Wm. L. Hypes; '54, J. J. Beall; '55, Jesse Botkin; '56. J. W. Smith; '57, 58, H. S. Sellman; '59, 60, J. J. Beall; '61, J. J. Hill; '62, 63, J. H. Herron; '64, John G. Black; '65, Wm. B. Jackson; '66-68, John S. Pumphrey; '69-71, Francis M. Clemans; '72, 73, John G. Black; '74, 75, Geo. H. Kennedy; '76, Samuel W. Carey; '77, 78, Nathan Prince; '79, Geo. M. Edgar; '80, 81, Wm. H. Black; '82-84, A. D. Raleigh; '85, 86, James T. Bail; '87, 88, Wm. R. Dudley; '89, Wm. J. Baker; '90-92, Henry Miller; . . . 1905, 06, Chas. Gowdy; '07, Louis Radley.

FAIR HAVEN.—1873, 74, Wm. B. Jackson; '75-77, John F. Hull; '78, J. J. Hill; '79, Henry Miller; '80, C. B. Brecount; '81-83, Henry Witham; '84, 85, Wm. M. West; '86, J. P. Bishop; '87, George M. Edgar; '88, 89, Jeremiah W. Hickman; '90, J. H. Goss; '91-95, Wm. M. Coffman; '96-98, Isaac R. Marshall; '99-1901, Jas. F. McColm; '02, 03, Chas. L. Chapman; '04, 05, Wm. T. Gilliland; '06, 07, Thos. G. Williams; '08— Jas. A. Jenkinson.

FEESBURG [HAMERSVILLE].—1858, A. P. Dunlap; '59, 60, Jesse Botkin; '61, 62, Milton P. Zink; '63, Jas. Armstrong; '64, 65, Henry Stokes; '66, 67, Thos. Head; '68, N. Callender; '69, 70, George W. Fee; '71, Wm. J. Thurber; '72, 73, John L. Gregg; '74-76, Wm. M. Boyer; '77-79, Henry Stokes; '80, 81, E. M. Cole; '82, 83, Evan P. James; '84, George M. Edgar; '85, 86, Thos. Cundy; '87, 88, Wm. M. West; '89, 90, Abbott G. Newton; '91, S. Given; '92-95, Thos. G. Williams; '96, 97, John H. Davis; '98-1900, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '01-03, Wm. E. Shriver; '04, Fee Naylor; '05, 06, George W. O'Neil; '07, A. E. Huntington.

FELICITY.—1854, Michael Bitler; '55, 56, Wm. Routledge; '57, 58, Wm. L. Hypes; '59, 60, Truman S. Cowden; '61, Wm. Q. Shannon; '62, A. P. Dunlap; '63, 64, Edward McHugh; '65-67, Silas Bennett; '68, 69, Albert N. Spahr; '70-72, Sylvester Weeks; '73-75, Henry M. Keck;

'76-78, Wm. J. Quarry; '79-81, Homer C. Middleton; '82-84, John Vance; '85-87, Wm. H. Sutherland; '88, John H. Middleton; '89-91, Jas. S. Whitney; '92-95, Samuel W. Campbell; '96, 97, Edward T. Lane; '98, Geo. B. Shanor; '99-1901, Warren J. Dunham; '02, John Phillips; '03-05, Wm. J. Baker; '06, 07, Wm. E. Spurrier; '08—

FORT JEFFERSON.—1893, *with New Paris, q. v.;* '94, Chas. L. Chapman; '95, 96, Oren D. Becker; '97, D. Asher McColm; '98, Fee Naylor; '99, 1900, John A. Winkler; '01, David W. Clark; '02, Jacob J. Hawk; '03-06, Delos S. Ferguson; '07, G. W. Berry; '08— T. G. Williams.

FRANKLIN.—1852, David H. Sargent; '53, Gilbert C. Townley; '54. Sam'l L. Yourtee; '55, John F. Marlay; '56, J. C. Kingsley; '57, 58, Alex. Meharry; '59, 60, LaFayette Van Cleve; '61, 62, Wm. Fitzgerald; '63, John W. Weakley; '64, 65, S. Ford Conroy; '66-68, Wm. B. Moler; '69-71, Samuel B. Smith; '72-74, Samuel A. Brewster; '75, George W. Kelley; '76-78, Chas. Ferguson; '79, Sylvester Weeks; '80-82, Davis W. Clark; '83, 84, Randolph E. Smith; '85-87, Lafayette Young; '88-92, Francis M. Clemans; '93-96, Chas. H. Haines; '97, 98, Geo. V. Morris; '99-1901, Alpheus B. Austin; '02-06, Creighton Wones; '07— Asa J. Kestle.

GEORGETOWN.—1854, John F. Loyd; '55, Wm. S. Morrow; '56, 57, Truman S. Cowden; '58, Jas. Kendall; '59, David H. Sargent; '60, 61, John L. Gregg; '62, A. P. Dunlap; '63, Thos. J. Harris; '64, Silas Bennett; '65, J. B. Ford; '66, John W. Peters; '67, J. M. Sullivan; '68-70, Homer C. Middleton; '71, Seren N. Marsh; '72, John H. Middleton; '73, George T. Weaver; '74, 75, Jas. P. Porter; '76, 77, Henry Miller; '78, 79, Edward McHugh; '80-82, Jonathan Verity; '83-85, Henry D. Rice; '86, 87, Samuel B. Ricketts; '88, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '89-91, Samuel B. Smith; '92, Wilbur N. Mason; '93-95, Marcellus B. Fuller; '96-98, Chas. F. Enyart; '99-1904, Calvin W. Horn; '05-07, Thos. W. Salt; '08— Allen D. Maddox.

GERMANTOWN.—1852, Wm. Langarl; '53, H. S. Sellman; '54, 55, Moses M. Smith; '56, Isaac Neff; . . . '66, *with Miamisburg;* '67, J. J. Hill; '68, 69, M. G. Baker; '70, A. L. Howren; '71, Nathan Prince; '72, Chas. F. Gowdy; '73-75, Gilbert L. Travis; '76, J. P. Ninde; '77, Thornton E. Fidler; '78, J. J. Hill; '79, John Y. Leming; '80, Wilbur P. Thirkield; . . . '82-84, John J. McCabe; '85, 86, Chas. W. Barnes; '87, John F. Loyd; '88, 89, John L. Dalbey; '90, Lincoln Brokaw; '91-93, Wm. A. Deaton; '94, Oren D. Becker; '95, E. A. Harper; '96, A. A. McGinnis; '97-99, Howard L. Torbet; 1900, Clifford L. Myers; '01, 02, Samuel A. Stephan; '03, Dudley Matthews; '04-06, Jacob J. Hawk; '07— Geo. E. McDonald.

GORDON.—1877, Andrew Hamilton; '78, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '79, Geo. M. Hammell; '80, A. L. Howren; '81, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '83-85, Edw. E. Holmes; '86, Jeremiah W. Hickman; '87, 88, George S. Easton; '89, 90, Evan P. James; '91, M. L. Perry; '92, Geo. W. Vorhis; '93-95, J. McK. Shultz; '96, J. W. Lucas; '97, Wm. D. English; '98, John A. Winkler; '99-1901, Fred J. Reinbarth; '02, Henry C. Hutchinson; '03, 04, Clark L. Gowdy; '05, M. M. Markwith; '06, 07, Thos. Cundy; '08— H. Lafferty.

GOSHEN.—1852, 53, Micah G. Purkhiser; '54, Jesse Botkin; '55, 56, David Kemper; '57, 58, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '59, Jos. M. Gatch; '60, 61, J. C. Bontecou; '62, Edward McHugh; '63, Thos. Lee; '64-66. J. M. Sullivan; '67, 68, Wm. Runyan; '69, J. S. Peregrine; '70, 71, Wm. Q. Shannon; '73, 74, John F. Loyd; '75, Wm. Fitzgerald; '76-78, Homer

C. Middleton; '80, John H. Middleton; '81, Wm. N. Williams; '82, 83, Wm. R. Watson; '84-86, Jas. F. McColm; '87-90, Geo. T. Weaver; '91, Edw. T. Lane; '92-94, Carey T. Crum; '95-97, Geo. S. Easton; '98, 99, John H .McNary; 1900-02, Wm. J. Baker; '03-06, Geo. M. Fulton; '07— Stehpen B. Timmons.

GREENFIELD.—1852, 53, J. C. Bontecou; '54, 55, Silas Bennett; '56, J. J. Hill; '57, 58, Wm. J. Quarry; '59, 60, Chas. R. Lovell; '61, 62, Truman S. Cowden; '63, 64, Michael Kauffman; '65-67, Sylvester Weeks; '68-70, Samuel D. Clayton; '71, 72, Wm. Fitzgerald; '73-75, Frank G. Mitchell; '76, Wm. I. Fee; '77-79, Thos. Collett; '80, 81, Alfred U. Beall; '82-84, Jas. P. Porter; '85, 86, Geo. W. Kelley; '87-91, Edmund Burdsall; '92-96, Marion LeSourd; '97-1901, Frank G. Mitchell; '02, 03, Wm. H. Wehrly; '04, 05, Geo. Gable; '06— John E. Beery.

GREENVILLE.—1885, *in Central Ohio Conference;* '86-90, John W. Cassatt; '91-94, Albert N. Spahr; '95-1901, Chas. L. Conger; '02-04, Alpheus B. Austin; '05, Calvin W. Elliott; '06, Charles H. Haines; '07— Lincoln Brokaw.

GROESBECK.—1876, D. R. Baker; '77, 78, John Wilson; '79, 80, Henry Witham; '81, E. D. Keyes; '82, Jas. L. Glascock; '83, 84, Chas. H. Haines; '85, Thornton E. Fidler; '86, 87, John F. Laird; '88, 89, David J. Starr; '90, S. Lane; '91, Samuel G. Pollard; '92, Wm. K. Brown; '93, 94, Wilbur L. Y. Davis; '95, James A. Geissinger; '96, Henry Hershey; '97, Frank C. English; '98, Warren J. Dunham; '99-1901, Stephen B. Timmons; '03, 04, Samuel A. Keen; '05, 06, John R. Troxel; '07— Wm. Frank Martin.

HAMILTON: FIRST CHURCH.—1852, Walter B. Davis: '53, *with Rossville—supplied;* '54, 55, Moses Smith; '56, Enoch G. Nicholson; '57, 58, Chas. R. Lovell; '59, 60, Asbury Lowrey; '61, Wm. H. Lawder; '62, Moses Smith; '63-65, J. J. Thompson; '66, Chas. Ferguson; '67-69, Wm. I. Fee; '70-72, David J. Starr; '73-75, Thos. J. Harris; '76, 77, George H. Dart; '78, 79, Granville Moody; '80, 81, Truman S. Cowden; '82-84, Jas. Murray; '85-89, George W. Dubois; '90-93, Chas. W. Gullette; '94-98, John W. Peters; '99-1904, Chas. E. Schenk; '05— Alpheus B. Austin.

LINDENWALD.—1903, 04, Samuel A. Stephan; '05, 06, Chas. P. Pumphrey; '07— Norman O. Sweat.

HARRISON.—1854, John C. Maddy; '55, C. H. Lawton; '56, Geo. W. Kelly; '57, John F. Loyd; '58, 59, H. Baker; '60-62, *with Venice Circuit;* '63, Isaac Neff; '64, J. C. Bontecou; '65, 66, W. H. Reed; '67, Jas. P. Shultz; '68, 69, Bernard Kelly; '70, 71, John S. Pumphrey; '72, Reuben K. Deem; '73, Jas. Kendall; '74, Francis S. Davis; '75, John Wilson; '76, 77, Samuel B. Smith; '78, Geo. T. Weaver; '79, Jas. S. Bitler; '80, E. D. Keyes; '81, E. E. Holmes; '82, Edgar H. Cherrington; '83-85, James L. Glascock; '86-88, Creighton Wones; '89, Wm. B. Moler; '90, Samuel B. Ricketts; '91, 92, R. G. Easley; '93, 94, George L. Tufts; '95, 96, Carey T. Crum; '97, 98, Henry Hershey; '99-1901, Thos. D. Moore; '02, Stephen B. Timmons; '03, *with Cleves, q. v.;* '04, Wm. K. Brown; '05— *with Cleves.*

HARTWELL.—1872, W. W. Locke; '73, W. H. Smith; '74, 75, Henry Tuckley; '76, Davis W. Clark; '77, Benj. F. Dimmick; '78-80, J. Ford Conrey; '81, Henry C. Weakley; '82-84, Stanley O. Royal; '85-87, Wm. Macafee; '88-90, Edgar H. Cherrington; '91-95, Howard Henderson; '96-1901, Wm. H. Wehrly; '02-06, Frank G. Mitchell; '07— George F. Barber.

HIGHLAND.—1852, Chas. Ferguson; '53, 54, David Whitmer; '55, Jos. M. Gatch; '56, 57, Micah G. Purkhiser; '58, 59, Henry Stokes; '60, John G. Black; '61, 62, John Shinn; '63, 64, David H. Sargent; '65-67, Micah G. Purkhiser; '68-70, George M. Edgar; '71, George T. Weaver; '72, G. J. Conner; '73, 74, Randolph E. Smith; . . . '95-99, Jacob E. H. Sentman; 1900-03, Chas. C. Peale; '03-06, Jas. R. Hill; '07— Lewis A. Washburn.

HILLSBORO.—1852, 53, Wm. I. Fee; '54, 55, Geo. C. Crum; '56, Jos. M. Gatch; '57, 58, J. J. Beall; '59, 60, Wm. G. W. Lewis; '61, 62, Thos. Collett; '63, 64, LaFayette Van Cleve; '65-67, Moses Smith; '68-70, John F. Marlay; '71-73, Truman S. Cowden; '74-76, Lucien Clark; '77-79, Thos. H. Pearne; '80, Jas. Kendall; '81, 82, David J. Starr; '83-85, Chas. W. Ketcham; '86, 87, Davis W. Clark; '88-92, Jas. Murray; '93, 94, Geo. H. Dart; '95, 96, Heber D. Ketcham; '97-99, Marion LeSourd; 1900-02, Stanley O. Royal; '03-07, Wm. A. Deaton; '08— Jas. R. Colley.

JAMESTOWN.—1852, T. A. G. Phillips; '53. 54, Thos. Collett; '55, 56, Levi White; '57, Jesse Botkin; '58, E. H. Field; '59, 60, J. Newson; '61, 62, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '63-65, John Vance; '65, 66, John G. Black; '67, Jos. M. Gatch; '68, Wm. Simmons; '69, Jonathan Verity; '70, 71, Allen W. Tibbitts; '72, 73, David Whitmer; '74-76, John W. Mason; '77-79, Jas. P. Shultz; '80, 81, Granville Moody; '82-84, Geo. W. Kelley; '85-87, Francis M. Clemans; '88-92, John S. Pumphrey; '93, Wm. Runyan; '94, David C. Vance; '96, 97, Jas. Stephenson; '98-1900, Ulysses G. Humphrey; '01-04, Jas. P. Porter; '05, 06, Chas. L. Conger; '07— Wm. M. Coffman.

KING'S CREEK.—1852, 53, David Warnock; '54, David Kemper; '55, E. C. Merrick; '56, 57, Jas. T. Bail; '58, 59, Wm. N. Williams; '60, J. Fitch; '61, Wm. B. Jackson; '62, 63, Wesley Webster; '64-66, David Warnock; '67-69, David Whitmer; '70-71, H. M. Curry; '72-74, Allen W. Tibbetts; '75, 76, Francis M. Clemans; '77-79, D. L. Hayward; '80, 81, Geo. H. Kennedy; '82, Edw. E. Holmes; '83, Samuel W. Carey; '85, Canaro D. Munsey; '86-88, Owen M. Sellers; '89, Jas. E. Abrams; '90, Frank E. Vance; '91, Thos. G. Williams; '92, A. E. Buriff; '93, 94, David S. Ewry; '95, Wm. R. Buckles; '96, Thos. Cundy; '97, F. Zeigler; '98, J. G. Talbott; '99, W. L. Spence; 1900, A. R. Neal; '01, 02, E. L. Hollingsworth; '03, 04, D. Asher McColm; '05, 06, A. J. Sunderland; '07— A. G. Schatzman.

LAUREL.—1853, P. F. Holtsinger; '54, 55, Jas. Armstrong; '56, 57, John C. Maddy; '58, J. B. Owen; '59, 60, A. P. Dunlap; '61, 62, Thos. Lee; '63, 64, Wm. Runyan; '65, Wm. E. Hines; '66-68, Wm. T. McMullen; '69, 70, Jas. P. Porter; '71, John H. Middleton; '72, Seren N. Marsh; '73, 74, Geo. W. Fee; '75, 76, Evan P. James; '77, W. F. Eastman; '78, 79, Newton W. Darlington; '80-82, Henry Stokes; '83, Wm. J. Quarry; '84, 85, *with Bethel;* '86-89, Samuel W. Campbell; '90, 91, John F. Laird; '92-94, Ira E. Price; '95-97, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '98, John H. Davis; '99-1901, Thos. G. Williams; '02-05, Wm. E. Spurrier; '06, 07, Alfred Taylor; '08— Jos. Shepard.

LEBANON.—1852, John Fitch; '53, Chas. G. Meredith; '54, Wm. H. Sutherland; '55, A. W. Musgrove; '56, 57, Enoch G. West; '58, 59, Chas. Ferguson; '60, 61, Geo. W. Harris; '62, 63, John W. Mason; '64, 65, Lucien Clark; '66, 67, David J. Starr; '68-70, Wm. Young; '71-73, Jas. Murray; '74, Wm. Runyan; '75-77, John N. Irvin; '78-80, Samuel D. Clayton; '81-83, David C. Vance; '84-86, Geo. H. Dart; '87-89, Matthias U. Kugler; '90, 91, Wm. L. Hypes; '92-95, Jas. P. Porter; '96-98, Edmund Burdsall; '99-1902, Jacob L. Shively; '04— Wm. A. Cooper.

LEESBURG.—1874, *with New Lexington Circuit*; '75, A. D. Raleigh; '76, 77, David Whitmer; '77, 78, Jos. I. Taggart; '79, 80, Thos. Cundy; '81-83, John Wilson; '84, 85, J. McK. Shultz; '86, 87, John S. Pumphrey; '88-90, John W. Gaddis; '91, Jas. F. McColm; '92-95, Owen M. Sellers; '96-1901, Homer C. Middleton; '02, Chas. W. Briggs; '03-05, Geo. S. Easton; '06— Edw. T. Lane.

LEWISBURG.—1852, H. S. Sellman; '53, Wm. Fitzgerald; '54, Chas. W. Swain; '55, Henry E. Purkhiser; . . . '81, Michael Kaufman; '82, 83, Henry M. Keck; '84, 85, Elisha C. Smith; '86, Wm. M. West; '87-89, Henry Miller; '90, Carey T. Crum; '91, 92, David S. Ewry; '93, 94, Gilbert L. Travis; '95, 96, D. Asher McColm; '97-99, Jos. W. Patton; 1900-02, Wm. C. Mitchell; '03, J. P. Gilliland; '04, Gilbert L. Travis; '05-07, George W. Keen; '08— E. T. Waring.

LOCKLAND.—1852, Levi P. Miller; '53, 54, Arza Brown; '55, J. S. Peregrine; '56, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '57, 58, T. A. G. Phillips; '59, T. D. Crow; '60, 61, Moses Smith; '62, 63, Wm. H. Sutherland; '64, 65, Truman S. Cowden; '66, Samuel L. Yourtee; '67, Geo. C. Crum; '68, Wm. E. Hines; '69-71, Wm. B. Moler; '72-74, Samuel B. Smith; '75-77, David J. Starr; '78-80, David C. Vance; '81, 82, Adam Bowers; '83, LaFayette Van Cleve; '84-86, John A. Story; '87-89, John W. Peters; '90, 91, John F. Marlay; '92, 93, Adam Bowers; '94-97, Chas. W. Barnes; '98, 99, Edw. T. Wells; 1900-07, Wilbur L. Y. Davis; '08— Davis W. Clark.

LOVELAND.—1860, N. Callender; '61-67, *with Maineville, q. v.*; '68, H. Miller; '69, Samuel L. Yourtee; '70, 71, Reuben K. Deem; '72, A. D. Raleigh; '73-75, Homer C. Middleton; '76, Wm. H. Miesse; '77, 78, Matthias M. Kugler; '79, Valorous F. Brown; '80, Chas. W. Barnes; '81, Wm. Young; '82, 83, Mighill Dustin; '84, 85, R. B. Olive; '86, G. E. Johnson; . . . '88, 89, Oren D. Becker; '90, 91, E. R. King; '92, Benj. F. Oswald; '93, Jeremiah W. Hickman; '94, 95, Jas. Stephenson; '96-1902, Eugene S. Gaddis; '03-06, Lucien M. Davis; '07— John A. Easton.

LYNCHBURG.—1860, 61, E. H. Field; '62, 63, Dennis Callahan; '64, John H. Middleton; '65, 66, James P. Shultz; '67, 68, Isaac Neff; '69, 70, John L. Gregg; '71, John Vance; '72, Geo. W. Fee; '73, Geo. M. Edgar; '74, 75, David Whitmer; '76-78, John H. Middleton; '79, E. M. Cole; '80, 81, Milton P. Zink; '82-84, Allen D. Maddox; '85-88, Lucien M. Davis; '89-91, Gilbert P. Austin; '92, J. McK. Shultz; '93-96, John Wilson; '97-99, Randolph E. Smith; 1900-02, Wm. M. Patton; '03-06, Chas. W. Briggs; '07, G. R. Frenger; '08— Walter S. Gray.

MADISONVILLE.—1852, N. Westerman; '53, 54, Allen W. Tibbitts; '55, 56, Benj. Glascock; '57, A. M. Lorrain; '58, 59, J. F. Spence; '60, J. M. Gatch; '61, Jas. T. Bail; '62, R. C. Merrick; '63, 64, Sullivan W. Edmiston; '65, 66, David Kemper; '67, 68, Wm. J. Quarry; '69, Sylvester Weeks; '70-72, David C. Vance; '73, Edw. T. Wells; '74-76, Silas Bennett; '77, John W. Mason; '78-80, Adam Bowers; '81-83, Samuel D. Clayton; '84-86, John H. Lease; '87-91, John A. Story; '92-96, D. Lee Aultman; '97, 98, Jacob L. Shively; '99-1902, Wm. A. Deaton; '03-05, Stanley O. Royal; '06, 07, John Pearson; '08— S. W. Bell.

MAINEVILLE.—1860, R. D. Roe; '61, 62, David Kemper; '63, Nimrod McDonald; '64-66, Wm. Routledge; '67, 68, Wm. J. Quarry; '69, Wm. Q. Shannon; '70, 71, Reuben K. Deem; '72, A. D. Raleigh; '73-75,

Homer C. Middleton; '76, W. S. Rae; '77, 78, Carey T. Crum; '79-81, Mighill Dustin; '82, J. W. Lockwood; '83, T. J. Tone; '84, Gilbert L. Travis; '85, 86, Geo. T. Weaver; '87, Milton P. Zink; '88-90, Chas. W. Briggs; '91, 92, John F. Loyd; '93, 94, Geo. F. Perry; '95-97, Jas. S. Whitney; '98-1902, Geo. M. Fulton; '03-05, Walter S. Gray; '06, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '07— Wm. B. Brown.

MANCHESTER.—1860, Thos. Head; '61, J. M. Sullivan; '62, 63, John L. Gregg; '64, Sylvester Weeks; '65-67, R. M. Thompson; '68, Henry M. Keck; '69, 70, Richard A. Arthur; '71-73, Jas. P. Porter; '74, Geo. T. Weaver; '75, 76, Seren N. Marsh; '77, Newton W. Darlington; '78, 79, D. Lee Aultman; '80-82, Wm. M. Boyer; '83, 84, Leonidas O. Deputy; '85-88, Jas. S. Whitney; '89, 90, Randolph E. Smith; '91, 92, Marcellus B. Fuller; '93, Henry Witham; '94-97, Thos. D. Moore; '98, 99, Wm. J. Baker; 1900-02, Ira E. Price; '03, 04, Jonathan Verity; '05, 06, Lewis A. Washburn; '07— Watson W. Tranter.

MARATHON.—1870, J. F. Rapp; '71, Nimrod McDonald; '72, J. F. Rapp; '73-75, Wm. T. McMullen; '76, Chas. J. Wells; '77, 78, Evan P. James; '79, 80, Wm. J. Baker; '81-83, Wm. P. Jackson; '84, 85, Geo. W. Fee; '86, 87, T. W. Williamson; '88, 89, John F. Laird; '90, Samuel Given; '91, 92, J. W. Burdsall; '93, 94, Harley E. Armacost; '95, 96, A. D. Foster; '97-99, Walter S. Gray; 1900, 01, Lewis A. Washburn; '02, 03, John A. Winkler; '04-06, Wm. E. Shriver; '07, 08—

MARTINSVILLE.—1876, *with Clarksville Circuit*; '77, 78, A. D. Raleigh; '79, G. S. McLaughlin; '80, 81, Allen W. Tibbitts; '82, Newton W. Darlington; '83-85, Jos. W. Luccock; '86, 87, John M. Davis; '88, Chas. J. Wells; '89, J. H. Goss; '90-92, J. M. Roberts; '93, Benj. F. Oswald; '94, Geo. B. Shanor; '95, J. F. Trout; '96, 97, Jas. S. Ruggles; '98, Jas. F. McColm; '99, Wm. B. Brown; 1900, Lewis A. Washburn; '01, D. Asher McColm; '02, 03, Chas. J. Kelch; '04, E. S. Underhill; '05, H. S. Alkire; '06, 07, Walter S. Gray; '08— H. O. Collins.

MECHANICSBURG.—1852, David Sharp; '53, David Kemper; '55-60, *with King's Creek*; '61, 62, S. Ford Conrey; '63-65, John W. Cassatt; '66, 67, John W. Mason; '68, 69, Thos. J. Harris; '70, David Warnock; '71, 72, Edw. T. Wells; '73, 74, Wm. Fitzgerald; '75, 76, Michael Kaufman; '77-79, Francis M. Clemans; '80-82, John W. Cassatt; '83, Alfred U. Beall; '84-86, Matthias M. Kugler; '87, 88, Jas. Stephenson; '89, 90, Merrick E. Ketcham; '91, 92, David D. Cheney; '93-95, Jas. Murray; '96, 97, Edgar H. Cherrington; '98-1901, Albert N. Spahr; '01, 02, Owen M. Sellers; '03-05, Chas. H. Haines; '06— John W. Gaddis.

[MIAMI CIRCUIT].—1852, 53, Jos. Gassner; '54, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '55, 56, A. Murphy; '57, 58, Levi White; '59, David Kemper; . . . '62, 63, Wm. N. Williams; '64, 65, Wm. Q. Shannon; '66, Isaac Neff; '67, 68, Henry Stokes; '69, N. C. Parrish; '70, Wm. B. Jackson; '71, 72, R. S. Hagerman; '73-75, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '76, 77, Absolom M. Griffith; '78-80, Gilbert R. Travis; '81, 82, Wm. Mahon; '83, R. S. Hagerman; '85, Frank Leever. MASON.—1886, Frank Leever; '87, 88, John W. Mason; '89-91, Jas. T. Bail; '92-94, John W. Shorten; '95, Eugene S. Gaddis; '96, Wilbur G. Warner; '97-1902, Wm. A. Wiant; '03-07, Wm. E. Putt; '08— Wm. E. Spurrier.

MIAMISBURG.—1853, 54, T. A. G. Philips; '55, 56, *with Germantown*; . . . '59, A. T. Thompson; '60, Wm. J. Quarry; '61, 62, Allen W. Tibbitts; '63, Micah G. Purkhiser; '64-66, Geo. H. Kennedy; '67-69, Alfred U. Beall; '70-72, Jas. P. Shultz; '73-75, Mighill Dustin; '76-78,

F. S. Davis; '79, John W. Mason; '80-82, Francis M. Clemans; '83-85, Sylvester Weeks; '86-88, Alfred U. Beall; '89, 90, Jacob E. H. Seaman; '91-93, Merrick E. Ketcham; '94-97, John S. Pumphrey; '98-1902, Jas. E. Abrams; '03-06, Sheridan W. Bell; '07— Frank G. Mitchell.

MIDDLETOWN.—1852, 53, L. D. Harlan; '54, 55, Jos. J. Hill; '56, 57, Michael Kauffman; '58, David Whitmer; '59, 60, Alex. Meharry; '61, 62, E. G. West; '63, S. Ford Conrey; '64, M. A. Bryson; '65-67, Michael Kaufman; '68, Alfred U. Beall; '69, David J. Starr; '70, 71, C. H. Lawton; '72-74, Francis M. Clemans; '75, 76, Wm. H. Sutherland; '77, Granville Moody; '78-80, Geo. H. Dart; '81, John F. Marlay; '82-84, John R. Shannon; '85, Thos. Collett; '86-90, David C. Vance; '91, Jacob L. Shively; '92, 93, Stanley O. Royal; '94-96, Wm. Runyan; '97-1900, D. Lee Aultman; '01-03, Ulysses G. Humphrey; '04-07, Wilbur E. Hammaker; '08— Valorous F. Brown.

MILFORD.—1852, 53, Jas. Laws; '54, Wm. Routledge; '55, A. M. Lorraine; '56, Alfred U. Beall; '57, 58, Levi P. Miller; '59, N. Callender; '60, J. F. Wright; '61, J. F. Spence; '62, 63, Lucien Clark; '64, 65, Geo. W. Kelley; '66, Wm. Q. Shannon; '67, Wm. Simmons; '68, Jos. M. Gatch; '69, 70, Wm. Runyan; '71, David Warnock; '72, 73, Wm. B. Moler; '74, T. J. Euans; '75, T. D. W. Peake; '76, Jas. P. Shultz; '77, Reuben K. Deem; '78-80, Silas Bennett; '81-83, Geo. H. Dart; '84, 85, David C. Vance; '86, D. C. Ridgeway; '87-89, Jas. L. Glascock; '90, 91, LaFayette Van Cleve; '92-94, Randolph E. Smith; '95-99, John W. Mason; 1900-07, Marion LeSourd; '08— Cyrus M. Van Pelt.

MONROE.—1852, 53, Jesse Botkin; '54, H. S. Sellman; '55, 56, H. Baker; '57, 58, Allen W. Tibbitts; '59, 60, Wm. Fitzgerald; '61, Wesley Rowe; '62, Mighill Dustin; '63-65, Geo. Parrott; '66, 67, Truman S. Cowden; '68-70, John W. Mason; '71, 72, Jas. T. Bail; '72-74, Andrew Hamilton; '75-77, Alfred U. Beall; '78, 79, David D. Cheney; '80-82, Jas. P. Shultz; '83, 84, Wm. H. Sutherland; '85, Jonathan Verity; '86-88, Wm. B. Moler; '89-91, Creighton Wones; '92-94, John A. White; '95, 96, John H. McNary; '97, Chas. H. Haines; '98, 99, Andrew Hamilton; 1900-02, Frank Leever; '03-07, Jas. A. Jenkinson; '08— Philip Trout.

[MONTGOMERY].—1885, 86, Geo. L. Tufts; '87, 88, Geo. T. Perry; '89, Geo. S. Easton; '91, Thos. Cundy; '92, John A. Winkler; '93, Thos. C. Walter; '94, 95, Wm. E. Spurrier; '96, *with Pleasant Ridge*; '97, J. M. Roberts; '98, Lewis A. Washburn; '99, E. J. T. Connelly; 1900, 01, R. S. Hagerman; '02, 03, Harry S. Stevenson. BRANCH HILL.—1904, Benj. H. Lewis; '05, G. G. Lewis; '06, U. T. Belfry; '07— J. C. Boltin.

MORROW.—1870-72, N. C. Parrish; '78, Wm. Young; '74-76, Benj. F. Dimmick; '77-79, Geo. W. Dubois; '80-82, Valorous F. Brown; '83-85, Chas. L. Conger; '86, 87, Geo. M. Hammell; '88, 89, Sam'l B. Ricketts; '90-93, Cyrus M. Van Pelt; '94, 95, Wilbur G. Warner; '96, 97, David D. Cheney; '98-1902, Wm. E. Putt; '03, 04, Edw. T. Lane; '06, 07, Geo. S. Easton; '08— John P. Ninde.

MOSCOW.—1856, J. Fitch; '57, 58, Benj. Glascock; '59, Dennis Callahan; '60, 61, John C. Maddy; '62, 63, Wm. Q. Shannon; '64, Wm. W. Ramsay; '65, 66, Sullivan W. Edmiston; '67, H. M. Curry; '68, Levi P. Miller; '69, 70, Wm. J. Quarry; '71, 72, Jas. S. Whitney; '73, 74, Elisha C. Smith; '75, T. J. Euans; '76, Henry Stokes; '77-79, Wm. B. Moler; '80, 81, Seren N. Marsh; '82, 83, Lucien M. Davis; '84, Wm. R.

Watson; '85, Alpheus B. Austin; '86, George M. Edgar; '87, 88, Willis Palmer; '89-91, John Wilson; '92-94, Chas. W. Briggs; '95-1900, Jas. D. Darling; '01, Lincoln Brokaw; '02, 03, Thos. W. Salt; '04, John A. Winkler; '05-07, John Phillips; '08— Louis C. Radley.

MT. ORAB AND SARDINIA.—1878, 79, Sullivan W. Edmiston; '80-82, Geo. W. Fee; '83-85, Geo. M. Fulton; '86, 87, Jas. S. Ruggles; '88, Leonidas O. Deputy; '89, Thos. Cundy; '90, 91, T. W. Williamson; '92, 93, Wm. J. Baker; '94, 95, Chas. J. Wells; '96, John A. Winkler; '97, E. L. Hollingsworth; '98, 99, David S. Ewry; 1900, David W. Clark; '01, 02, Jas. S. Ruggles; '03, 04, Thos. G. Williams; '05-07, H. Oscar Collins; '08— Fred J. Reinbarth.

MT. WASHINGTON.—1863, John C. Maddy; '64, Thos. J. Harris; '65, 66, C. M. Giffin; '67, 68, J. S. Peregrine; '69, 70, Jas. Murray; '71, A. B. Wambaugh; '72-74, Michael Kaufman; '75, 76, Randolph E. Smith; '77, Gilbert L. Travis; '78-80, John A. Story; '81-83, Geo. W. Dubois; '84, John A. White; '85, Winfield C. Helt; '86-88, Heber D. Ketcham; '89, Carey T. Crum; '90-92, Francis M. Kirgan; '93-95, Calvin W. Elliott; '96, 97, Chas. L. Mackey; '98, S. B. Timmons; '99, J. W. Gibson; 1900-02, Asa J. Kestle; '03, Geo. R. Frenger; '04, Carey T. Crum; '05, Benj. H. Lewis; '06, S. M. Griffith; '07— Francis M. Kirgan.

MUTUAL.—1878, Samuel W. Carey; '79-81, Elisha C. Smith; '83-85, Jos. C. Boltin; '85-89, John Vance; '90-92, Isaac C. Page; '93, 94, J. Raper Hunter; '95, Wm. T. Stafford; '96, Chas. W. Briggs; '97-99, John L. Dalbey; 1900-02, Canaro D. Munsey; '03, Jas. S. Ruggles; '04, 05, Thos. Cundy; '06, 07, Wm. D. English; '08— H. Killinder.

NEW BURLINGTON.—1858, Albert N. Spahr; '59, J. C. Deem; '60, T. B. Thurber; '61, 62, John Vance; '63, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '64, 65, M. G. Baker; '66, David Reed; '67, Geo. M. Edgar; '68, Thos. Head; '69, 70, Eli Kirk; '71-73, Henry Stokes; '74, John F. Hull; '75-77, Wm. B. Jackson; '78-80, David Whitmer; '81-83, Gilbert L. Travis; '84, 85, Allen W. Tibbitts; '86, 87, D. Asher McColm; '88-90, Henry Witham; '91-95, Philip Trout; '96, 97, Ulysses G. Humphrey; '98-1900, Reuben K. Deem; '01-03. Geo. H. Smith; '04-06, Oren D. Becker; '07, H. H. Compton; '08— Amos T. Cowgill.

NEW CARLISLE.—1852, 53, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '54, 55, Wesley Webster; '56, Nimrod McDonald; '57, J. C. Deem; '58, S. Brown; '59, Levi P. Miller; '60, E. C. Merrick; '61, Jos. Newson; '62, 63, Wm. I. Ellsworth; '64, 65, Alfred U. Beall; '66, 67, Jesse M. Robinson; '68-70, John Vance; '71, John Pearson; '72, 73, C. H. Lawson; '74-76, John G. Black; '77, 78, Michael Kaufman; '79, 80, J. McK. Shultz; '81-83, Jas. Stephenson; '84, 85, LaFayette Van Cleve; '86, 87, John W. Gaddis; '88, Wm. Mahon; '89, John A. Easton; '90-92, Winfield C. Helt; '93, 94, Jas. P. Shultz; '95, Lincoln Brokaw; '96, 97, Calvin W. Elliott; '98-1901, Geo. L. Tufts; '02, Samuel A. Keen; '03, 04, Harley E. Armacost; '05, 06, Clifford L. Meyers; '07— Joseph W. Patton.

NEW JASPER.—1874, *with Jamestown;* '75, 76, C. H. Lawton; '77, 78, Allen W. Tibbitts; '79-81, Absolom M. Griffith; '82, 83, Elisha C. Smith; '84-86, Henry M. Keck; '87, 88, Wm. J. Baker; '89-91, Wm. R. Dudley; '92-96, Reuben S. McColm; '97-1901, Chas. W. Briggs; '02, 03, Henry Hershey; '04, 05, Chas. L. Chapman; '06— Frank Leever.

NEW MOOREFIELD.—1870, *with Vienna Circuit;* '71, Chas. F. Gowdy; '72-74, Edmund Burdsall; '75, Jesse M. Robinson; '76, M. G. Baker; '77-79, Wm. H. Smith; '80-82, J. Raper Hunter; '83, E. D. Keyes;

'84, J. P. Bishop; '85, John G. Black; '86, 87, John H. Middleton; '88, John A. Easton; '89-91, Owen M. Sellers; '92, D. Asher McColm; '93, 94, Wm. M. Patton; '95, 96, Lucien M. Davis; '97, 98, John F. Laird; '99, Dewitt C. Washburn; 1900-04, Reuben S. McColm; '05-07, J. C. Eckles.

NEW PARIS.—1854, J. C. Deem; '55, H. S. Sellman; . . . '58, Geo. W. Kelly; '59, 60, John Vance; '61, Nimrod McDonald; '62, 63, John Fitch; '64, Micah G. Purkhiser; '65, 66, Fletcher W. Hypes; '67, 68, Allen W. Tibbitts; '69, Samuel W. Carey; '70, 71, Evan P. James; '72, 73, John F. Hull; '74, 75, Jos. J. Hill; '76, John Wilson; '77-79, Lafayette Young; '80-82, Geo. M. Edgar; '83-85, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '86, 87, Canaro D. Munsey; '88, J. Raper Hunter; '89-91, Isaac R. Marshall; '92, 93, Wm. M. West; '94-97, M. F. Hawley; '98-1900, J. McK. Shultz; '01, Fee Naylor; '02, David W. Clark; '03, A. B. Shaw; '04, Dudley Matthews; '05, Henry Hershey; '06— Clarence S. Grauser.

NEW RICHMOND.—1852, P. F. Holtsinger; '53, 54, John W. Cassatt; '55, Isaac Neff; '56, J. F. Spence; '57, 58, Geo. Parrott; '59, 60, John W. Cassatt; '61, 62, Jos. M. Gatch; '63, 64, Wm. E. Hines; '65, Edw. McHugh; '66, 67, Chas. Kalbfus; '68-70, Wm. H. Lawder; '71, 72, Homer C. Middleton; '73, 74, Jas. S. Whitney; '75, 76, Andrew Hamilton; '77, 78, Lucien M. Davis; '79, Thos. Cundy; '80-82, D. Lee Aultman; '83, 84, Jas. T. Bail; '85-87, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '88, 89, Wilbur G. Warner; '90, Edw. T. Lane; '91, Frank C. Vance; '92-94, Jas. S. Whitney; '95-97, Wm. J. Baker; '98, 99, John E. Beery; 1900, 01, Chas. F. Enyart; '02-05, Warren J. Dunham; '06, 07, Chas. L. Chapman; '08— Geo. M. Fulton.

NEWTOWN.—1869, Wm. Routledge; '70, Geo. T. Weaver; '71, Richard A. Arthur; '72, Lucien M. Davis; . . . '87, A. L. Howren; '88, Henry Stokes; '89-93, Amos T. Cowgill; '94-96, Allen D. Maddox; '97-1902, Lucien M. Davis; '03-05, Thos. P. Walter; '06, 07, Wm. E. Verity; '08— John H. Lease.

NEW VIENNA.—1882, John G. Black; '83-85, John S. Pumphrey; '86-89, Chas. L. Conger; '90-92, Reuben K. Deem; '93, David D. Cheney; '94-96, John A. Easton; '97-1901, John Wilson; '02-04, Andrew Hamilton; '05-07, John H. Lease; '08— Wm. C. Lewis.

NORWOOD: FIRST.—1886, R. B. Olive; '87-89, Thos. J. Harris; '90, John A. Easton; '91-93, Geo. V. Morris; '94, Merrick E. Ketcham; '95-99, Wilbur L. Y. Davis; 1900-05, John E. Beery; '06— Jesse Lee Corley.

NORWOOD: GRACE.—1888, Geo. M. Hammell; '89-91, Alpheus B. Austin; '92, 93, Dewitt C. Washburn; '94-98, Merrick E. Ketcham; '99, 1900, Geo. B. Shanor; '01-04, Alvin K. Stabler; '05— Chas. C. Peale.

OSBORN.—1892, *with Fairfield Circuit;* '93, 94, D. Asher McColm; '95-99, Wm. M. Patton; 1900-02, Randolph E. Smith; '03-05, Frank Leever; '06, 07, Andrew Hamilton; '08— J. C. Eckles.

OXFORD.—1852, Jas. F. Chalfant; '53, 54, John F. Marlay; '55, Thos. D. Crow; '56, 57, R. O. Spencer; '58, 59, Geo. W. Harris; '60, J. M. Leavitt; '61, 62, Wm. L. Hypes; '64, 65, Wm. B. Moler; '66, Asbury Lowrey; '67, Wm. H. Lawder; '68, Jas. L. Grover; '69, J. W. McGregor; '70-72, Thos. J. Harris; '73-75, David C. Vance; '76-78, Jas. Murray; '79, Albert N. Spahr; '80-82, Benj. F. Dimmick; '83-85, John W. Cassatt; '86, 87, Samuel A. Brewster; '88-90, Truman S. Cowden; '91-95, Edgar H. Cherington; '96-1900, Jas. P. Porter; '01, Lyman E. Prentiss; '02-05, Cyrus M. VanPelt; '06, Jas. A. Geissinger; '07— Chas. L. Bovard.

OWENSVILLE AND NEWTONVILLE.—1884, Lucien M. Davis; '85, John H. Middleton; '86, 87, Leonidas O. Deputy; '88, Samuel B. Smith; '89-91, Chas. J. Wells; '92-94, Wm. E. Stafford; '95, 96, J. Raper Hunter; '97-99, Ira E. Price; 1900, 01, Wm. D. English; '02, 03, Abbott G. Newton; '04-06, Wm. B. Brown; '07— Wm. E. Shriver.

[JACKSONVILLE].—1883, *with West Union;* '84, Jas. S. Ruggles; '85, Sam'l W. Campbell; '86, Newton W. Darlington; '87, Jas. McNeilan; '88, Jas. R. Hill; '89, Frank C. English; '90, Walter S. Gray; '91, 92, A. D. Singer; '93, Archie W. Hook. PEEBLES.—1894, 95, Dewitt C. Washburn; '96, Thos. P. Walter; '97, 98, Archie W. Hook; '99, Wm. D. English; 1900, 01, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '02, D. C. Ridgway; '03, 04, John Phillips; '05, 06, Jonathan Verity; '07— Frank S. Miller.

PIQUA.—1852, Maxwell P. Gaddis. GREENE STREET.—1853, R. O. Spencer; '54, Jos. Newson; '55, 56, C. Brooks; '57, 58, Granville Moody; '59, 60, Wm. Herr; '61, 62, Asbury Lowrey; '63-65, Granville Moody; '66, Jas. L. Grover; '67-69, Wm. H. Sutherland; '70-72, Wm. I. Fee; '73, 74, Jas. Stephenson; '75-77, John F. Marlay; '78, 79, John W. Cassatt; '80-82, Randolph E. Smith; '83-85, Adam Bowers; '86, 87, Adna B. Leonard; '88-91, Edw. T. Wells; '92-96, Frank G. Mitchell; '97-1900, Heber D. Ketcham; '01-06, Rufus J. Wyckoff; '07, Sheridan W. Bell; '08— Wm. A. Deaton.

[WAYNE STREET].—1853, LaFayette Van Cleve; '54, 55, Jas. Kendall; '56, 57, John W. Cassatt; '58, Jas. T. Bail; '59, Geo. Parrott; '60, Wm. H. Lawder; '61, Jas. Kendall; '62, 63, Wm. B. Moler; '64, 65, David J. Starr; '66, N. C. Parrish; '67, Wm. H. Reed. GRACE.—1868-70, Edw. T. Wells; '71, Madison A. Richards; '72, 73, Silas Bennett; '74, J. Ford Conrey; '75, Wm. Q. Shannon; '76, Geo. H. Kennedy; '77, 78, Stanley O. Royal; '79, Jas. Stephenson; '80, 81, John R. Shannon; '82, J. R. Irvin; '83, 84, Jas. P. Shultz; '85, Benj. D. Hypes; '86, Henry Miller; '87, Albert F. Dalbey; '88-90, R. G. Easley; '91, Wm. I. Fee; '92, Truman S. Cowden; '93-95, Wm. H. Wehrly; '96, David Herr; '97, 98, Frank Vance; '99, 1900, Owen M. Sellers; '01, 02, Albert N. Spahr; '03, 04, Adna W. Leonard; '05— Harley E. Armacost.

PLEASANT RIDGE.—1868, *with Madisonville Circuit;* '69-84, *with Carthage;* '85, Edw. T. Lane; '86, 87, Edgar H. Cherington; '88, M. F. Perry; '89, Chas. L. Chapman; '90, Henry Hershey; '91, 92, Ulysses G. Humphrey; . . . 1904, Lewis O. Hartman; '05— J. Ellington McGee. *(See under Bond Hill.)*

PORT UNION.—1858, J. Fitch; '59, 60, Levi White; '61, 62, Geo. W. Fee; '63, 64, Andrew Murphy; '65, Bernard Kelly; '66, 67, Adam Bowers; '68, Sam'l L. Yourtee; '69, C. H. Lawton; '70, Nathan Prince; '71, John Vance; '72, Wm. B. Jackson; '73-75, Wm. H. Black; '76, Jas. S. Whitney; '77, John Pearson; '78-80, Edmund Burdsall; '81, Wm. H. Smith; '82, David D. Chency; '83, D. C. Ridgway; '84-86, Reuben K. Deem; '87-89, Andrew Hamilton; '90, D. Asher McColm; '91-93, Jas. Stephenson; '94, 95, Jas. F. McColm; '96-98, Wm. M. Coffman; '99-1901, Amos T. Cowgill; '02, Isaac R. Marshall; '03, 04, Randolph E. Smith; '05— Gilbert P. Austin.

RAINSBORO.—1876, D. L. Hayward; '77, 78, John H. Davis; '79, Chas. F. Gowdy; '80, 81, John L. Gregg; '82-84, John H. Middleton; '85-87, Chas. J. Wells; '88, 89, C. L. Winget; '90, 91, Wm. J. Baker; '92, 93, Henry W. Bailey; '94, Lucien Davis; '95, Jas. S. Ruggles; '96, 97, Wm. P. Jackson; '98-1902, Homer G. Curless; '03, 04, Asa J. Kestle; '05, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '06, 07, Jas. F. McColm; '08, A. E. Huntington.

[RED LION].—1888-90, Calvin W. Elliott; '91, Geo. T. Perry; '92, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '93, W. C. F. Lippert; '94-96, Jos. W. Patton; '97, 98, Geo. L. Tufts; '99-1901, Henry Hershey; '02, 03, Wm. D. English; '04-06, DeWitt C. Washburn; '07— *with Springboro.*

RIPLEY.—1852, Mighill Dustin; '53, 54, Chas. R. Lovell; '55, Wesley Rowe; '56, 57, LaFayette Van Cleve; '58, 59, J. S. Peregrine; '60, 61, J. Ford Conrey; '62, 63, A. B. Wambaugh; ,64, 65, A. McKeown; '66, Chas. Kalbfus; '67, 68, Granville Moody; '69, C. F. Thomas; '70-72, Wm. H. Sutherland; '73-75, Sylvester Weeks; '76-78, Thos. J. Harris; '79, 80, Frank G. Mitchell; '81, 82, Jas. T. Bail; '83, 84, Francis M. Clemans; '85, 86, A. D. Raleigh; '87, 88, Samuel D. Clayton; '89, 90, David D. Cheney; '91, 92, Henry Witham; '93-97, Jas. E. Abrams; '98, David C. Vance; '99, 1900, Jas. A. Geissinger; '01, 02, Edw. T. Lane; '03-07, Henry W. Bailey; '08— Wm. E. Grose.

SABINA.—1880, *with Bowersville;* '81, 82, Chas. J. Wells; '83-85, D. Asher McColm; '86-88, J. McK. Shultz; '89-93, Lucien M. Davis; '94, 95, Jas. R. Colley; '96-1900, Gilbert P. Austin; '01-03, Reuben K. Deem; '04-06, Wm. M. Coffman; '07— John S. Pumphrey.

SEVEN MILE.—1863, Eli Kirk; '64, 65, Sam'l W. Carey; '66, 67, Madison A. Richards; '68, 69, C. T. Frame; '70, Wm. N. Williams; '71, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '72, 73, John Wilson; '74, B. F. January; '75-77, Edmund Burdsall; '78-80, Reuben K. Deem; '81, C. B. Brecount; '82, E. D. Keyes; '83-85, David D. Cheney; '86, 87, Wilbur G. Warner; '88-90, Frank Leever; '91-94, Andrew Hamilton; '95, Geo. W. Vorhis; '96-99, John H. Lease; 1900-04, Oliver P. Hoffman; '05, 06, Jos. W. Patton; '07— Oren D. Becker.

SINKING SPRINGS.—1852, 53, John F. Loyd; '54, Jos. W. Smith; '55, W. King; '56, Jas. S. Robinson; '57, 58, J. Stillwell; '59, 60, Geo. M. Edgar; '61, Sam'l Salisbury; '62, Albert N. Spahr; '63, John Shinn; '64, Jas. P. Shultz; '65, John L. Gregg; '66, 67, Milton P. Zink; '68, Micah G. Purkhiser; '69, 70, Isaac Neff; '71, 72, T. D. W. Peake; '73, E. M. Cole; '74-76, J. Raper Hunter; '77, 78, Geo. M. Edgar; '79, Milton P. Zink; '80-82, D. Asher McColm; '83, 84, Chas. J. Wells; '85, 86, Geo. P. Bethel; '87, 88, E. L. Knox; '89, 90, John H. Middleton; '91, 92, Homer G. Curless; '93, Wm. E. Spurrier; '94-96, Benj. F. Oswald; '97, 98, John L. Duckwall; '99-1901, Wm. B. Brown; '02, 03, Jas. M. Bailey; '04, Edgar S. Jackson; '05, J. V. Morris; '06, J. C. Boltin; '07, John H, Davis; '08— R. C. Moon.

SOUTH CHARLESTON.—1852, 53, Enoch G. West; '54, Wm. L. Hypes; '55, G. W. Harris; '56, A. W. Musgrove; '57, 58, Samuel D. Clayton; '59, 60, Wm. Routledge; '61, 62, John W. Cassatt; '63, 64, Wm. Fitzgerald; '65-67, Jas. T. Bail; '68-70, Michael Kaufman; '71-73, John W. Mason; '74, 75, Wm. B. Moler; '76, 77, Wm. H. Black; '78-80, Sam'l B. Smith; '81-83, Wm. I. Fee; '84-86, Edmund Burdsall: '87, 88, John J. McCabe; '89, 90, J. McK. Shultz; '91-95, Benj. D. Hypes; '96, 97, David C. Vance; '98-1901, John S. Pumphrey; '02-05, Amos T. Cowgill; '06— Geo. W. Vorhis.

SOUTH LEBANON.—1879, *with Morrow;* '80-82, Geo. M. Hammell; '83-85, D. Lee Aultman; '86, T. F. Tabler; '87, Henry Stokes; '88, 89, Ira E. Price; '90-92, Wm. E. Spurrier; '93, Jas. R. Colley: '94, Jas. S. Ruggles; '95, 96, J. M. Roberts; '97, John A. Winkler; '98, Jas. S. Whitney; '99, Oliver L. Utter; 1900, W. R. Karr; '01, Jas. T. Bail; '02, Fred J. Reinbarth; '03, H. W. Gudgeon; '04, 05, H. W. Brown; '06, Jas. M. Bennett; '07, Thos. S. King; '08 —Thos. Cundy.

SPRINGFIELD: [COLUMBIA STREET].—1852, Granville Moody; '53, 54, Jas. F. Chalfant; '55, 56, Jos. Newson; '57, 58, Wm. I. Ellsworth; '59, Mighill Dustin. CENTRAL.—1860, 61, Chas. Ferguson; '62, J. Ford Conrey; '63-65, Sam'l L. Yourtee; '66-68, John W. Cassatt; '69-71, Sam'l A. Brewster; '72, 73, Chas. W. Ketcham; '74-76, Edw. T. Wells; '77-79, Wm. A. Robinson; '80-82, Chas. W. Ketcham; '83-85, Adna B. Leonard; '86, Wm. Runyan; '87, John Pearson; '88, 89, Thos. H. Pearne; '90-93, Chas. W. Barnes; '94, Chas. W. Rishell; '95-97, Valorous F. Brown; '98-1901, Cyrus M. Van Pelt; '02-04, Chas. L. Conger; '05-07, Adna W. Leonard; '08— P. Ross Parrish.

CLIFTON AVENUE.—1894, Lincoln Brokaw: '95, 96, J. P. Shultz; '97-99, Canaro D. Munsey; 1900-02, Sam'l W. Campbell; '03— Homer G. Curless.

GRACE.—1887, 88, Geo. L. Tufts; '89, 90, Wm. I. Fee; '91, 92, Albert C. Turrell; '93, Wilbur G. Warner; '94, 95, David Herr; '96-98, Earl M. Ellsworth; '99-1904, John L. Duckwall; '05, Randolph E. Smith; '06, 07. A. F. White; '08— Wm. E. Verity.

HIGH STREET.—1852, John W. Weakley; '53, 54, Mighill Dustin; '55, Wm. H. Sutherland; '56, 57, John F. Marlay; '58, 59, Wm. I. Fee; '60, 61, A. T. Thompson; '62, 63, Geo. C. Crum; '64-66, A. B. Wambaugh; '67, Geo. H. Dart; '68-70, Thos. Collett; '71-73, Lucien Clark; '74, Wm. L. Hypes; '75, Samuel B. Smith; '76-78, Frank G. Mitchell; '79-81, Thos. J. Harris; '82-84, John F. Marlay; '85-89, Richard H. Rust; '90, John R. Shannon; '94-1903, John A. Story; '05-07, Eugene P. Edmonds; '08— Wilbur L. Y. Davis.

ST. PAUL.—1880-82, Wm. N. Brodbeck; '83, Jas. W. Bushong; '84, 85, Henry Tuckley; '86, 87, Thos. Collett; '88, John R. Shannon; '89, Chas. W. Gullette; '90, 91, Geo. W. Dubois; '92-96, Paul C. Curnick; '97, 98, Jas. W. Magruder; '99-1904, John W. Peters; '05, 06, John F. Chenoweth; '07— Oliver L. Utter.

SPRINGBORO.—1859, 60, Alfred U. Beall; '61, 62, John F. Loyd; '63, 64, Allen W. Tibbitts; '65-67, Geo. W. Kelley; '68-70, Madison A. Richards; '71, 72, Wm. Young; '73-75, Sam'l W. Carey; '76-78, Wm. Q. Shannon; '79, Alfred U. Beall; '80, Jas. Stephenson; '81-83, J. McK. Shultz; '84-86, John G. Vaughn; '87, Frank Leever; '88, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '89, 90, M. L. Perry; '91, 92, Wm. H. Wehrly; '93, 94, Chas. F. Enyart; '95, Isaac R. Marshall; '96, 97, J. McK. Shultz; '98, 99, Archie W. Hook; 1900-04, Joseph W. Patton; '05, Dudley Matthews; '06, Jas. C. Lewis; '07— John L. Dalbey.

SUGAR TREE RIDGE.—1878, E. D. Keyes; . . . '80, Leonidas O. Deputy; '81-83, Wm. J. Baker; '84, John L. Gregg; '85-87, Chas. W. Briggs; '88, 89, S. Lane; '90-92, John H. Davis; '93, 94, J. M. Roberts; '95, Chas. C. Peale; '96, E. L. Hollingsworth; '97, 98, Wm. B. Brown; '99, D. Asher McColm; 1900, Dewitt C. Washburn; '01, 02, Chas. J. Moore; '03-06, T. M. Scarff; '07— G. B. Goodrich.

[OLIVE BRANCH].—1876-78, John Vance; '79, 80, Jas. F. McColm; '81-83, Sam'l B. Ricketts; '84, 85, Fletcher W. Hypes; '86, 87, Edw. T. Lane; '88, Jas. S. Ruggles; '89-91, Leonidas O. Deputy. SUMMERSIDE.—1892, 93, Chas. J. Wells; '94, Wm. J. Baker; '95, Chas. W. Briggs; '96-1901, Wm. E. Spurrier; '02, 03, Wm. B. Brown; '04-06, Abbott G. Newton; '07— Dewitt C. Washburn.

TIPPECANOE CITY.—1866, Alfred U. Beall; '67, 68, Geo. H. Kennedy; '69, Geo. Kelley; '70, A. E. Wiggins; '71, A. D. Raleigh; '72, 73, Wm. N. Brodbeck; '74, 75, Chas. F. Gowdy; '76, 77, Jos. J. Hill; '78, John W. Mason; '79, Michael Kaufman; '80, 81, David D. Cheney; '82-84, Henry C. Weakley; '85, 86, John J. McCabe; '87, 88, Geo. H. Kennedy; '89-92, J. Raper Hunter; '93, Henry Miller; '94-98, Jas. R. Hill; '99, 1900, John A. Easton; '01-04, Gilbert P. Austin; '05, 06, Samuel A. Stephan; '07— Owen M. Sellers.

TREMONT.—1852, Geo. W. Harris; '53, Wm. N. Williams; '54, 55, Elijah M. Field; '56, 57, John G. Black; '58, Wm. J. Thurber; '59, 60, Jeremiah B. Ellsworth; '61, 62, Wm. Simmons; '63, 64, Wm. J. Quarry; '65, 66, David Whitmer; '67, David Warnock; '68, Eli Kirk; '69-71, John G. Black; '72-74, Chas. Kalbfus; '75, 76, Thornton E. Fidler; . . . '78, 79, John G. Black; '80-82, Edw. McHugh; '83-85, John W. Gaddis; '86-89, Homer C. Middleton; '90-92, Canaro D. Munsey; '93, 94, Reuben K. Deem; '95, 96, John A. White; '97-99, Frank Leever; 1900-03, Allen D. Maddox; '06, 07, Warren Wiant; '08— G. W. Berry.

TROY.—1852, 53, Moses Smith; '54, David Reed; '55, 56, J. Ford Conrey; '57, Silas Bennett; '58, 59, John F. Marlay; '60, Wesley Rowe; '61, 62, J. J. Thompson; '63-65, Thos. Collett; '66, 67, Wm. Young; '68-70, Truman S. Cowden; '71, 72, Geo. C. Crum; '73, 74, Jas. T. Bail; '75-77, Sam'l A. Brewster; '78, 79, Madison A. Richards; '80, 81, D. C. Ridgway; '82-84, Edw. T. Wells; '85, Wm. Runyan; '86, 87, Truman S. Cowden; '88, 89, Sam'l A. Brewster; '90-94, Valorous F. Brown; '95-99, Stanley O. Royal; 1900-03, Geo. W. Dubois; '04— Wm. H. Wehrly.

TROY CIRCUIT.—1878, 79, Wm. H. Black; . . . '82-84, Michael Kaufman; '85, Henry Miller; '86, 87, Fletcher W. Hypes; '88, 89, Gilbert L. Travis; '90, Wm. M. West; '91-93, Lincoln Brokaw; '94, Leonidas O. Deputy; '95-97, Owen M. Sellers; '98-1901, Samuel A. Keen; '02, 03, John F. Laird; '04, W. F. Clark; '05, James F. McColm; '06, Geo. R. Frenger; '07— Delos S. Ferguson.

UNION CIRCUIT *(Organized, 1811).*—1852, David Reed; '53, 54, Levi White; '55, 56, Wm. L. Hypes; '57, 58, Joseph Newson; '59, E. H. Field; '60, 61, Geo. W. Kelley; '62, 63, John G. Black; '64, 65, David Reed; '66, 67, John Vance; '68, Francis M. Clemans; '69, John F. Loyd; '70, John Pearson; '71, 72, Jonathan Verity; '73, 74, James P. Shultz; '75, F. S. Davis; '76-78, C. H. Lawson; '79, 80, Samuel W. Carey; '81-83, David Whitmer; '84-86, Henry Witham; '87-90, Jas. F. McColm; '91-93, Jacob E. H. Sentman; '94-96, Frank Leever; '97-99, John A. White; 1900, 01, Philip Trout; '02, John Wilson; '03-07, Wm. M. Patton; '08— Geo. R. Frenger.

URBANA.—1852, 53, John T. Mitchell; '54, Levi White. FIRST CHURCH.—1855, David Warnock; '56, Asbury Lowrey; '57, 58, Mighill Dustin; '59, Granville Moody; '60, 61, C. W. Sears; '62, 63, David Warnock; '64-66, Wm. I. Fee; '67-69, Wm. Fitzgerald; '70-72, Jas. Stephenson; '73, 74, Wm. H. Sutherland; '75-77, Samuel D. Clayton; '78-80, John F. Marlay; '81, 82, John Pearson; '83, Wm. N. Brodbeck; '84, 85, Frank G. Mitchell; '86-88, Chas. W. Rishell; '89-91, Jas. P. Porter; '92-95, Geo. W. Dubois; '96-1900, Marcellus B. Fuller; '01, 02, Geo. H. Dart; '03-06, Jas. E. Abrams; '07— Geo. H. Smith.

[Second Church].—1855, 56, Jas. F. Chalfant; '57, 58, I. C. Kingsley; '59, 60, J. J. Thompson; '61, 62, Jesse M. Robinson; '63, 64, Wm. L. Hypes; '65-67, LaFayette Van Cleve; '68, 69, J. Ford Conrey; '70-72, Chas. Ferguson; '73-75, Geo. H. Dart; '76-78, Albert N. Spahr. GRACE.—1879-81, Jas. Murray; '82-84, Thos. H. Pearne; '85-87, Edw. T. Wells; '88-91, Stanley O. Royal; '92, Edmund Burdsall; '93-97, John G. Vaughn; '98-1903, Edgar H. Cherington; '04, 05, Chas. W. Sullivan; '06, 07, Cyrus M. Van Pelt; '08— Marion LeSourd.

VENICE.—1852, 53, Michael Kaufman; '54, Geo. B. Owens; '55, 56, Allen W. Tibbitts; '57, M. Bitler; '58, Andrew Murphy; '59, J. Fitch; '60, I. P. Waterhouse; '61, 62, Isaac Neff; '63, 64, Geo. W. Fee; '65-67, Wm. N. Williams; '68, N. C. Parrish; '69, 70, Wm. H. Robinson; '71, G. J. Conner; '72, 73, Fletcher W. Hypes; '74, John Wilson; '75, 76, Chas. Kalbfus; '77-79, J. Raper Hunter; '80, 81, John A. Easton; '82-84, Thornton R. Fidler; '85-87, John W. Shorten; '88, Geo. M. Edgar; '89-91, John A. Winkler; '92, 93, Thos. Cundy: '94-96, Wm. M. West; '97-1903, Oren D. Becker; '04, 05, Wm. D. English; '06— Henry Hershey.

WALKER AND UNION.—1876, Geo. W. Dubois; '77, John A. White: '78, 79, John R. Shannon; '80, Francis M. Kirgan; '81-83, John W. Mason; '84-86, Jacob L. Shively; '87, Jeremiah W. Hickman; '88, 89, Henry Hershey; '90, Geo. T. Perry; '91, Alvin K. Stabler; '92, O. W. Dyer; '93, 94, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '95, 96, Alvin K. Stabler; '97, Geo. H. Smith; '98, Fred J. Reinbarth; '99-1902, Watson W. Reeves; '03, Jacob J. Hawk; '04, 05, Geo. H. Pettingell; '06, 07, A. A. McGinnis; '08— W. M. Brashears.

WAYNESVILLE.—1855, 56, J. J. Beall; '57, 58, Wm. Routledge; '59, 60, J. J. Hill; '61, Wm. B. Moler; '62, Jas. Kendall; '63, Truman S. Cowden; '64, 65, John W. Mason; '66, 67, J. Ford Conrey; '68-70, Edw. McHugh; '71, Wm. H. Lawder; '72, 73, John Pearson; '74, 75, Chas. Ferguson; '76, Mighill Dustin; '77, 78, LaFayette Van Cleve; 79, 80, Jas. T. Bail; '81-83, Edmund Burdsall; '84, 85, Jas. W. Bushong; '86, Valorous F. Brown; '87-89, Reuben K. Deem; '90, 91, Chas. L. Conger; '92, Gilbert P. Austin; '93, Allen D. Maddox; '94-98, Amos T. Cowgill; '99-1903, Wm. M. Coffman; '04-07, Philip Trout; '08— Wm. T. Gilliland.

WEST CARROLTON.—1893, 94, Geo. W. Vorhis; '95, 96, Jas. T. Bail; '97-1900, Alvin K. Stabler; '01-05, John W. Gaddis; '06, 07, Wm. T. Gilliland; '08— W. J. Dunham.

WEST CHESTER.—1870, *with Miami Circuit;* '71, J. McK. Shultz; '72, Nathan Prince; . . . '78, G. S. McLaughlin; '79, Fletcher W. Hypes; '80-82, Carey T. Crum; '83-85, Edw. McHugh; '86, 87, John A. Easton; '88, John G. Black; '89-91, Chas. H. Kalbfus; '92, 93, M. F. Hawley; '94, 95, Thos. Cundy; '96, Henry C. Hutchinson; '97-1902, Jas. A. Jenkinson; '03, 04, Jas. F. McColm; '05, 06, Clark L. Gowdy; '07, Fred J. Reinbarth; '08—

WEST ELKTON.—1880, 81, J. C. Ambrose; . . . '86-88, Isaac R. Marshall; '89-91, A. A. McGinnis; '92, 93, Wm. R. Buckles; '94-96, Jas. A. Jenkinson; '97, 98, Thos. Cundy; '99-1901, Fee Naylor; '02, Chas. Hartley; '03, A. B. Shaw; '04, S. S. Myrick; '05, A. A. McGinnis; '06, W. H. Cundy; '07— Abbott G. Newton.

WEST MILTON.—1902, Jas. F. McColm; '03, 04, Fred J. Reinbarth; '05, Thos. G. Williams; '06— R. O. Matthews.

WEST UNION.—1852, David Whitmer; '53, 54, Wm. J. Quarry; '55, A. P. Dunlap; '56, Thos. Head; '57, J. Blackburn; '58, Dennis Callahan; '59, S. Salisbury; '60, D. C. Benjamin; '61, 62, M. G. Baker; '63, H. M. Curry; '64, 65, Jas. P. Porter; '66-68, Thornton E. Ficler; '69, 70, Wm. T. McMullen; '71-73, Wm. M. Boyer; '74, 75, Wm. J. Quarry; '76, Frank Leever; '77, 78, Chas. J. Wells; '79-81, Evan P. James; '82, 83, Fletcher W. Hypes; '84-86, Willis Palmer; '87, 88, Wm. P. Jackson; '89, Wm. M. West; '90, 91, Sam'l W. Campbell; '92-96, John F. Laird; '97, John E. Beery; '98-1902, Geo. S. Easton; '03-06, Wm. C. Mitchell; '07— Randolph E. Smith.

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL DISCOURSE.

By Bishop Walden.

My Brethren: I prize this opportunity, coming through your invitation, to deliver a semi-centennial discourse before the Cincinnati Annual Conference at the session which completes fifty years since it received me as a Probationer. Membership in an Annual Conference not only relates the Methodist preacher to an incomparable fellowship, but places him where it is possible for him to reach, in fullest measure, the usefulness of a divinely-planned life. The grateful duty of this hour would not be fulfilled did I not remind you how my life and work as a Methodist preacher have been shaped and determined by my identification with this Conference and my association with its members, those who have gone hence and you who remain. To do this in a way fitting the occasion and within the time so considerately arranged for the service, I will briefly name some things the Conference has done for me and some work which has come to me as one of its members, by which I have been related to important movements of our Church and thereby enabled to study and touch momentous religious problems of our day and age.

As is the case in every pursuit, the first ten years of a Methodist preacher's ministry usually shapes his career. Persuaded of this, I seldom held a Conference where the Cabinet was not guided in tiding one or more belated young preachers out of the narrows into a more hopeful place before the crucial decade should close; it was seldom a fruitless or a thankless service. Our Church can never know how many of her preachers have been increased in efficiency by the painstaking and timely administration of her Bishops and Presiding Elders. The first ten years of my association with the Cincinnati Conference teem with facts which were helpful to me, but I can allude only to some of those which prepared me for and led to wider work.

The Cincinnati Conference received me "On Trial" in 1858; in 1859 it elected me its Reporter, thereby giving me a conspicuous place for a Probationer in that day; in 1860 it admitted me into "Full Membership" and elected me to Deacon's Orders, a timely equipment for the appointment which followed; at the same session I was made a member of the Preacher's Relief Society, the initial to my interest in the Conference Claimant cause; in 1863 Rev. W. H. Sutherland, whose honored and useful life as one of us has just closed, was elected Conference Secretary, and, being a close second in the vote, I was elected his Assistant and served three years, when other duties intervened; at this session it commended my tract on "Attendance of Children on Public Worship," published by request of the Cincinnati Preachers' Meeting, and urged its wide circulation; in 1864 it requested Bishop Simpson to appoint me Corresponding Secretary of the Western Freedmen's Aid Commission; in 1866 it requested Bishop Thomson to appoint me Corresponding Secretary of our Methodist Freedmen's Aid Society; in 1867 it elected me Delegate to the General Conference (as it also did in 1871, 1875, 1879, and 1883), the election of 1867 being the key to my election as Assistant Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern by the General Conference of 1868.

During this decade my appointments, by being in this Conference, were: Two years as junior preacher on large circuits, the first adjacent to Cincinnati, the second in a thoroughly rural region remote from the

city; two years as pastor of York Street Chapel, Cincinnati; two years as pastor of the Ladies' City Mission; three years in the Freedmen's Aid Secretariat, and a brief period as Presiding Elder of the East Cincinnati District, from which I was taken by the General Conference.

During this decade it was my good fortune to be associated in ministerial appointment and service with preachers of sterling worth, nine of them Presiding Elders: William Herr presented my name to the Conference, then followed David Reed, Michael Kaufman, Michael Marlay, John T. Mitchell, Granville Moody, W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, and Lafayette Van Cleve; and three pastors, J. C. Bontecou, M. G. Purkiser, and D. J. Starr; all beyond in the kingdom except Dr. Starr. Think of these twelve strong, brotherly men and you may know what it meant for a young itinerant to have such colleagues and to be under the supervision of such Presiding Elders and have their wise counsel and judicious encouragement.

These and many other salient facts in that first decade warrant my repeating now what I have declared in your presence and elsewhere, that the Cincinnati Conference has made me what I am as a Methodist preacher. You have been reminded that I was called to diverse forms of work in that decade of my ministry. During those years I was led by that work to think of the larger problems, the margins of which were only touched by what then busied me. Of course, the limited views of those early years have been extended by observation and study during the succeeding four decades. I shall devote the rest of this discourse to the consideration of some of these problems, namely: Our Circuit System; The Financial Problem; The Rural Problem; The Fraternal Problem; The City Problem; The Negro Problem; and two or three others, if there be time.

OUR CIRCUIT SYSTEM.

I am thankful that my first two years in the ministry were on large circuits, and each year as Junior Preacher under an experienced Preacher-in-Charge. From what I thus learned, since confirmed by extended observation, it seems to me that the association of two, or even three, preachers in the pastorate of a large circuit secures advantages which are not reached by any other plan for the ministerial supply of rural and village communities. Where preachers are thus sent out, "two and two," they can be mutually helpful in every part of their work; especially so in that normal revival which is essential to the vigorous growth of the Church, whether in country or city. Please test by your own observation this remark as to the importance of the "normal revival"—the revival under the oversight of the pastor, his responsible supervision accepted as a matter of course by whoever assists him, assistance being eminently desirable, if not indispensable (in a station, a neighbor pastor being the most available and effective help)—does not your own observation lead you to believe that, whether in rural circuits or city stations, the Methodist Church can not have a normal growth without the normal revival?

How opportune for ministerial co-operation is the revival season on a large circuit served by a Preacher-in-Charge and a Junior preacher! Nothing more precious to memory than the successive and successful revivals at most of the chapels on North Bend Circuit, with Rev. J. C. Bontecou, my Senior colleague, and the fourteen weeks of continuous revival service on Lynchburg Circuit, Rev. M. G. Purkiser, my Senior, the Senior and Junior alternating in preaching and exhortation, and sharing in other services. My Seniors differed from each other widely in their style of preaching and somewhat in methods of administration, but they were alike in the wealth of their experience as pastors and in the kindly, I may say fatherly, interest ever shown to the Junior preacher. These two circuits afforded me facilities for the practical study of our Methodist

pastorate to be found in no other school. The young preacher just from a Divinity School or from some secular pursuit, placed alone in the pastorate, may and must thread his way through his work learning practical lessons by experiments which may prove humiliating to himself and costly to the Church. All will agree that the young preacher coming from a secular pursuit would reap lasting advantages from association with an experienced colleague; most Bachelors of Divinity would find in this relation a post-graduate course of too great practical value to them to be omitted—and it is as fitting to take these lessons under an experienced pastor as to take lessons in theology under an experienced professor. The large circuit is unparalleled as a training-school for the Methodist preacher. Add to this all that may be gained through the Conference Course of Study, the Itinerant's School of Divinity—"home-spun," if you please—yet the school in which Foster, and Miley, and Merrill, and other great theologians in our Church gained the thorough and broad discipline which made them masters, and Methodist preachers, when they come into the Eldership at the close of their four years' course, are, or should be, better equipped for all duties of the pastor than the ministers of an equal service in any other Protestant communion.

THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

The Conference of 1859 directed the pastors to preach in each preaching-place on Systematic Giving. My colleague, Brother Purkiser, requested me to preach this sermon, and as a matter of course I complied. The preparation required new lines of study. The Prize Essays of Rev. B. St. James Fry and others were helpful, but chiefly as aids in finding the teachings of the Scriptures. The sermon was preached at the nine preaching-places on the circuit; I felt clearly that it was in the line of duty; I know that at least one was convinced that "Tithing" is a present-day duty; that one was the preacher. It occurred to me then, or later, that the terms "Systematic Giving" and "Systematic Benevolence" do not measure the duty of giving. A very narrow sum may be given in a very systematic way. Is not "Scriptural Giving" the better term, just as "Scriptural Holiness" is the better term for what it comprehends? Scriptural Giving is both proportionate and systematic. Tithing has satisfied me, as a rule; yet I dare not say that it is identical with Proportionate-giving. The Tithe is the rule under the Old Dispensation; "as God hath prospered," is the rule for Proportionate-giving under the New Dispensation. Are these identical? Rather, is not Tithing the letter of the Law of the Kingdom, and Proportionate-giving the spirit of that Law? Conscientiously as Tithing may be done, it is by a fixed rule; in Proportionate-giving the amount is determined by the Giver, thoughtfully, prayerfully, conscientiously, as in the very presence of God. The Tithe is safe as a working-rule until the growing Christian yearns for the grace of liberality in its higher measure.

Scriptural-giving is of supreme moment to the Church as a conquering power. What is the one pressing need of the Church—the evangelical Churches—in every form and every field of their work? What is the pressing need of our own Church:

To build and improve churches so that all in city and country could find a comfortable place of worship?

To so enlarge and endow Christian schools that in their Teaching corps and every educational appliance and facility they would equal any State university?

To maintain Missions in all cities which would fully supplement the work of the many strong and well-supported Churches?

To develop effective methods of supplying all churchless rural regions with the Gospel?

To meet the growing needs of every Foreign Mission and enter every opening door in remote continents?

To furnish every pastor with such support as would leave him free to give his whole thought and strength to the ministry?

To provide a home and a comfortable support for every veteran who is worn out by ministerial service?

What is the one pressing need of our Methodism, in common with our sister communions, to make effective all the diverse and urgent work of the Kingdom?

The sole answer is, *Money!*

Laborers, Men and Women, will be needed, but God raises these up directly as they can be used; He only furnishes the Money indirectly, by means of His Church, allowing His own merciful plans to be limited by what His people bring into His storehouse.

Have I named any call for Money which is not a Providential call? Would God make a call which His Church has not the means to meet? Would God open any door which His Church has not the ability to enter? These calls have multiplied, and new doors have opened as wealth has increased; and, have not His people shared in this increase of wealth? God is imminent in His Church, adjusting every demand for service to her ability, hence opportunities are marching-orders from the Throne.

As these providential calls, these marching-orders, have been named, what a campaign has opened before us; to make it a campaign of glorious conquest, the paramount need is Money—a need for which there is no miraculous supply, a need that can be met, and only met, by the liberal gifts of God's people—by giving far more general and far more liberal than the world or the Church has witnessed—by Proportionate-giving—"Scriptural-giving"—on the part of every Christian.

Two classes of objects claim a share in the gifts of every Christian; in one class are the home Church, Sunday-school, and other local beneficences by which the giver is directly benefited; in the other class are those more or less remote movements and causes of the Church by which he is only indirectly benefited; the latter is Christian beneficence, the former may be so in part, or not at all. Where a church is built solely for the benefit of those who built it; did the preacher in such pulpit aim solely at the edification of the members, his claim for support would be absolutely as professional as that of the Lawyer or the Physician; only to the extent that a church-building is planned to attract and welcome the unsaved is its money-cost a Christian beneficence; only to the extent that the pastor is free to preach the Gospel of Salvation to the unsaved and does this with an evangelistic passion, is his support a Christian beneficence. Christians have a large share in the service of worship by the congregation which is to them a personal benefit—the provision for a personal want, as really personal, as any want of body or mind. Because of such facts should it not be the aim of each congregation to give, at least, as much to the great connectional benevolences of the Church as to the support of the local Church and local benevolences?

Tithing, Proportionate-giving under the letter of the Law, has made a record which attests marvelous possibilities. Men and women who had no comfort in paying assessments made by official boards now in assessing themselves and thoughtfully dividing their Tithe among the causes of the Church, are rejoicing in the privilege of giving. Churches with a membership limited in number and financial ability, through Tithing have the means to meet every local claim month by month, and give liberally to every connectional cause. I have heard of no Church in which more than three-fourths of the members observe the Tithe, but I can not estimate the result if that ratio obtained in the whole Church; but it is evident that, as a fair proportion of our people come to observe the Tithe, the Church may meet the Providential calls in the home field and beyond the

seas, and Tithing will be the schoolmaster leading the Tither into the larger place where the letter gives way to the spirit—where the proportion is not one-tenth, but all that should be spared.

In speaking before the Annual Conferences on the privilege and duty of our Preachers to inform their people as to the demands for Scriptural beneficence, I have not limited the emphasis to the incomputable financial benefits, but have also spoken of the richer spiritual benefits. Paul assigned to the grace of liberality a conspicuous place among the essentials of the New Life, the life of Christ in the flesh. Personal consecration is a condition of a satisfactory religious experience. Paul crowded several chapters of his letter to the Romans with assuring thoughts concerning the inner life, the function of faith, the witness of the Spirit, the conscious love of God, and then makes the practical appeal for consecration—presenting the body a living sacrifice; the only Dead sacrifice connected with Christianity was on the Cross; a living sacrifice is one of service rendered by the body as the instrument by which the real, the inner man effects its purposes. To present the body is to present what the body creates as moved by its master, the indwelling self. Money more than anything else represents what the body creates, and the free-will offering of a due proportion of this product for the purposes of the Kingdom is a personal consecration. Paul calls this a reasonable service and links such liberality with spiritual knowledge; he reveals that acceptable liberality is not an incident of Christian experience, but a part of it. How perfectly this comports with the inspired command and promise through Malachi: "Bring ye all the Tithes into the storehouse, . . . the Lord will pour out an all-filling, over-flowing blessing." The fulfillment of this under the Old Dispensation was typical of the acceptable offering and the showers of blessing under the New.

Liberality is one of the component graces of Spirituality; Spirituality can not reach the fullness of its measure apart from Liberality. The supreme fact is that Liberality is a part of the Kingdom of Heaven within us and a force in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and as really so as is Spirituality. Regnant spirituality, "vital godliness," is promoted more surely and more vigorously by the normal growth of Liberality than by the normal growth of any other grace. The truth and force of this statement is seen in God's careful provisions for the exercise and cultivation of Liberality. He has conditioned the very progress of His Kingdom on the liberality of His people; the Providential calls multiplying in our own land and in every land can not be met without a large and joyous exercise of liberality; this grace in its normal exercise by the individual will go far in making the life potentially exemplary; the light of a godly life shines before men in Scriptural giving. Could God have made it plainer to the preachers and office-bearers of His Church that the spiritual power of that Church depends on the proper and speedy solution of the Financial Problem through the abounding grace of Liberality!

THE RURAL PROBLEM.

Changes had set in on North Bend Circuit, because of its proximity to the city, which threatened the prosperity of the work. Older members of the second generation were passing away as had the Pioneers; others were selling their homesteads and moving elsewhere; many of the new purchasers were foreigners; two or three of the neighborhoods were seriously affected fifty years ago. Lynchburg Circuit, remote from the city, was so little disturbed that the contrast made the changes nearer the city all the more suggestive of how such inroads, if they extended, would affect all rural regions. To-day the evangelistic Churches are facing the Rural Problem, which seems almost as difficult to solve as the City Problem. Its importance can hardly be overstated in view of the

fact that in 1900 above forty millions of our people, it is computed, lived in the rural districts, including small villages. The two-fold migration, that of native-born families from the older sections, and of foreigners into them, has been a potential cause of the conditions which make the rural religious work so difficult and discouraging in extended areas. After holding the Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and East Maine Conferences, in 1887, and carefully studying the conditions arising from the Canadian-French immigration, I reported to the Bishops' Conference and to the General Missionary Committee that the missionary needs in those sections were as urgent as in the pioneer fields of the West. There might be little success in reaching these Roman Catholic immigrants, but their Americanized children could be and should be evangelized. The center of the Rural Problem is not among the foreign immigrants who have sought homes or employment on farms or in villages, but in the Anglo-American communities, including the Americanized sons and daughters of immigrants, where evangelical Churches no longer exist or have never been established.

Some of us remember when at least from the Alleghenies westward it was the studied aim of Methodism to include in the network of her circuits every neighborhood; but as small circuits, each with one preacher, have taken the place of the old-time large circuits, weaker points have been dropped and new neighborhoods have not been reached. Some uncomfortable facts face us: First, the provision in the Discipline to dispose of "deserted church property;" second, the numberless Anglo-American neighborhoods destitute of the Gospel; third, the number of over-Churched towns, places where there are more evangelical Churches than the people will support. How do the neglected rural regions affect the moral life of the Nation? How are cities affected by the inflow of un-Churched young people from the Churchless neighborhoods? I feel sure, my brethren, that I have little more than suggested the ominous conditions of too much of Rural America, and the magnitude of the Rural Problem confronting our Methodism and other evangelical Churches.

Methodist-preacher-like you anticipate the question, How can this problem be solved? Believing implicitly, as we do, in the all-conquering power of the Gospel of Christ and in the divine appointment of the Church of Christ to bring this Gospel to every human being, must we not also believe that the very substance of solving this stupendous problem is, not in novel measures, but in the adaptation of well-tried methods of religious work to these neglected fields? It is asked, Would not the old-time large circuit be effective here? It seems so at first mention, and if that form of circuit can be restored to the thinking of the Church and to the favor of the preachers, it might, as a "well-tried method," be rehabilitated with success. But back of all methods of work must be a deep concern for the masses in our rural regions not reached by the Gospel, a concern so burdening that preachers and people will plead long and earnestly for divine guidance. If moved by such a sacred concern and led by the Holy Spirit, our Methodism should restore the old-time large circuits in the neglected rural regions, we are warranted to expect that our work in these regions would be no less marked and important than what was thus done by our Fathers in the strenuous conditions of their day. But God's demand of His Church is, that she bestir herself in bringing the Gospel to every Churchless neighborhood in rural America.

THE FRATERNAL PROBLEM.

Soon after my appointment to York Street Chapel, in 1860, I joined the Cincinnati Methodist Preachers' Meeting, and later the Evangelical Ministerial Association (now Alliance), and found them both helpful. Only as a city pastor does the Methodist preacher come to know the

manifold forces which weaken our connectional spirit and work toward the segregation of individual Churches. Far more important than the social and intellectual privileges of the City Methodist Preachers' Meetings are its seasons of counsel as to our mission and work in the city. With a warrant to speak, I say that these Meetings are a strong factor in preserving our connectional spirit in the cities.

Through the monthly meetings of the Evangelical ministers I was first brought into such relation to preachers other than Methodist that I could estimate their spirit and work. My religious horizon was very narrow when my pastorate in Cincinnati began. In the Evangelical Alliance the claims of the Nation's cause, then imperiled by the Civil War, had loyal consideration; the problem of evangelizing the city led to a religious census taken by Rev. Dr. Harrison and myself; Rev. George E. Day and I joined in presenting the movement which resulted in the Religious and Theological Library Association, now the owner of a large and valuable collection of books; at many successive monthly meetings the great Scriptural doctrines were discussed to determine the points of agreement in the teachings of the Churches represented; Drs. Clark and Kingsley (later Bishops) speaking for Methodism; the result was the formulation of "A Union Doctrinal Basis" that foreshadowed the day of broader fraternity in the rapidly widening dawn of which we now rejoice; when ordained Elder, in 1862, I found that my vows committed me to Christian Fraternity, and my interest therein grew apace.

I was ready to hail the Cape May Commission as the harbinger of the best era Episcopal Methodism has seen. In an environment of aggravated difficulties, its deliberations were wise, loving, and divinely blessed, and it produced a basis of co-operation so equitable, so practical, and so generous that the General Conferences of both Methodisms concerned accepted it without dissent as the first accomplished fact in a new era of Methodism. In 1885 a statement of mine was published in a Florida paper, the substance of which was that neither Methodism should enter a town where the other Methodism was established and meeting the wants of the people having Methodist affinities. I thought friction could be avoided without compromising any principle, and, as Resident Bishop in the South, purposed to promote good-will, but was subjected to unscrupulous criticism by a few. Our Church papers were silent; my colleagues did not question my position, but regarded its announcement as hardly opportune; this may have been the case, nevertheless the deliverance of the Methodist Ecumenical Conference, at Washington, only six years later, covered the same principle and was even broader in its scope. When Bishop Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and I met, not long since, it was of mutual interest to recall that, had the plan for co-operation which we cordially favored when together in Shanghai, in 1895, been promptly carried forward, the Union Methodist Publishing House for China could have been operative years before the time when the special commission from the Missions made the long and expensive journey to America to plead for the delayed project.

The Commission on Federation (really a Joint Commission composed of a Committee from our Church and the Church, South), appointed in 1894-1896, has been reappointed each quadrennium by the respective General Conferences. By the favor of my colleagues I am in my third quadrennium of this congenial service, hence have had opportunity to watch, possibly to aid, the re-alignment of the two great Methodisms. With this Commission was the initiative of the Common Order of Public Worship, the Common Cathechism, and the Common Hymnal, ocular evidences to Methodist congregations throughout our land that the spirit of Fraternity is yielding practical fruits. The most significant fact is the approval by the late General Conference of the Commission's recommendation that there be a union of the Churches of the two communions in any com-

munity where existing conditions would make such union promotive of the cause of Christ. This is the broader application of the recommendation by the Ecumenical Conference of 1891, and I assume that you share in my personal satisfaction that the advanced position I took nearly twenty-five years ago has been reached and passed by these advancing Churches.

Much remains to be done. I have never been moved to advocate organic union. During my first decade, of which I am speaking, I witnessed the steps toward reunion by the Old and New School Presbyterian Churches (both strong in Cincinnati) and was reminded that, while true marriage is of God, the preceding courtship is human; so the duty of the present has seemed to be to cultivate the Fraternal spirit and encourage practical co-operation. Since I had episcopal charge of Mexico, in 1888-9, where each of the two Methodisms has a strong mission, I have claimed that all interests would be promoted by a Union Methodist Publishing House and a Union Methodist Theological School, both in the Capital City, and under the joint administration of the two denominations, a practical co-operation, productive of relative economy in expenditure and larger results to the missions. I am glad that membership in the Cincinnati Conference early brought me into work which so related me to ministers and members of other denominations that I could take lessons in Christian Fraternity.

During the half century, without formal deliverance by great conventions, a consensus of thought has been reached as to the metes and bounds and function of Denominationalism; and the counterpart of that thought, that the evangelical Churches, each having their appointed mission, are to grow and achieve, not by narrow rivalry, but by generous emulation, co-operating with each other whenever and wherever that be practicable. Fraternity and co-operation can only bring good to the two Methodisms of which I have spoken, and if they come to such unity of aim and spirit that organic union shall follow as a matter of course, let it be so.

THE CITY PROBLEM.

Two years in York Street Charge gave opportunity to study the ordinary religious work in the city; the two succeeding years in the Ladies' Home Mission, comprising three congregations and thirteen Sunday-schools—three of them German—made me familiar with religious work adapted to the mission districts. Back in the sixties, after hearing an address on City Evangelization by Secretary Durbin, I came to believe that appropriations from the Parent Board to City Missions would stimulate local interest and tend to give the Church at large wider views of missionary work. I carried this thought with me to the General Missionary Committee, when brought into its membership, and frequently spoke in favor of appropriations to the large cities, although the proposition was held in abeyance for years as impracticable. Mr. Horace Benton wrote me that what he heard me say on the matter in the General Committee in Boston, in 1890, encouraged him to call a convention, of which for some time he had been thinking, to consider City Mission Work; it met in Pittsburg in 1891, and formed the City Evangelization Union, which was recognized by the General Conference of 1892. The reasons for aiding City Missions by the Parent Board seemed to appear more feasible when the fitness of City Mission Boards (variously named) to administer the funds became evident, and finally, in 1899, the first appropriation to City Missions, $15,000, was made by the General Committee; the appropriation for 1908 was $65,000, distributed among fifty-four cities.

Much is said of the city as the storm-center of our civilization, the peril of our form of government, the habitat of every vice and crime, and as such bringing both to State and Church the impending City Prob-

lem—to the State the matter of good municipal government amid the most adverse conditions, and to the Church the matter of aggressive religious work amid opposing forces countless and mighty. You are familiar with what might be said of the magnitude and appalling character of the City Problem, so, instead of dwelling on these familiar features, I aim at a study with you which may help to broader views of the entire subject. The relatively rapid increase of the urban population, the increase and character of the foreign element in the cities, the prevalence of the saloon, and the presence of the slums, are cited as the facts which give rise to the City Problem. While these facts are each a tremendous factor in this Problem, when compared with one factor seldom named they seem overestimated and unduly prominent.

Very much of the discussion of the City Problem seems to assume that the religious work by which it is to be solved mainly includes what is done through the various City Missionary movements. Such a view is wide of the mark; the most that any Missionary movement can be is an agency of the Church. The great part of what our Methodism is doing to save the cities is being done through our city Churches; this does not undervalue the work of city missions, but puts each part in its true relation.

The magnitude of the City Problem is usually first enforced by the relative increase of the urban population. The census includes in this population the people of all cities of 5,000 and above; in 1860, of the 31,443,321 people 5,062,374 (16.1 per cent) were in cities; in 1900, of the 76,303,287 people 28,411,698 (31.1 per cent) were in cities. The perilous moral conditions suggested by the term "city" makes it seem appalling that nearly one-third of our people live in cities; and "the changes are rung" on this fact in pleading the cause of City Evangelization, but there are cities and cities, and in moral conditions they differ widely from each other. Of the 895 cities with a population of 5,000 and more in 1900, only 38 had above 100,000. Most, if not all, of the 857 cities each with less than 100,000 people, and together containing one-half the entire urban population, are better churched than most of the rural districts; the youth in them have better school facilities; the Sunday-schools are more efficient and better attended; many of the conditions are the best in America for the character-building of the rising generation. The ideal American community is more nearly realized in very many of these 857 cities than elsewhere in any part of our country. Evidently the City Problem does not involve the whole of the 28,411,698 urban population, but rather, at most, is confined to the 38 cities with 100,000 people or more, aggregating 14,207,411, scarcely exceeding one-half the entire urban population.

But the fact remains that more than one-sixth of all our people are massed in the 38 larger cities, and the limit of the field of the City Problem does not lessen its gravity and importance where it does exist. It is not equally grave in all these larger cities, but reaches its gravest form in the three greatest, New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia, containing together 6,429,474 people, being one-twelfth of the Nation's population; a full third of their population (2,152,532) is foreign-born, being a full fifth of the 10,460,085 foreign-born people in 1900. In the other larger cities (36) ranging between 100,000 and 600,000, and aggregating 7,777,937 people, the foreign-born element numbers 1,885,565, being nearly one-fourth. The foreign-born element comprises in our entire country somewhat less than one-seventh of the people. In so far as this element enters into the City Problem it preponderates in the three metropolitan centers, being 36.9 per cent of the population in New York, 34.5 per cent in Chicago, 22.8 per cent in Philadelphia; in many of the other larger cities the nationalities of their foreign element differ favorably from that of hordes in the three great cities. Let us glance at the foreign element in the cities with reference to their evangelization.

Foreigners from Southern and Eastern Europe, a large proportion Roman Catholic, are most frequently referred to as intensifying the difficulties of the City Problem. Religious workers would do well to learn lessons from the city Churches. How many adult foreigners have been turned from their early faith, barren though it be, even by the zealous efforts of the most evangelistic Churches? One in a thousand? I doubt it. Of all the Roman Catholic servants who in Protestant homes have learned what this faith is to personal life and the home, what proportion have sought the better religious experience proffered by the Protestant faith! It may as well be taken for granted that most adult foreigners will cling to the faith of their Fathers; in view of this, is it not a hopeful fact that the Roman Catholic Church in America has been forced to rise above its low level of superstition in Roman Catholic countries? I do not mean that there should not be evangelistic preaching among these adult foreigners, wherever evangelistic preachers of their own race can be found, but I do mean that the hopeful field is with the children, the sons and daughters, of these adult foreigners. I venture to say that it will be found that the Visiting Deaconess, who can talk to adults in their mother tongue, will be the most effective missionary. The children are rapidly Americanized in speech; the public school prepares the way of access by language to them as it does not to the parents, which is surely a providential index as to where the strenuous effort should be directed. The authorities of the Roman Catholic Church, in America, see far more clearly than Protestant leaders do that not the adults, but the children and youth in their homes, are most liable to be turned from their faith, hence the vast outlays in creating and maintaining the parochial schools, particularly in the cities where our City Problem exists. I say, in passing, that the aggressive work of Romanism in America centers in her parochial schools and Benevolent Sisterhoods.

From 1820 to 1900, eight decades, the increase in the population of the country was 66,669,565; of this increase, as nearly as may be computed, 16,286,488 was from immigration. These figures are cited to show the ability of our Anglo-American race to incorporate alien peoples and still maintain the dominant and best characteristics which resulted from the blending of the diverse peoples of the Colonies into one Nation by the fires of the Revolution. Prior to the revolutions in Europe, in the forties, the immigrants were mainly from the Three Kingdoms, and they were readily Americanized. From 1850 to 1890 a very large proportion of the 12,916,039 immigrants were English, Irish, German, and Scandinavian. These are the foreigners who occasion little unrest, and their children become thoroughly Anglo-American. Is it not reassuring that in 1900, of the 10,250,063 persons of foreign birth 7,600,469 were born either in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, or Finland; in addition, 787,798 were of English birth in Canada; that is, above 72 per cent of the foreign-born at the last census belonged to nationalities which have strengthened our Nation? I would emphasize the fact that during our Nation's first one hundred years so large a proportion of the more than sixteen millions of immigrants were from England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and Scandinavia. Immigration is too closely related to human progress not to be divinely controlled and, without assuming to interpret Providence, does not the recent tidal wave from Southern and Eastern Europe to America mean that it is related to the evangelization of the belated countries from whence it comes; and was not the immigration of the antecedent century so controlled as to bring to us in ample numbers just the people needed to re-enforce the Anglo-American race and prepare it for the incorporation of the aliens from Latin, Slav, and kindred countries? From what I saw in South America I know that the Latin peoples can become desirable citizens.

The frequent and emphatic reference to the slums assumes that they lie within the city field providentially committed to the evangelical Churches including Methodism. It has been strikingly demonstrated that successful religious work in the slums requires workers having special adaptation. Great revivals did not occur in India, China, and Japan until natives became evangelistic preachers. Charles Dickens, having heard Father Taylor preach, imputed his unequaled power over the seamen to his personal knowledge of sailor-life. Slum-life is so far removed from ordinary human thought and feeling that, more than all other fields, this requires special adaptation in its religious workers. The Salvation Army has raised up numberless slum-workers among those converted in the slums, those familiar with thought and feeling in the slum, and I submit that, while the returning magdaline and prodigal should be welcomed, most can be done in redeeming the slum-populations by praying for the Salvation Army and by liberal contributions to its work. It can do far more for the slums with the money than can our own City Missions.

If the foreign element and the slums are not chief factors in the City Problem, what are? This Problem embraces much more than the reputed fields of city mission work. The evangelization of our cities is committed to the evangelical Churches; everything in the cities that differentiates their social and moral conditions from other communities and makes the work of the evangelistic Church more difficult belongs to the City Problem. Perhaps it should be added that everything that lulls the conscience of the people, that increases indifference as to public wrongs, that tends to rob the Home of its sacredness and charm, enters into the City Problem. Get my meaning by a moment's study of Chicago, where the evangelical Churches are most active and where Methodism is better organized than in any other great city of the world: in 1900 her foreign population was 587,112; but over against this mass there were 1,111,463 Anglo-Americans—about two to one—and we may assume that more than two-thirds of the property, the business, and of the better homes belong to this majority, and it could cast two-thirds of the votes at any election. No other great city has proportionately more young men and young women drawn from smaller cities and the country by the hope of wider opportunities. Three-quarters of a million or more of Anglo-Americans of church-going age are there; what proportion of them are Church members? What proportion attend public worship? Every pastor in the large cities is disheartened by the number on the Church roll who seldom are seen in the congregation. The influence of non-churchgoing members tends to paralyze the aggressive work of the Church; there is little hope of that work reaching those who never attend a Church service; and it may be assumed that the number of Anglo-Americans in this class in any great city is greater than the number of adult foreigners.

If in the past the persons of church-going age, with Protestant training or Protestant predilection, in any city, had attended public worship with reasonable regularity and heard the principles of temperance and righteousness authoritatively enforced, would not the Anglo-American majority have been far more potential in conserving the well-being of such city? The unchurched Anglo-American element, rather than the foreign element, is the threatening center of the City Problem. In civil affairs this element, by co-operating with the citizens who are governed by conscience, could give every city a good, clean government, but results show that largely it trains at the polls with those who have parted company with conscience. Do foreigners alone support race-tracks and other forms of gambling? Do they alone support the Sunday baseball and the latter-day theater? If these and other forms of dissipation were abandoned by the Anglo-American element, how long would they prosper? Again I say that the threatening center of the City Problem is found among unchurched Anglo-Americans rather than among foreigners. If

these are reached at all it must be mainly by the aggressive work of the Churches as such; it is the part of the City Problem nearest to them; it includes, as the most hopeful phase, the reaching of the youth and the children and fixing in them habits of church-going; here is a work as important as any that can engage pastors and office-bearers in the practical solution of the City Problem.

THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

It is assumed by some Southern friends that, because of their location, they alone are in position to form trustworthy opinions of the Negro-Americans and of the Negro Problem with its vast industrial, social, and moral factors. It may be allowed that there were slaveholders who had clearer views of the institution and of those involved in it, whether master or slave, than any one in the North could have; but few of that class remain, and few Southerners under fifty years of age know by personal observation anything of slavery as an institution, or anything of the Negro as a slave; all they know of the Negro, except by hearsay, is as a Freedman, and it is a question whether the passionate period of Reconstruction and much in public life that has since occurred does necessarily place any one who personally knows nothing of slavery, in a peculiarly favorable position to study the Freedman with a sympathetic interest.

Be that as it may, I, by Secretarial work, kept face to face with the Negro Problem during the six years following Mr. Lincoln's Proclamation; as Publishing Agent my colleague accorded me the more direct care of the Book Concern interests located in Atlanta, a service that carried me betimes to all of our Conferences in the South; as Bishop resident in Chattanooga, and as Bishop in charge of our Conferences, I saw very much of the religious and educational work of our own and other denominations for the Freed people. Residence in the South and transient visits to cities, towns, and rural regions in every Southern State, created the atmosphere in which my study has been maintained. I have often been disheartened by what I have seen among the Negroes; perhaps never more than by the spectacle of hundreds of Negro men, old and young, marching in the "Wet" rally in Atlanta, when all the better elements were working together for Temperance. But for the Negro Wet vote the Temperance forces would have won. That Wet victory was antecedent to the fearful Atlanta Riot. But I have also seen much to gladden and inspire. Here you will be pleased by a reference to my long and intimate association, in work for the Freed people, with Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., who was transferred to this Conference just fifty years ago, to become President of the Wilberforce University, a school founded by this Conference for the advanced education of Colored Youth; we were co-workers in the cause from 1864 until he ceased to labor, being the longest period of such fellowship of service of two Methodist preachers in non-pastoral appointments.

The benevolent and Christian work in behalf of the Freedmen begun by Army Chaplains, followed up, first, by the American Missionary Association, then by non-denominational commissions, and lastly by denominational societies, carried forward in one form and another, including missionary work, through more than forty-six years, is replete in encouraging results on life and character. The school properties created are monuments of a generous and sympathetic interest. All has been prompted by humane and Christian purposes. It is probable that the most hopeful fact is that the Negroes, moved by this timely help, have done more for themselves than has been done for them. Is not this the meaning of the property acquired, the industries established, the churches built, the pastors supported, the Homes created—the Homes of whatever size, for, small as it may be, it is Home; in slave times it was the cabin, nothing

more, now even the cabin is Home. There is cause to fear that forms of aid prompted by humane feelings and Christian sentiment which are productive of blessed results among the Negroes, have about reached their limit. We may expect this work to be maintained, still the greater part of the Negro Problem remains unsolved, nearly one-half of the Negro element in the South being little in advance of what it was forty or more years ago. There must be those in our country upon whom now rests the obligation of furnishing the Negroes with the co-operation they need to bring them all to where freedom will be an unquestioned benefit. The thing of first moment is to locate this obligation, hence the pertinence of bringing forward the facts which warrant me in contending that the White people of our Country, North and South, should unite through practical measures in the further solution of the Negro Problem.

I propose to show that much in the traits of the Negroes and more in their condition that make the Negro Problem so great and so serious, are parts of the inheritance brought from slavery by the Freed People. From this it must follow that the Negro Problem was due to the perpetuation of slavery.

When the Civil War was precipitated, by the attack on Fort Sumpter and the Flag, there were about four million slaves in the Southern States. A wide diversity existed in their circumstances, ranging from the easy conditions of house-servants to the ceaseless drudgery on the plantation. We may accept the reiterated statement that the great body of the slaves were contented and happy. What matters inherent in American slavery strongly affected the industrial, social, and moral life of the Negroes after they became free? The American slave was a chattel and, as such, had no rights that the master was required to respect. This was fundamental and determined the industrial, social, and moral notions of the slaves. They thought little about wages as the natural incentive to industry; they saw little of that recognition of mutual rights which promotes honesty; in the slave quarters there was little to inculcate the sanctity of the home relations; the classification in the Census of 1860 of 13.2 per cent of the Negroes as Mulattoes, is startling proof that slave-life was not encouraging to social purity. The Negroes at the time of their emancipation were far in advance of their ancestors when brought from Africa; some during their bondage were industrious, honest, and pure in life from a sense of duty, but they came into these virtues through influences far apart from slavery. They brought from slavery as an inheritance the English language; notions of the Christian religion, one-tenth perhaps understanding they were Church members (207,766 were enrolled as members by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South); a measure of skill in domestic work, field work, and in some of the trades; but no part of the property they had created; but the fearful parts of the inheritance carried from slavery to Freedom were idleness, dishonesty, and social impurity, the very things that are held to present the mountain-like obstacles to the progress of the Race. The argument is conclusive that the basal facts in the Negro Problem inhered in slavery.

Those through whom American slavery was perpetuated are no longer here, but their obligations pass on to their descendants. The white people of both the North and the South were responsible for the perpetuation of slavery. The Liquor Traffic, another business that involved moral questions, was silently left by the National Constitution to continue under the Common Law; not so with slavery; the Fathers of the Republic not only conserved the system by the Constitution, but made it a political factor by including slaves in the basis for Congressional representation. The original States, North and South, were all represented in that Constitutional Convention. In 1820 the Missouri Compromise opened to slavery all territory south of 36° 30′, and this required some Northern votes; at that date there were 730,302 more people (some 200,000 more

voters) in the North than in the South. In 1844 Henry Clay was defeated by votes in the North, and the sequel was the acquisition of Texas for slave territory, in connection with the Mexican War. The compromises of 1850, including the Fugitive Slave Law, could not have been passed without the votes of Northern Congressmen; there were then a million more voters in the North than in the South. In 1854, by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, every Territory was opened to slavery, and that could not have been done without Northern votes. In 1856, although the issue in the Fremont Campaign was the non-extension of slavery and the North had an excess of a million of voters, the party that favored the extension of slavery was endorsed at the polls. People of the North and the South together perpetuated slavery, hence were responsible for the existence of the Negro Problem.

Emancipation became a recognized fact at the close of the war in 1865—two years and more after the Proclamation. What, at that time, was the relation of the North and the South to the Freed people? Interpreting Emancipation by the words of the Proclamation, it was a war measure adopted to benefit the Union cause and to discomfit the Confederates. The benefits of emancipation to the Negroes were far in the future; as a war measure it was a success, and the benefits to the Northern cause were substantial and immediate. To what extent has the North ever realized what was suffered by the Negroes on account of the Union cause? The benefits to the North from Emancipation were involuntary on the part of the Negroes. They voluntarily rendered the South an immeasurable service; while almost every able-bodied Confederate was under arms and absent from their homes, their slaves cared for their property, their crops, and their families with a fidelity that would have won for members of any other race perpetual gratitude. I wish the picture in 1865 could be placed vividly before you: the North victorious and jubilant, the South conquered and sullen; and between them the Freedmen, to whom both the victor and the vanquished were debtor. Every worthy consideration ought to move the whole Anglo-American people to generous measures in behalf of their common benefactors in the War Period. The fearful period of reconstruction followed, and Negroes suffered most and gained least from all that transpired in that deplorable political struggle between the North and the South.

The South has done much in a practical way to help the Negro. By laws in every Southern State provision is made for the establishment and maintenance of colored common schools, and every colored child is legally recognized as entitled to common-school privileges. These schools are maintained from the same fund as the white common schools, and where it is raised by taxes, by far the larger proportion is paid by white taxpayers.

The North was not altogether unmindful of the Negro. The most practical measure of aid was the Freedmen's Bureau; it aimed to foster industry; it established some schools and extended aid to those maintained by Northern benevolence; but I think the funds were largely derived from the sales of confiscated cotton; it is certain that it did not long survive the failure of extraneous support. If there were appropriations from the general funds by Congress, they were not large. The purpose of the North to invest the Negro with the ballot was sincere at the time, but the effort involved no outlay, and the outcome would seem to show that the purpose was too transient to have resulted either from earnest conviction or sincere gratitude. A school measure that would have required considerable funds and greatly benefited the Negroes was formulated and considered, and then pushed aside.

The pensions paid since 1863 amount to $3,551,025,651; the patriot rejoices that soldiers who suffered for the Union and their dependents are being aided from the National Treasury. But why did not Congress

deal considerately with the Freed people, in view of what they suffered through the War Measure, which, while it made them nominally free, turned the tide of the conflict in favor of the Union cause? Is it too late for Congress to make some reparation? The maintenance by the South through State legislation of colored common schools is of itself a strong reason why Congress, in the name of both the North and South, should make a liberal provision for higher schools, and particularly for strong and well-equipped Industrial Schools like Claflin and Tuskeegee.

A plea of mine for the co-operation of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Educational work among the Negroes has already been published. If these Churches can and do co-operate in foreign fields, why should they not do so in the Home Land, where the fact would mean so much more as promotive of Christian fraternity? And then, what joint-work could be productive of larger and better results than what these Churches could do together among the belated people in whom both Churches have cherished a deep and abiding interest? Such co-operation on the part of these great Churches would be influential, North and South, in stimulating the Anglo-American people as a whole to devise wise and liberal ways for the practical solution of the Negro Problem.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. xx, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY. Conference.	Y'r.	Consecrated Bishop.	REMARKS.
Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1735	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory	April 11, 1789	Phila.	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio.	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio.	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes	April 27, 1807	Phila.	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1853	Vermont	1857	1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880	Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, '03.
Isaac Wilson Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind.	1859	1888	Died in Minne'p'lis, Minn., July 28, 05.
Stephen M. Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Died in Keyport, N. J., Nov. 11, 1905.
Chas. C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Died in New York, Dec. 19, 1906.
J. N. FitzGerald	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	Died in Shanghai, China, July 4, 1907.
Edward G. Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	Died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1907.
Charles H. Fowler	Aug 11, 1837	Rock Riv.	1861	1884	Died in New York, Mar. 20, 1908.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky	...
William Young	May 16, 1786	July 8, 1812, Ohio	26
Ralph Lotspeich	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio	32
Walter Griffith	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.	40
Nathan Trescott	1794, Sheffield, Massachusetts	Oct. 6, 1822	...
Samuel Baker	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.	30
Alexander Cummins	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.	36
Nathan Walker	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.	30
John Walker	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia	April 5, 1849	52
John Sale	April 4, 1769, Virginia	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.	58
Michael Ellis	May 5, 1758	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.	72
John Ulin	1792, Virginia	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.	...
Thomas F. Sargent	April 10, 1776, Maryland	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.	57
William Page	Sept. 1772, New Jersey	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio	62
Philip Gatch	March 21, 1751, Maryland	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio	83
Russel Bigelow	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.	43
William Phillips	May 7, 1797, Kentucky	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.	39
Erastus Felton	Jan. 28, 1798, New York	June 25, 1837, Ohio	39
John A. Waterman	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.	47
James W. Finley	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio	June 11, 1838, Kentucky	38
William D. Barrett	July, 19, 1797, Virginia	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio	42
Dudley Woodbridge	1814, Ohio	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.	25
Frederick B. Butler	July 22, 1803, Virginia	March 5, 1839, Ohio	36
Moses Crume	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.	73
George Fate	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.	20

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Age.
Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island,	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania,	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania,	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.,	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.,	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania,	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.,	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.,	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania,	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.,	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania,	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania,	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania,	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.,	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.,	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference	Time of Death.	Age	Years of Ministry	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference	Time of Death.	Age	Years of Ministry
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	 1864	63	31
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1851	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47
W. Simmons,	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54
N. C. Parrish,	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10
W. Routledge,	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32
M. G. Purkiser,	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10
J. C. Bontecou,	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48
N. Callender,	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51
P. A. Ogden,	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51
Samuel Brown,	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44
Wm. H. Lawder,	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43
Elijah H. Field,	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54
Alex. Meharry,	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37
Jos. A. Reeder,	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49
John C. Deem,	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48
John F. Wright,	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64
Wm. H. Miesse,	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10
John Barton,	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43
Herman Lüders,	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4
David Warnock,	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48
James Kendall,	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31
George C. Crum,	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45
Charles Kalbfus,	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19
Willis M. Boyer,	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27
David Kemper,	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
Andrew Murphy,	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
John N. Irvin,	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
Joseph J. Hill,	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
John C. Maddy,	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
J. W. Stone,	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
David Whitmer,	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
Wm. Young,	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
T. S. Peregrine,	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
S. F. Conrey,	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
M. P. Gaddis,	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
William Mahon,	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
Jer'h H. Bayliss,	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Thomas Lee,	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
J. W. Keely,	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
J. F. Conrey,	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
L. F Van Cleve,	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
G. W. Kelley,	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
W. E. Hines,	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
W. N. Williams,	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
J. P. Bishop,	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
D. H. Sargent,	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
T. S. Cowden,	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
Henry Stokes,	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Benj. Glascock,	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
W. B. Jackson,	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
W. R. Webster,	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Jas. Murray,	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Mighill Dustin,	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
W. L. Hypes,	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
E. C. Smith,	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Henry Miller,	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
W. J. Quarry,	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
J. L. Grover,	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
L. D. McCabe,	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
Geo. T. Perry,	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Silas Bennett,	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Timothy Wones,	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Asbury Lowrey,	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
Jas. Stephenson,	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
F. W. Hypes,	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Patrick Carland,	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
M. Kauffman,	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Wm. Q. Shannon,	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
John W. Cassatt,	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Chas. H. Payne,	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Wm. B. Moler,	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
A. M. Griffith,	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	.	59
James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
William I. Fee,	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
James P. Shultz,	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
David C. Vance,	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
J. H. Middleton,	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
John F. Marlay,	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
T. H. Pearne,	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Thomas Collett,	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Adam Miller,	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
M. A. Richards,	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
C. W. Gullette,	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
George B. Shanor,	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Adam Bowers,	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
Wm. Runyan,	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
John F. Loyd,	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
J. L. Gregg,	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Wm. T. McMullen,	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
L. E. Prentiss,	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	55	29
R. K. Deem,	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	69	39
J. W. Mason,	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	68	46
G. W. Fee,	1858	Oct. 19, 1904	78	46
D. A. McColm,	1880	Jan. 8, 1905	65	24
A. C. Turrell,	1889	Feb. 6, 1905	40	15
J. P. Porter,	1864	May 9, 1905	68	41
W. N. Maxey,	1855	May 13, 1905	76	49
C. Hartley,	1887	Dec. 8, 1905	47	28
S. B. Smith,	1846	June 13, 1906	70	51
E. McHugh,	1856	May 6, 1906	69	48
R. S. Rust,	1844	Dec. 22, 1906	91	62
C. Wones,	1884	Apr. 8, 1907	51	23
J. E. Abrams,	1891	July 14, 1907	48	16
J. R. Hill,	1892	Aug. 3, 1907	55	15
Geo. M. Edgar,	1855	Mar. 15, 1908	79	53
W. H. Sutherland,	1843	Aug. 24, 1908	89	65

Memoirs.

REV. GEORGE M. EDGAR.

George M. Edgar was born near Lynchburg, W. Va., August 11, 1827, and fell on sleep March 15, 1908, near Winchester, Ohio, in the home of his life-long friend and brother minister, the Rev. S. W. Edmiston. He was brought up in a home highly favorable to mind and heart culture. His parents were intelligent, devoted Christians who took great care to train their children in truth and righteousness. In early manhood he was deeply convicted of sin, and, after a long and severe struggle, he was soundly converted to God and called to preach the Gospel of His Son. His religious experience was clear and bright, and he at once sought to shape his life after the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. Although brought up in the midst of slavery and under the belief that it was a divine institution, immediately after his conversion he was moved with a deep sense of repugnance to the law-entrenched institution that held in bondage millions of black people, some of whom had been factors in leading him from darkness to light. He preferred a free to a slave State, and emigrated to Ohio, settling at Wilmington, where during the years of great strife he wrought with all his powers for the emancipation of the black man. Brother Edgar was a student and close reader of the current events of his time, and was well informed in matters of Church and State. Being a wide reader, and having a remarkably retentive memory, he was conversant with the commercial, political, educational, ethical, and religious condition of almost every nation, which rendered his conversation and discourses highly interesting and instructive. He was a strong preacher, a faithful pastor and disciplinarian, and successful in administering the business interests of the Churches he served, as is attested by the numbers added to the Church and money raised for benevolences and for church improvement.

REV. GEORGE M. EDGAR.

Brother Edgar was a man of strong convictions, and what he believed he believed intensely. He believed in Methodism,—her polity and doctrines—and was a clear and forceful exponent of the same. The rising tide of political, civic, and temperance reform greatly rejoiced his heart, and he often grew fervid in hope and faith for the future of both Church and State. When yet active, to be in the storm center of moral reform and in the front ranks of the battle for right was his delight. He was impatient with the tardy, the laggard, and the cowardly, and was disposed to push reform faster than public sentiment advanced. He was an independent thinker, and accepted no theory or doctrine which did not accord with reason and justice as revealed in nature and sanc-

tioned by the Book of Truth. Early in his ministry he mastered our standard authors—Wesley, Fletcher, Clarke, Watson, and others; yet the Bible was his main book.

He was united in marriage, September 10, 1856, with Mary C. Brindle, at Wilmington, Ohio, who shared with him the pleasures and sorrows, privileges and burdens of the itinerant ministry, until God took her from labor to reward January 23, 1878, leaving a family of three daughters and two sons. Of these, William B. Edgar, of Chicago; Frances M. Edgar, of Wilmington, Ohio; Mrs. Ella McMath, of El Paso, Texas, and Edwin E. Edgar, of Troy, Ohio, survive him. The eldest daughter, Mrs. George Helman, preceded her father some years ago.

He entered the Cincinnati Conference in 1855, and served eighteen different pastoral charges—six of them a second term. He had been an honored superannuate since 1889. His funeral was held at the home of his son, Edwin E. Edgar, in Troy, Wednesday, March 18th, after which he was gently borne to rest in beautiful Riverside Cemetery.

REV. WILLIAM H. SUTHERLAND, D. D.

"A prince and a great man has fallen in Israel." Nay, he has ascended above the heavens. A long pilgrimage has ended and the pilgrim has reached "his desired haven." A good soldier, who endured hardness, who fought a good fight, who kept the faith, has gone up higher, to receive the crown of righteousness his glorious Lord had prepared for him. How the Cincinnati Conference will miss his manly and dignified form, and the inspiration which came from his presence, his prayers and his eloquent words! To the writer, for fifty-three years he has seemed an essential part of the Conference. For many years I looked up to him with a feeling of admiration, mingled with fear. When I found him on the Springfield District, I went to my first quarterly meeting in his charge with no little apprehension and trembling, but his kindly welcome and his prevailing prayer for the presiding elder dispelled my fears and made me feel that I was to preach, not to a merciless critic, but to an humble and devout soul, hungry for the Bread of Life. Since then, I have known and loved him as my dear brother in Christ Jesus. He was well known as an able and eloquent minister of the Gospel. I have heard those who knew him in his early ministry speak enthusiastically of his power in the pulpit. For fifteen years he served the Conference as its Secretary. He did his work so well that the Conference in some measure showed its appreciation by presenting him with a splendid silver coffee and tea set.

WILLIAM H. SUTHERLAND, D. D.

Appointed by the Conference to write his memoir, I was handed his journal as containing the material necessary for my sacred task I found it rich in its revelation of his life and character as a Christian, as a minister, as a son, as a father, as a husband, as a loving, consecrated, sanctified man of God. His journal opens to us that which we need most to know—his inner life, with its struggles, motives, longings, and highest aspirations.

He was born June 2, 1819, in the city of Washington, D. C. His father died when he was a little over eight years old, leaving him to the care of a pious mother, to whom he pays this tribute: "She had taught me, from my earliest recollection, the fear of the Lord, and I expect if I ever get to heaven to thank God for a pious mother." The story of his deep conviction for sin, of the Spirit striving with him from his fifth or sixth year, is a touching one. For years he stifled his convictions, but hearing a sermon preached one Sabbath in the Methodist Church in Springfield, Ohio, by the venerable Chas. P. McIlvaine, a bishop of the Episcopalian Church, from, "Why will ye die?" Ezek. xviii, 31, his conviction was renewed. He writes: "I went home praying, and I kept on praying till the next Tuesday evening, when, at about nine o'clock, while lying on my bed of straw, God rolled the burden of sin away and gave me a witness which I have never since doubted: the witness of the Spirit attesting my pardon and my adoption." His heart was filled with love, peace, and joy. Just as the new year, 1838, was coming in, before a large congregation, in Springfield, Ohio, "alone he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church." Soon after this he was appointed class leader, and on August 8, 1840, Rev. Wm. Young gave him a license to exhort. He writes: "Some time before this I was convinced that it was my duty to preach, but, thinking I had not sufficient education, and actuated by a sinful love of human approbation, I refused a kind offer from Bro. William Young to get me into the Conference."

Following this he made a hard struggle in his poverty to secure an education; breaking down through overwork, he felt that in this "God had punished him for the failure to do his duty." But he succeeded in supporting his mother while attending the high school in Springfield eight months, "and nearly completed an English education and acquired some knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages." After this he "went to school no more," but became a life-long student.

He was licensed to preach November 19, 1842, and served as supply on South Charleston circuit for a time. Then received on trial in the Ohio Conference, September 27, 1843; was ordained deacon in Cincinnati by Bishop L. L. Hamline, September 7, 1845; ordained elder by Bishop Edmund S. Janes, in Columbus, Ohio, September 5, 1847. It is impossible to repeat the thrilling story of his itinerancy, beginning on the Winchester circuit, Lebanon District, and ending in Fairmount station, Cincinnati. Would that all could read the story the journal contains and catch an abiding vision of the long and noble life of our translated brother, with its joys and sorrows, its trials and triumphs, its battles and victories; with its tears of bereavement and sorrow, and of joy in winning souls for Jesus. How this skeleton record, found in our Minutes, would then be instinct with life and clothed with undying beauty:

"Ohio Conference: 1843, Winchester; '44, Charleston, W. Va.; '45, West Union; '46, Hillsboro; '47, Athens; '48, Harmar; '49, Lancaster; '50, Main Street (Chillicothe); '51, Asbury (Cincinnati); '52, '53, Wesley (Dayton); '54, Lebanon; '55, High Street (Springfield); '56, '57, Christie (Cincinnati); '60, '61, First Church (Xenia); '62, '63, Lockland; '64, '66, Presiding Elder Dayton District; '67, 69, Greene Street (Piqua); '70-72,

Ripley; 73, 74, First Church (Urbana); '75, '76, Middletown; '81, '82, Yellow Springs; '83, '84, Monroe; '85-87, Felicity; '88-92, Williamsburg; '93, '94, Fairmount (Cincinnati);" '95-1908, superannuated.

He was very happy in his home life. Married, August 28, 1845, to a pious young lady of Springfield, Ohio, Miss Mary Kauffman; she made him an excellent wife. His journal records the birth of children, their marriages, their loving ministries to him, the silver wedding anniversary. But this happy union was sadly broken at Ripley. He writes: "1872, October 28, eighteen minutes past three o'clock, my dear wife, after ten months of almost incredible suffering, left earth for heaven. Her triumph over death was complete and glorious."

He was most happily married, October 28, 1873, to Mrs. Maggie J. Penn, near Moscow, Ohio. He writes gratefully of her ministries of love to him in sickness and age. His journal abounds in tender references to his children; to one daughter as the wife, and then the widow, of an eminent minister, Rev. Cyrus S. Bates, of the Episcopal Church; and to his eldest son, John Wesley Sutherland, D. D., pastor of the North Congregational Church, Detroit, Michigan, whom he "had the privilege of hearing preach an excellent sermon." No wonder he adds: "Thank God that He has raised up in my son such a preacher to take my place." The celebration of the anniversary of his birth year by year indicates the ideal relation of nine children to their honored and beloved father.

See how he met the terror of superannuation: "1895, August 28. To-day, during the session of our Conference in Hamilton, Ohio, I asked and received a superannuated relation, after a continuous service of fifty-two years and nine months in the itinerancy. I was, after much careful and prayerful meditation, induced to do this from the consideration that I could not do the duties of an effective preacher in charge with the old-time vigor and endurance, and because my wife's health was broken down. Praise the Lord for the mercy and grace that have made and continued me effective and useful so long. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is in me bless His holy name."

This happy frame of mind continued to the end. The articles from his pen, published recently in the Western Christian Advocate, suggest the wealth found in his journal. The versification of the 19th Psalm, found in the issue of the above paper, August 26, 1908, written by him only a few weeks before his death, reveals his continued intellectual strength and spiritual insight. With the following words he closes his journal: "1908, June 2. God has spared me to see another anniversary, the eighty-ninth, of my birth. I have enjoyed good health and much happiness this year. I have lived near the Lord, and have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praise the precious name of Jesus."

On the morning of August 24th, at Ottawa, Ohio, where he was visiting his youngest daughter, "he was not, for God took him." The funeral services were held in the chapel of Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio, conducted by Bishop David H. Moore. Bishop Moore also paid a most beautiful tribute to his memory as his beloved pastor when a youth in Athens, Ohio.

How glorious the life of service, how beautiful the old age of this strong, consecrated, sanctified, holy minister of Jesus Christ! May we, his brethren of the Cincinnati Conference, follow him as he followed Christ, that we may all meet and reign with him forever!"—A. N. Spahr.

MRS. MILTON G. BAKER.

Kezia Stafford Lamme, daughter of James and Sarah Mitchell Lamme, was descended from Scotch Presbyterian ancestors, who settled in Virginia before the Revolutionary War and fought on the American side. Her grandfather came west and settled in the rich valley between Springfield and Dayton, Ohio, in 1804. That farm became her father's inheritance, and here she was born October 31, 1823. Her father was a Methodist of large means, whose house was the home of the pioneer preachers. She was converted and joined the Church very early. She here met the Rev. Milton G. Baker, of New England parentage, who had recently united with the Ohio Conference. They were married May 5, 1846, at the old homestead. The following autumn they went to their first appointment—Middletown, Ohio. Three daughters came to bless this union—Elizabeth, who lived to be nineteen and was called to the heavenly land; Frances and Charlotte, who survive their mother, are both teachers in the public schools of Cleveland.

Mrs. Baker was an ideal wife and mother, appreciating higher education so truly that no sacrifice was too great for her in order to give her daughters such advantages, her compensation being the loving devotion and companionship of cultured daughters to her death. Broken health took her husband out of the active ranks in 1877. They located in Xenia, Ohio, and on September 26, 1884, he passed into the beyond. She was his only nurse during this long illness.

Sister Baker was very strongly attached to the Church at Xenia, and keenly felt the breaking off of her associations there to go with her daughters to Cleveland in 1902, where six happy years were spent together. Thence she went to her eternal home January 15, 1908.

Mrs. Baker was a choice product of a Christian home. Like many of our noblest women, she was converted very early in life, when obedience and trust seem natural and easily become the habit of life. She was a superior woman in her ideals and purposes, gentle in her spirit, thoughtful about duty, clear and strong in her convictions, loyal and loving in all her relations in life. We can only think of her as "crowned at last," wearing the crown promised to the faithful, for she was faithful—a striking illustration of the prophet's word, "The work of righteousness is peace; the effect of righteousness is quietness and assurance forever."

Mrs. Baker's discipleship from the beginning to the end was characterized by the innocence, simplicity, sweetness, purity, and teachableness of childhood. She was taught of God. She had the wisdom that cometh from above. Soon she evinced superior judgment as well as keenness in reading character and discovering hidden motives. She was always a reverent and thoughtful student of the Holy Scriptures, a firm believer in its truths, and, while an intelligent Methodist by deep conviction, she was broad enough to be very tolerant of the faiths of others. Littleness and meanness found no welcome in the soil of her heart. Her pure, unselfish life was a distinct though silent rebuke to envy, jealousy, and all the petty weaknesses and sins of the average person. Hers was "the simple life" beautiful in all its unfoldings. Wise in counsel, her devoted and saintly husband could safely trust her advice through the years of their itinerancy. So wise and sympathetic and good was she that many others saw in her the Lord's anointed, appointed for their help in times of doubt and trouble; even those who were set to leading others sought her guidance. No one who saw that beautiful, strong face lighted up with intelligent sympathy while encouraging a troubled soul, will ever forget it. As a timid boy preacher, we saw its glory in a modest country parsonage home. Such a woman means more to this world as a moral force than a multitude of society devotees

given to the love of dress, display, and the superficial enjoyments and pleasures of this world. It requires infinite wisdom to rightly estimate the significance and inspirational power of such lives as hers. We do well to stop, consider, and magnify, as well as imitate. Such services as this in which we are engaged, rightfully observed, would alone warrant our annual convocation.

Bravely did this gentle, modest soul meet the severe discipline of the itinerant's life, profiting thereby continually. She calmly faced and conquered the trials and difficulties of her station and work. The essential dignity and nobility of such a life record from youth to extreme age, wrought out amidst the conditions where the rank and file of people live, ought to awaken our highest admiration and quicken us to newness of life in Christ Jesus. Duty-doing with unfaltering faith and untiring zeal by mortals surely commands the interest and admiration of all the intelligences of the heavenly world.

The reign of such a queen in the parsonage must have been a mighty and constant inspiration to Milton G. Baker, a meek man, but a preacher of good parts and intense devotion to his ministry. He always had a message for his flock. The consciousness that such a woman was at home praying for his success and usefulness as the messenger of God must have had much to do with his wonderful exhortations, among the most impressive and powerful I have heard from mortal lips.

Would God, the moral earnestness of the founders and fathers of our Church might come to us all, until every Methodist preacher would become what he was, "a flame of fire!" Those times, these times, and all times needed, need, and will forever need such a ministry in the pulpit and such women in the parsonage, wholly devoted to the kingdom of God. With such occupants, the parsonage will never be a center of inordinate ambition or of the sentiments, conversation, and habits that cripple the minister's usefulness; but, on the contrary, the home of all that makes for righteousness and usefulness.

Mrs. Baker was a "shut-in" for six years, continually growing more feeble, yet death came suddenly. As always, so in this hour, her dutiful daughters did everything love could suggest for her comfort, prayed with her, and read her favorite, the Shepherd's Psalm, and she said, "O, how beautiful that is!" and soon slept, to awake in the eternal city.

H. C. Weakley.

MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH VAN CLEVE.

Sarah Elizabeth Van Cleve was born in Mason County, Kentucky, June 20, 1828. Her father moved his family to the county seat, Maysville, early in her childhood, and here she grew up and was educated. April 16, 1850, she was married to Lafayette Van Cleve, a minister of the Ohio Conference, and with him she shared the vicissitudes of the itinerant's life, residing mainly in Cincinnati and neighborhood until the death of her husband during his pastorate in Milford, Ohio, March 2, 1892. Four children were born to them—John Smith, Martha, Charles Liggett, and Edward Marlay. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James B. Stears, at Nicholasville, Kentucky, January 31, 1908, in the eightieth year of her age.

Sister Van Cleve came of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and for long generations her forbears have lived in the South. Her father was in many ways a remarkable man, being of the type so rare in the days preceding the Civil War known as Southern Abolitionists. Her mother, also of Southern ancestry, and connected by ties of blood with some of the best known families of that section of our country, contributed her

graces of character no less than the father to her daughter in heredity and training to make a fine type of generous, impulsive, proud womanhood. Mrs. Van Cleve was not lacking in the stronger Christian graces. She was practical, tactful, sincere, and helpful, and, withal, was a woman of very strong intellectual powers.

In writing to one of the members of the family, a former pastor of Sister Van Cleve spoke as follows: "Your mother always held my admiration. Her clear mind, her choice speech, her great thoughts, her pure spirit, and her exemplary life almost reached my ideal. She was one of my most valued friends. Her departure makes these plains of earth less desirable and the sunlit heights yonder more attractive as a place of permanent abode. Such prayers and testimonies as fell from her lips I do not soon expect to hear again, unless there be a revival of such means of spiritual culture as the former generation enjoyed in the Methodist class-meeting and love-feast."

During Mrs. Van Cleve's last visit to Milford, only a short time before her death, she was taken ill suddenly and thought that the end was near. She said to the pastor and some of her friends, "I do not need to pray; praises alone are in my heart."

The funeral services were held at Milford Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday afternoon, February 2d, conducted by her pastor, M. LeSourd, assisted by Col. C. L. Greeno, who spoke of the influence of this godly woman, and Rev. J. T. Bail, who as a classmate of Dr. Van Cleve in the old Ohio Conference spoke most sympathetically of his relation to his old friend, his wife, and their children, all of whom were present to lay their mother to rest. On a bright, beautiful winter day Sister Van Cleve's body was committed to the earth by the side of her noble husband in the Milford cemetery. "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."—M. LeSourd.

MRS. GEORGE H. DART.

Rebecca Harris Dart, daughter of Isaac and Hope Craig, was born in Centerville, Ohio, June 5, 1834, and died in Hamilton, Ohio, June 13, 1908. In her fourteenth year, under the ministry of Rev. Levi White, in Camden, Ohio, she accepted Christ and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, continuing in its communion until death, in full accord with its teachings, usages, and spiritual life.

August 3, 1858, she was married to Rev. Geo. H. Dart—a union which needed but seven weeks to complete the golden circle. For forty-five years she accompanied her husband in his varied appointments and shared to the full the hardships incident especially to his earlier ministry in large circuits with small compensation requiring the most prudent home management. She was industrious, economical, resourceful, with domestic ability approaching genius, so that in lowest financial estates her husband never knew the horrors of debt or the depressions of utter extremity. To her household she was a constant human providence, anticipating and meeting every need. Her home was her empire. For larger sphere she never hungered. It filled her life and made sacrifice and service a joy.

Her mind was acquisitive and retentive, enriched with varied and solid information gathered, not only from the school, but also from discriminate reading and widening views of life. Her memory was marvelous, a storehouse crowded with the facts of life, the events of history, and the incidents of biography. At will she could draw on these resources to enliven and ennoble her conversation, which was always inspiring and instructive. Many of our finest poems, most precious hymns,

and the sermons of a lifetime were easily recalled and repeated—the latter almost word for word, though years had passed since their hearing. But her greatest pleasure was in the Word of God. She loved it truly, read it reverently, and meditated upon it profitably. In it she was at home. Scarcely a text could be suggested which she could not fully and exactly quote, with its connections and bearings; and this was especially true of the more spiritual and practical passages which concerned duty and privilege in Christ.

For many years she was a devoted Sunday-school teacher, careful in preparation, regular in attendance, and so efficient in instruction that she never failed to interest and inform her classes, whether of adults or infants. But the growing infirmities of later years compelled retirement from public activities, and indeed largely from even attendance upon the services of the sanctuary. The heir of generations of Quaker repression, she was inclined toward practical rather than emotional piety. Duty held her. Helpful virtues graced her life. They incarnated her faith. It embraced Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. He was her creed. In it her soul was satisfied.

The long years of ever-increasing enfeeblement, borne with patience and resignation, culminated May 28th in a final stroke of paralysis. She accepted this as a token of the end, and spoke of it with composure and expectancy. She was neither surprised nor affrighted; but, with a steadfast faith in the Son of God and the certain hope of the immortal life, fell asleep June 13, 1908.

MRS. GEORGIA ALICE HENNING WASHBURN.

Georgia Alice Henning, daughter of Charles and Gertrude Henning, was born near Bethel, Ohio, August 5, 1868, and passed into the heavens from the Highland parsonage July 6, 1908, aged thirty-nine years, eleven months, and one day. At the age of sixteen she united with the Clover Methodist Episcopal Church, under the pastorate of S. B. Ricketts, and from that time to the day of her death she was true to her consecration vow. On October 10, 1900, she was married to the Rev. L. A. Washburn, and for eight years, in the charges of Marathon, Bethel, Manchester, and Highland, she has been a happy, cheerful, earnest, and efficient pastor's wife. She entered heartily and sympathetically with her husband into the great work of the Church, always interested in the Sabbath-school, Epworth League, missionary work, and, in fact, in every department of Church work. She was ever conscious of the responsibility that rested upon her as the wife of a minister and was determined by the help of God to do her part. She manifested a bright, helpful, and hopeful spirit at all times, dispensing good cheer and sunshine in the homes of the people, and no harsh or unkind word was ever received from her either by husband or friend. When the earthly life of her little babe went out, she said, "How glad I would have been could I have kept him, but it is all right;" but the separation was brief, for mother and babe were soon united in heaven. Full of good works, she has passed from labor to reward, where "she rests from her labors and her works do follow her." The loving daughter, the affectionate sister, the devoted wife, the interested, ministering friend of the parish has gone to her crown.—W. S. G.

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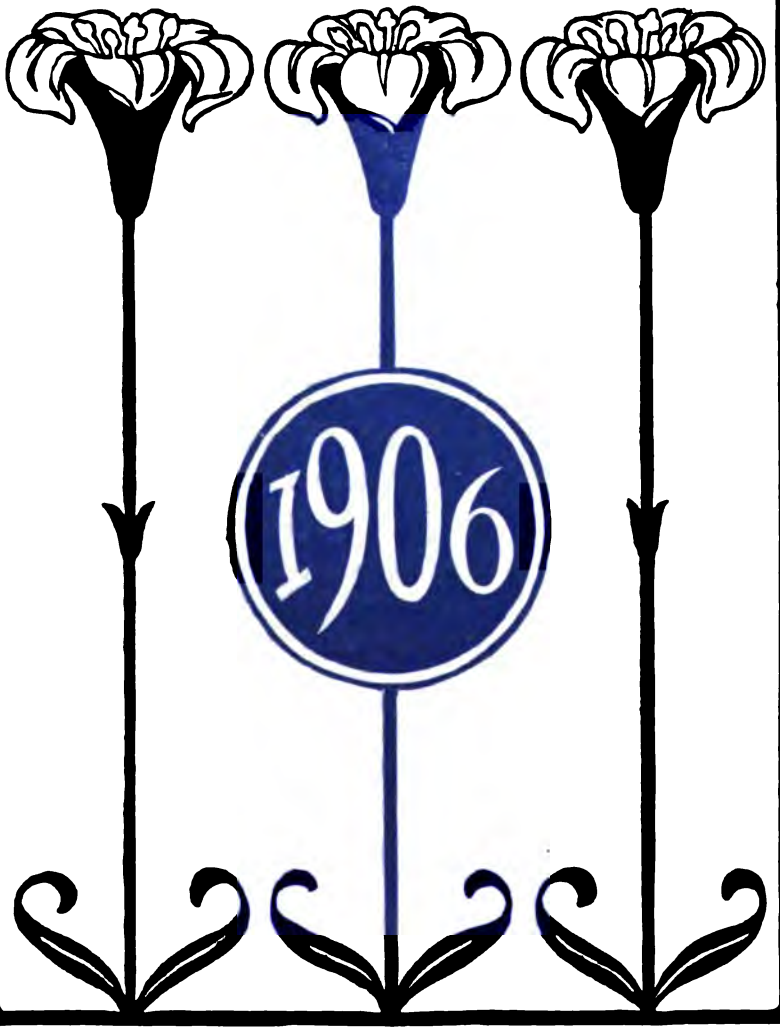

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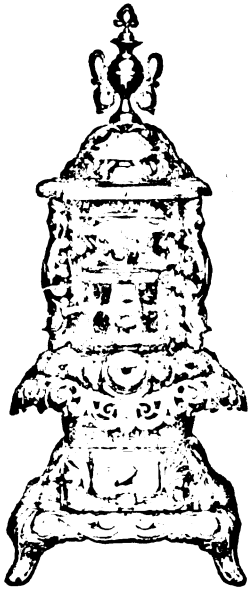

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